

## Annex – I

### The impacts of Covid-19 restrictions on air quality

When looking at the other environmental concerns, air quality parameters such as PM<sub>10</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, and CO are demanding on people's and industrial activities, vehicles, and solid wastes (WHO, 2008). During the lockdown periods, as many people stayed at home, and many industrial activities minimized, the levels of these parameters decreased in Istanbul (Figure 1).

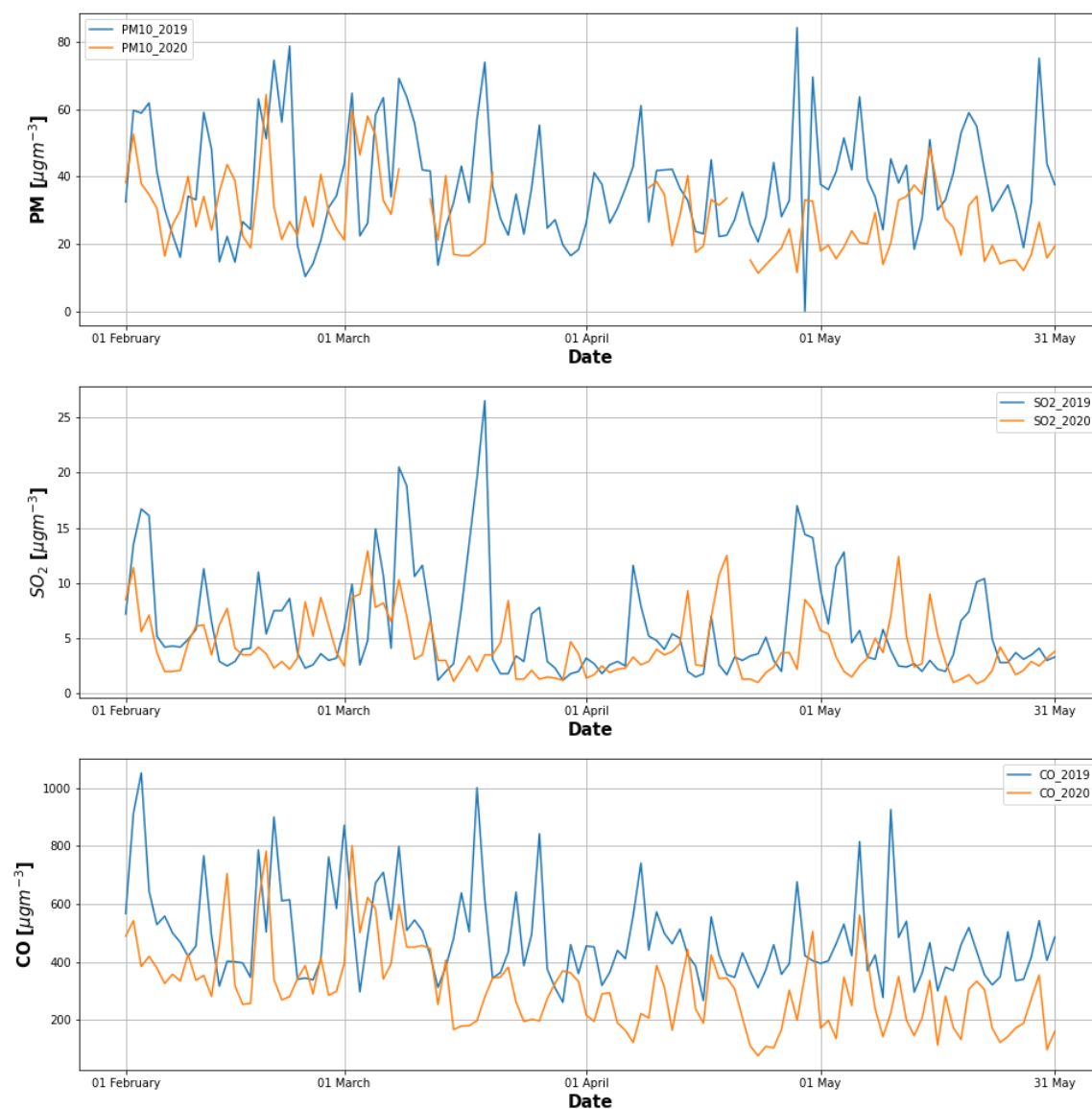


Figure 1. Daily PM<sub>10</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub> and CO concentrations ( $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$ ) from February to May in 2019 and 2020 in Istanbul