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Co-creation of the new Air Quality Plan (AQP) kicks off in Udine

Participatory Process Launched in Udine for the new Air Quality Plan

The first stakeholder workshop of the European project LIFE Clean-Air was held **on Thursday, November 19, 2026**, in the prestigious setting of Sala Ajace at the Municipality of Udine. The meeting marked the official launch of the co-creation process for the city of Udine's new Air Quality Plan (AQP).

Over 20 stakeholders representing the various economic and productive sectors of the territory took part in the event, together with associations committed to protecting citizens and consumers, confirming the shared determination to build effective strategies through open and constructive dialogue.

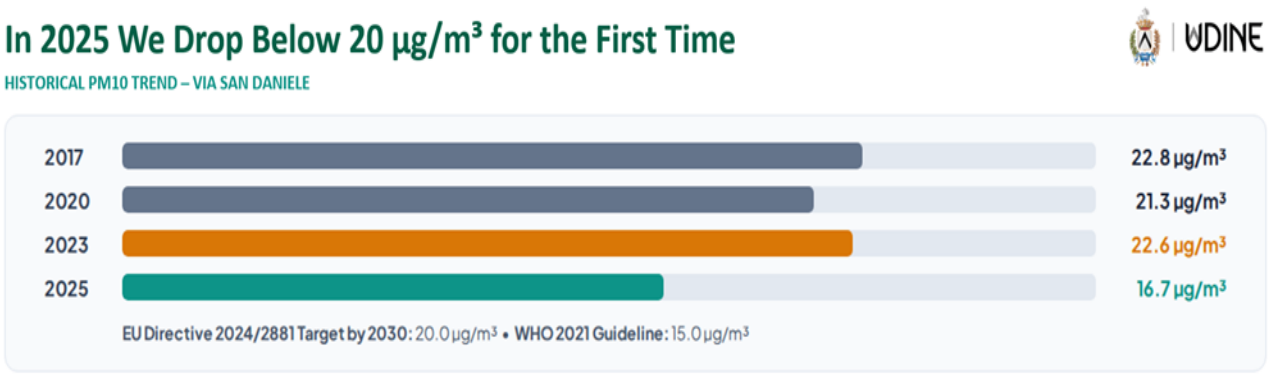




A Strategic Challenge: Playing Ahead Toward 2030

The initiative promoted by the Municipal Administration of Udine stems from a forward-looking vision: while complying with current regulatory limits today — with **the annual average of PM10 fine particulate matter dropping below the 20 µg/m³ threshold for the first time in 2025** — the new European Air Quality Directive will introduce much stricter parameters starting in 2030, effectively halving the permitted limits.

The goal of the LIFE Clean-Air project is precisely to guide the City in transitioning from emergency management to **structural and preventive planning**, based on scientific data and the active involvement of the local community.



On this occasion, the Municipality of Udine presented the proposed **update of the Municipal Action Plan (PAC)**, required by regional legislation.

It contains, for various sectors (agriculture, commerce and residential, industry, road transport), both structural (permanent) and emergency (temporary) actions to be implemented to improve air quality.

On November 24, 2026, the proposed update of the PAC began the approval process by receiving a favorable opinion from the Municipal Executive Board.

Once approved by the Municipal Administration, **the PAC update will constitute one of the implementation tools of the Air Quality Plan (AQP).**

Core Themes at the Center of the Workshop

During the working session, the project's technical team — composed of **the Municipality of Udine** and technical partner **SOGESCA** — illustrated the methodological path and launched operational discussions with participants along three main axes:

- **ten years of real data as a scientific basis:** the analysis of over 444,000 hourly measurements collected by ARPA FVG monitoring stations over the past ten years made it possible to accurately capture the origin and temporal distribution of pollutants, distinguishing the impact of vehicular traffic (linked in particular to nitrogen oxides, NO_2) from that of domestic heating (the main source of particulate matter, PM10 and PM2.5).
- **predictive models serving public decisions:** thanks to advanced simulation tools developed within the project, it will be possible to test the environmental effectiveness of different measures in advance before their adoption, evaluating their real benefits across the city's various neighborhoods.
- **the contribution of local stakeholders:** the structured collection of data, observations, and proposals regarding mobility flows, productive activities, major events, and ongoing urban transformations will allow the technical model to be integrated with the direct knowledge of those who live and work daily in the territory.

The representatives of the local stakeholders present expressed keen appreciation for having been involved from the very early stages of the project, confirming that **participatory and shared co-creation of the Air Quality Plan is a winning choice.**

Next Steps

The Sala Ajace Workshop represents **the first building block of a collaborative journey** that will continue over the coming months. The contributions gathered during the meeting will now be processed by the technical team to feed simulation scenarios and define a package of shared, measurable, and sustainable actions ahead of upcoming discussion tables

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