

**CLARIFICATION
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- 1. On p. 6 of 36 of the specifications pdf file, Illustrative Task 1 is defined. In the final paragraph of that description, the expected number of man days is listed. Does DG Environment expect 16 man days or 14 man days for the evaluation of 10 exceedance situations. Or, perhaps DG Environment expects evaluation of 10 PM10 exceedances to take 16 man days while the same evaluation of NO2 exceedances would take 14 man days. Can you please clarify what the DG expects in terms of number of man days for this task.**

The expected number of man-days required for the assessment of 10 different exceedance situations is 16 for PM10 and 14 for NO2. The difference of two man-days results from the fact that for PM10 it also has to be assessed whether the exceedance is due to certain external factors, such as site-specific dispersion characteristics, adverse climatic conditions or transboundary pollution. This is not the case for NO2.

- 2. Is the term "10 exceedance situations" equivalent to 10 air quality zones? I suppose that several air quality zones may be grouped into one exceedance situation but I would like to be certain when drawing up the budget estimate.**

According to the Air Quality Directive 2008/50/EC Member States have to demonstrate that limit values for pollutants are complied with throughout the territory of a given air quality zone. It follows from this, that notifications for time extensions to comply with the limit values are submitted for a given air quality zone, too. Thus, the assessments as well as the following decisions of the Commission will also be done on zone basis. 10 air quality zones with one exceedance situation each will therefore have to be assessed separately, by zone, even if the exceedance situations are similar. On the other hand, Member States may decide to group similar exceedances of a limit value (in terms of concentration levels, source apportionment) in a given zone and present them as one exceedance situation.