

EU and Energy Consumption

Course: The Environment and Resource Management (CGR4M)

The European Union's population represents 7.3% of the world's population, as compared to 4.5% for the United States. The 501 million inhabitants of the EU have an enormous impact on the environment. As a global player, the EU must make its best efforts to limit the negative impact of its people on the environment. Properly managing energy resources is key to environmental protection.

The European Commission's Environment Directorate General (DG) is responsible for overseeing developments in environmental protection. Its role is to define and initiate new environmental legislation and ensure that measures agreed to be actually put into force by Member States. Find out how the Environment DG deals with energy consumption and energy resource management.

Questions related to this topic:

- What is the most common form of energy used by inhabitants of the European Union?
- What are the main energy sources for most EU member states? From where do they obtain these resources?
- What progress has the EU made in encouraging the use of renewable energy resources?

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