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1. General Information

1.1 Acronym

WEBAIR

1.2 Umbrella (if applicable):

EUROENVIRON

1.3 Title	Web-based air quality assessment and management		
1.4 Summary	WEBAIR builds a web based real-time multi-media information- and decision support system for urban and industrial air quality assessment and management integrating on-line monitoring and modelling, in support of relevant EU Directives.		
1.5 Main EUREKA Technological Area	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Medical- & Biotechnology <input type="checkbox"/> Lasers <input type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> New Materials </td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Robotics & Production Automation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environment <input type="checkbox"/> Transport <input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology </td> </tr> </table>	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical- & Biotechnology <input type="checkbox"/> Lasers <input type="checkbox"/> Communications <input type="checkbox"/> New Materials	<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Robotics & Production Automation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environment <input type="checkbox"/> Transport <input type="checkbox"/> Information Technology
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		Budget (MECU)	Duration (Months)
1.6 Budget and Duration	Definition Phase	0.400	6
	Implementation Phase	2.000	30
	Total	2.400	36

1.7 Start Date	01 07 2004
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	Country	Contribution (%)
1.8 EUREKA Country (Member) Contribution	Austria	35
	Poland	15
	Russia	
	Cyprus	5
	Morocco	10
	Finland	10
	Portugal	10
	Switzerland	15

1.9 Partners Sought	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Remarks	The project invites industries subject to the MIPS Directive or cities subject to the Air Quality Framework Directive as test users of the system. Technology partners sought include manufacturers of monitoring equipment for meteorological data, ambient air quality, emissions, and traffic data.

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2. Project Outline

2.1 Description (approximately one A4 page)

WEBAIR will develop, test, and implement a web-based information- and decision support system for urban and industrial air quality assessment and management in support of relevant EU Directives such as the Air Quality framework Directive for urban conglomerates (96/62/EEC) and major industrial emission sources such as thermal power plants (88/609/EEC) or incinerators (89/429/EEC, 89/369/EEC), and 90/313/EEC on freedom of access to environmental information.

The emphasis is on real-time analysis and multi-media information, and the support of distributed and mobile clients through the Internet. The approach integrates meteorological data and forecasts, air quality and emission monitoring including mobile sources such as traffic, dynamic 3D simulation modelling and forecasting, GIS, expert systems, optimisation, decision support and reporting tools in a unified, modular client/server framework implemented as a range of web accessible application services. WEBAIR is a direct continuation and extension of E!1388 AIDAIR and several EU sponsored RTD projects under Framework 4 and 5, and aims at developing and integrating the proof-of-concept prototypes developed there into commercially viable products through a series of pilot applications.

The basic idea is to offer an integrated set of tools to support regulatory compliance and reporting requirements for and on behalf of cities and industries subject to the above environmental directives. The basic business concept is complete or partial outsourcing of a range of web-accessible application services for distributed and mobile clients. Regulatory reporting as well as public information is the information product derived as an added value service from basic meteorological and environmental data. Value added in public-private partnership, and open access to environmental information as foreseen under (), packaged as attractive, informative, and educational multi-media content for a range of user communities, are key concepts.

Technically, the emphasis is on real-time analysis, combining on-line monitoring and model-based assessment into multi-media information and report for a broad range of consumers, including the general public interested in environmental quality. The support of distributed and mobile clients through the Internet adds an additional business perspective for network and mobile phone operators

The approach integrates a range of real-time and on-line data sources and tools: meteorological data and forecasts, air quality and emission monitoring including mobile sources such as traffic from on-line observations and counts, dynamic 3D simulation modelling and forecasting, GIS, expert systems, optimisation, decision support and reporting tools in a unified but modular client/server architecture implemented as a range of web accessible application services. In addition to real-time monitoring and assessment with on-line publication of the information in real time as well as forecasts, and regular compliance reporting to meet regulatory requirements, the tools will also support strategic analysis of emission control strategies using complex optimisation technologies.

WEBAIR is a direct continuation and extension of E!1388 AIDAIR and several EU sponsored RTD projects under Framework 4 and 5, including SUTRA (Sustainable Urban Transportation under the City of Tomorrow Key Action, and ENV-e-CITY, the

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Environmentally viable electronic City project under the IST eContent programme).

The project aims at developing and integrating the proof-of-concept prototypes developed in these RTD projects into commercially viable products through a series of pilot applications within the framework of a business plan and exploitation and marketing strategy that is one of the auxiliary components of the project.

2.2 Technological Development Envisaged

The technological developments in WEBAIR will focus on a number of specific closely related areas:

- Acquisition and real-time processing of monitoring and observation data; the emphasis is on capture of potentially large volumes of diverse data, efficient storage, quality assurance (plausibility, completeness, consistency) and retrieval in support of real-time processing, integration of diverse data sources including meteorological data and forecasts, air quality monitoring, satellite imagery, emission monitoring, and traffic observations.
- Integration of real-time modelling tools to augment the monitoring data from a few locations into a complete yet detailed spatial coverage of air quality information; in addition to the real-time now-casting and data assimilation, short and medium term forecasts based on meteorological forecasts and dynamic emission models will be run on a regular basis, synchronised with the observation frequencies. Fuzzy scenarios will be used where appropriate.
- Specific research topics will include complex terrain, coastal locations and sea breeze, urban heat islands, behaviour of fine particles (PM2.5) and the explicit treatment of urban structures in dynamic 3D models
- Specific modelling components will include an emission model for traffic linked to real-time traffic observations and meteorological conditions, as well as an optimisation model for more strategic emission control issues.
- Translation of this information into a range of attractive multi-media formats for web access including low-resolution mobile clients with a range of protocols as well as the automatic generation of summary reports over various periods according to the regulatory requirements.
- Testing these components by several teams in the consortium in several case studies and pilot installation under real operational conditions in a number of applications and developing the necessary exception handling and error correcting methods for an automatic but highly reliable assessment and high availability mission critical performance.
- Important development goals for the integrated system include issues of quality assurance, reliability, scalability and response speed, bandwidth requirements and constraints, error and exception handling, ease of use and understanding, and the integration in the institutional structures and processes of client organisations. These Usability issues, closely related to economic feasibility of the proposed set of tools and services, will be the focus of the test case evaluation.

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2.3 Market Application and Exploitation

WEBAIR is designed as an integrated but modular set of application services that can be delivered from a dedicated service provider via the Internet. The business model envisions the tools to be offered as a service for and on behalf major industries and government (from cities to regions to the national level) subject to the respective European Directive and thus potential users of these systems and services, on a subscription basis.

The market for this kind of outsourcing of tools required for regulatory compliance is constituted by about 1,000 cities in geographical Europe subject to the Air Quality Framework Directive (96/62/EEC and daughter Directives), and several thousand industrial plants including thermal power plants and incinerators. A specific sector of the market can be expected in the new member states that are still working on the implementation of EU environmental regulations and Directives.

Initial costs benefit analysis shows that the system, offered as a commercial product can reach profitable operation and break even after the completion of the WEBAIR project within 5 to 7 years, depending on the assumptions on market penetration, provided that the necessary capital for marketing and the initial operational phase can be raised.

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3.5 Participant Identification Codes			
BSI codes	GD, MVG		
Nace Codes (SIC '92)	7310		
Type of Organisation	SME, private company		
3.6 Contribution to the Project			
<p>In addition to its role as project coordinator, ESS will act as one of the main developers and systems integrator. ESS will contribute its experience from the precursor project E! 1388 AIDAIR, as well as a number of EU sponsored RTD projects under Framework 4 and 5. For the demonstration cases, ESS will act as the initial Application Service Provider (ASP).</p>			
3.7 Expertise			
<p>ESS has considerable and proven long-term experience in the domain, reflected in successful initiation of and participation in a number of international RTD projects (http://www.ess.co.at/docs/gallery.html), mainly as project coordinator and main developer, including the E!1388 AIDAIR precursor project, as well as a long list of relevant publications in the domain (http://www.ess.co.at/docs/reports.html). ESS also distributes the AirWare software system which is intended as a core component of the WEBAIR developments (http://www.ess.co.at/AIRWARE/).</p>			

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4. Other Participant

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4.4. WWW Home Page

www.ess.co.at/WEBAIR/

4.5 Participant Identification Codes

BSI codes	GD, LIP, MX
Nace Codes (SIC '92)	8030
Type of Organisation	University

4.6 Contribution to the Project

A major contribution of the Polish team will be the case study with a large volume of environmental data for a well defined location, compiled in close cooperation of Gdansk University of Technology and the Institute of Meteorology and Water Management of Gdynia. The pilot case will initially serve the regional institutions of the agglomeration of Three-Cities of Gdańsk, Sopot and Gdynia and the Voivodine Office in Gdańsk, an institution that has been assigned to supervise and prepare the development strategy for the Province. The Polish case study can be considered a reference case for other new member states of considerable market potential. For methodology, TUG will primarily contribute fuzzy set technology for air quality assessment tasks, and also work on multi-language extension of the system.

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4.7 Expertise

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4.4. WWW Home Page

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4.5 Participant Identification Codes

BSI codes	BLB.L
Nace Codes (SIC '92)	74
Type of Organisation	Limited Company

4.6 Contribution to the Project

The contribution of Atlantis Consulting Cyprus Ltd will be to implement and test the system in a major industry, specifically the Dekelia Electricity Power Station. The local project has two specific aims:

- 1) Evaluate and adapt the dispersion modelling tools (steady state, diagnostic wind field with multi-puff, and dynamic 3D Eulerian models) under coastal weather conditions.
- 2) Facilitate now-casting with optional data assimilation and scenario analysis capabilities together with monitoring data analysis in terms of the specific needs of the electricity industry.

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4.7 Expertise

ATLANTIS Consulting Cyprus Ltd is a private company specializing in environmental management, impact assessment, and air pollution modeling.

ATLANTIS has a very successful record having been involved in numerous large projects (both as coordinator and participant) for the government of Cyprus and for private organizations, including participation in three Life-Third Countries Projects, in FP6 Research Projects and in National Research Projects.

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4.5 Participant Identification Codes

BSI codes	MYM
Nace Codes (SIC '92)	73
Type of Organisation	Sàrl registered in Geneva, Switzerland

4.6 Contribution to the Project

ORDECSYS will bring its expertise in the design and implementation of large scale optimization systems in the context of decision support for environmental management. In particular ORDECSYS will implement oracle-based optimization techniques that permit a coupling between techno-economic planning models, traffic models and air pollution simulation models.

4.7 Expertise

ORDECSYS is a company that offers services in the following domains:

- Industrial economics
- Logistics
- Environmental management

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- Decision support systems
- Risk management
- Technology based training

ORDECSYS can manage research and development contracts for SMEs or larger organizations. ORDECSYS is connected through a network of collaborative agreements with complementary corporations in the field of OR, Decisions and Systems, that are active in France, Canada and USA.

Currently ORDECSYS is particularly active in the domains of:

- risk management in strategic planning
- option contracts in supply chain management
- energy-economy-environment (E3) modeling.
- activity analysis and economic impact assessment

ORDECSYS is also the gateway to ACCPM which is a powerful convex optimization suite particularly well adapted to logistics and risk management applications. For more details visit <http://www.ordecsys.com>

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4.5 Participant Identification Codes

BSI codes	GD, MVG
Nace Codes (SIC '92)	73
Type of Organisation	Research Institute (governmental)

4.6 Contribution to the Project

The contribution of the UAV to the project will be focused on the development of operational modelling tool for quantification of mobile source emissions. The model will integrate on-line traffic counting data and provide the road traffic emissions for the real-time air quality assessment.

4.7 Expertise

UAV has considerable and long-term experience in the field of air quality assessment including emission and air quality modelling. UAV has participated in a number of international RTD projects under Framework 5 and 6, including SUTRA (Sustainable Urban Transportation) project.

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4. Other Participant

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4.4. WWW Home Page

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4.5 Participant Identification Codes

BSI codes	AK, EI
Nace Codes (SIC '92)	73
Type of Organisation	Research Institute (government)

4.6 Contribution to the Project

Meteorological data, including forecasted and pre-processed data. Mobile weather services. Web tools/applications for processing meteorological data. Tools for air quality modelling.

4.7 Expertise

FMI has considerable and proven long-term experience in the meteorological and air quality modelling but also in developing weather services utilizing the modern technology (SMS, MMS, WAP) [<http://www.fmi.fi/products/weather.html>] .

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4. Other Participant

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4.4. WWW Home Page

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4.5 Participant Identification Codes

BSI codes	LIP
Nace Codes (SIC '92)	8030
Type of Organisation	Research Institute (governmental)

4.6 Contribution to the Project

UH2M-FSTM will act as co-developer of the system, and in particular will provide their expertise in Mathematical modelling tools, multi-criteria optimization approaches and tools and the integration of simulation and optimization modelling as well as support a case study application for the city of Casablanca and Cimenteries. UH2M-FSTM will also coordinate the Moroccan consortium, with emphasis on urban GIS and information systems, integration with multimedia interface and scientific visualisation tools, including animated display data and

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models results, 3D GIS, hypertext/hypermedia capabilities and remote access through WWW browsers.

4.7 Expertise

The University Hassan II-Mohammedia, Faculty of Sciences and Technology (UH2M-FSTM). It is located about 25 kilometres from Greater Casablanca which is the centre of Moroccan industry and economy. The (UH2M-FSTM) is widely known at the national as well as at the international level for its high quality education. The air, environment fields and information systems constitute especially an active group.

Research areas include development and applications of experimental technology for engineering and science especially for Air quality , Computer Aided Design, Computer Assisted Software Engineering including Object Oriented Design and Implementation, Artificial Intelligence and Expert Systems especially using low-cost micro-computers. Industrial experience highlights a program of continuing education incorporating environmental software for engineers and computational Air Monitoring.

The Department of Chemical Engineering and the Environment has organized successfully many advanced courses and workshops on Environmental Management and Monitoring for industrial participants.

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5. Project Identification Codes			
5.1 Keywords	Air pollution	Air quality control	Decision Support System
5.2 BSI Codes	GD, MVG		
5.3 NACE Codes (SIC'92)	73		

6. Relationship with EU Programmes	
6.1 Is your project related to any EU programme(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Remarks	Yes, but none currently ongoing. WEBAIR builds on the results of a number of EU RTD projects from the Telematics, Esprit (HPCN) ,IST (eContent), and EESD (City of Tomorrow) frameworks, aiming to further develop and integrate the results of these projects into a commercial product.

The participants signing below intend to co-operate within the project as described in this form with the aim realising the technical developments as set forth under point 2 and formally apply for EUREKA status to this project. In addition the participants have or intend to put in place, a formal collaboration agreement.

They undertake to provide their respective National EUREKA Office with updates of this form whenever significant change occurs, or at least once a year as well as a brief final report when finishing the project. They also agree to provide information on the exploitation of project results on a periodic basis.

They agree to include in any project related PR material, the EUREKA logo, the EUREKA number and acronym of the project.

Co-signature of main participant	
Organisation name	
Full Name	Environmental Software & Services GmbH

Name of PERSON signing			
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Signature	<i>It is not possible to sign this form electronically!</i>		