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Presentation and improvement of noise maps through Internet

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Using the EMPARA model, RIVM analyses the extent and effects of environmental noise. EMPARA noise maps are primarily employed to support national policy-makers but are also presented on a website. This possibility allows one to analyse self-selected measures like silent asphalt or speed reduction on the basis of these noise maps. Preceding a new national noise policy and the European Noise Directive, the website will be further developed for the collection of local data, which will be combined with already available national data in EMPARA, thus enhancing the usefulness of the maps for local authorities.