

Air pollution is higher than the official data show, because in Serbia there has not been a realistic picture of air quality for years, so the pollution is much higher and we do not have a real picture.

“For years, there has been no realistic picture of air quality in Serbia. According to the latest report of the Environmental Protection Agency, the scope of pollution measurements has been constantly decreasing, so that from 2014 to the end of 2018, most data from air quality measurement stations were unusable “, states the Center for Investigative Reporting of Serbia (CINS).

It is added that this is the reason why some cities are marked as unpolluted, but that experts believe that the real picture could be formed only when all measuring stations are working.

CINS analysis shows that there have been problems in several cities in recent years, as some stations have not measured pollution enough days to draw conclusions, while some have not measured individual pollution at all or have been shut down. This is the case, among other things, in Belgrade, Beocin, Loznica, Cacak, Paracin, Krusevac, Nis, as well as Kosjeric, which, like Smederevo, was unrated for three years until it was among the most polluted places.

In the last five years for which data were published, between 50% and 80% of data from stations (whose number ranged from 33 to 39) is unusable, SEPA data show. Some cities, such as Nis, were listed as unpolluted in 2018 only because during the year the stations did not sufficiently measure the concentration of the dominant pollutant in the country - PM particles.

That year, the air in Serbia was assessed as clean, while excessive pollution is attributed only to certain cities.

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