

# Open technology to map the air we breathe: the hackAIR approach

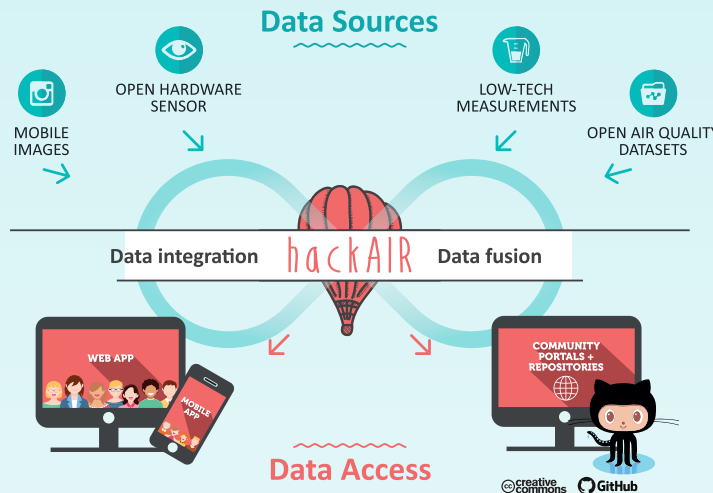


## Concept

hackAIR is an open technology platform to access, collect and improve information on air quality in Europe. It combines official air quality data with community-driven data sources.

### Data sources

- Easy-to-build open hardware sensor modules
- Air quality information derived from mobile phone pictures of the sky and webcams
- Low-tech measurement set-up involving paper filters and aquarium air pumps
- Publicly available air quality data



### Data access

- Customisable web application for local air quality information
  - Mobile app that citizens can use to access air quality information or contribute measurements
- APIs will be available for fetching information from the database.

### Participatory sensing and citizen engagement

- Involve citizens directly in measuring and publishing outdoor air pollution levels
- Encourage behavioural change towards cleaner air
- Co-creation approach for designing the hackAIR platform



### What's in it for ... ?

#### Citizen communities

- Map your neighbourhood's air
- See how air quality changes over time –and compare with other cities
- Reduce your exposure to air pollution

#### Science & policy

- Insights on air quality patterns
- Information for informed decision-making

### Impacts

**Improving** air quality data in Europe through integrating existing and newly obtained data

**Engaging** citizens directly in measuring outdoor air quality levels in Germany and Norway

**Raising awareness** about air quality and encouraging **behavioural changes** amongst citizens

### hackAIR partners



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