

Did you know that ...

**Of the six large countries in EU 28, Germany has the largest emissions of carbon dioxide. France is on top among the six large countries, when it comes to (the total amount of) the other five greenhouse gases**

The current (2012) emissions of carbon dioxide in the EU amount to 7.5 tonnes per capita. This goes for EU 28 as well as for the six large EU countries (Germany, France, United Kingdom, Italy, Spain and Poland). The CO<sub>2</sub> emission in Germany is 10 tonnes per capita, more than 30 % larger than the average in EU. In Poland, which has the second largest emission of CO<sub>2</sub> of the six large countries, the emission is 8.5 tonnes per capita.

When looking at (the total amount of) the five other greenhouse gases, France is the country of the six large ones that has the largest emission, 2.2 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-eqv. per capita. Poland, even here with the second largest emissions has 2.0 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-eqv. per capita and Germany, on the third place of the six large EU countries has 1.8 tonnes. The average for EU is 1.7 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>-eqv. per capita.

**Germany has made the largest CO<sub>2</sub> reduction of the six large countries**

Germany is however, at the same time one of the two countries among the six large EU countries that has made the largest CO<sub>2</sub> reduction since 1990 (the other one is UK). The reduction (App. 25 %) is equalling that of Denmark's and Sweden's. The average reduction in the six large countries is 20 % (In EU28 the average reduction is a bit more than 20 %).

For (the total amount of) the five other greenhouse gases, the average reduction in the six large EU countries has been approximately 30 % between 1990 and 2012 (the reduction has been 30 % also in EU 28). The reduction has been smaller in France and in Poland, about 20 %. Here, it is rather United Kingdom that has the leader role with a reduction of more than 50 %

Figure above to the right: Emissions of carbon dioxide per capita in the EU's Member States, and the average in EU 28.

Figure to the right: Total emissions of the five "non-CO2" gases per capita in the EU's Member States, and the average in EU 28.

