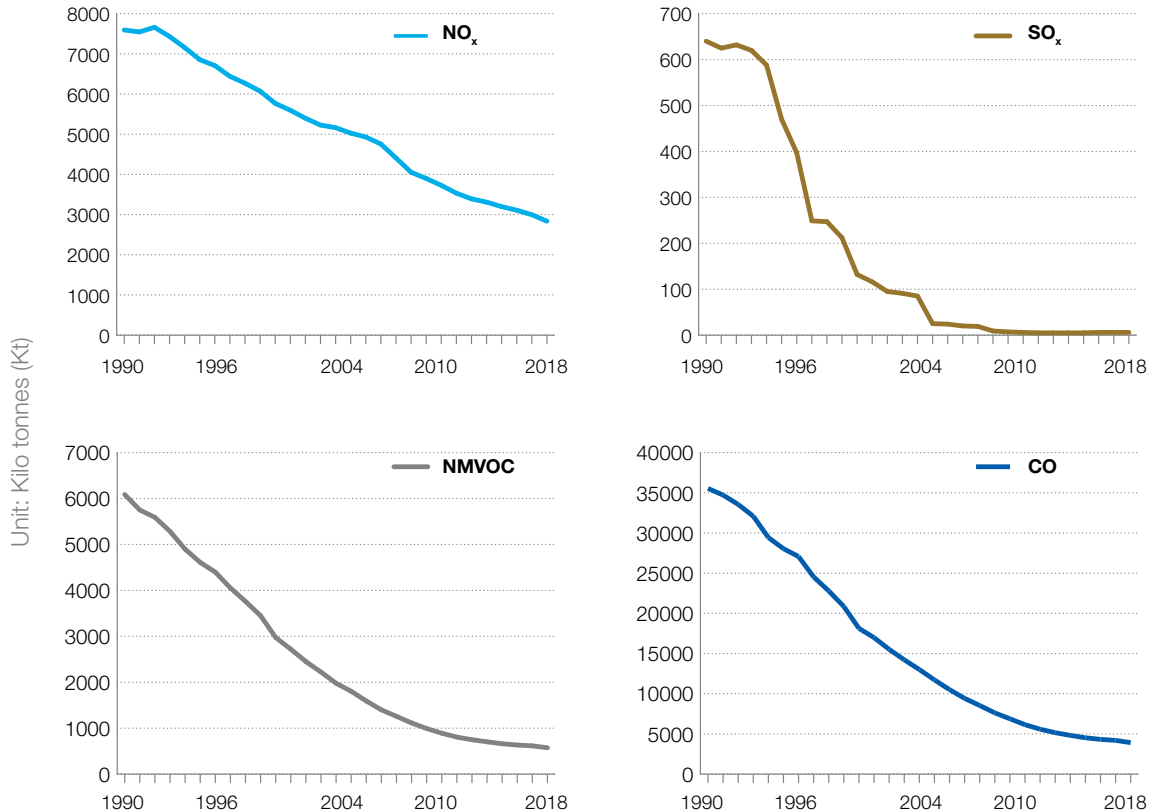


FIG.36b SINCE 1990, FUELS ARE GETTING PROGRESSIVELY CLEANER RESULTING WITH EXHAUST EMISSIONS REDUCTION BY OVER 80%

Source: European Environment Agency



Since 1990, the refining industry contributed to cleaner exhausts currently containing over 80% lower SO_x, NMVOC, and CO emissions. NO_x emissions have decreased by over 60%. These significant improvements are the result of the partnerships with the automotive industry which aims at improving the fuel engine efficiency and leading to multiple environmental benefits.

NO_x (as NO₂) - Nitrogen Oxides
 SO_x (as SO₂) - Sulphur Oxides
 NMVOC - Non Methane Volatile Organic Compounds
 CO - Carbon Monoxide