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## Air pollutant emissions above legal limits in Europ

Air pollutant emissions in the EU continue to exceed legal limits, according to a report from the European Environment Agency (EEA). The 'NEC Directive status report 2014' confirms that a number of countries did so. Key findings are:

• Ten Member States exceeded at least one ceiling in 2013. Germany exceeded three of the four emission ceilings (NO<sub>x</sub>, NMVOCs and NH<sub>3</sub>), while Austria (NO<sub>x</sub> and NH<sub>3</sub>), Denmark (NMVOCs and NH<sub>3</sub>) and Ireland (NO<sub>x</sub> and NMVOCs) exceeded two ceilings in 2013

• Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland and Luxembourg exceeded their NO<sub>x</sub> emission ceilings in 2010-2013. Luxembourg (41%) and Austria (32%) exceeded their NO<sub>x</sub> emission ceilings by the greatest amount in 2013.

• NO<sub>x</sub> reductions from road transport have been lower than anticipated because (a) transport has grown more than expected, and (b) the number of diesel vehicles increased.

• Austria, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Netherlands and Spain have persistent problems meeting their national emission limits for NH<sub>3</sub>.

• 95% of NH<sub>3</sub> emissions stem from agriculture, mainly from the use of fertilizers and the handling of animal manure.

Source/ read more:

[http://www.eea.europa.eu/highlights/many-european-countries2019-air-pollutant?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=NECD+report+-+CRM&utm\\_content=NECD+report+-+CRM+CID\\_6ee6be1032b8925835b0451b416ebc69&utm\\_source=EEA%20Newsletter&utm\\_term=Read%20more](http://www.eea.europa.eu/highlights/many-european-countries2019-air-pollutant?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=NECD+report+-+CRM&utm_content=NECD+report+-+CRM+CID_6ee6be1032b8925835b0451b416ebc69&utm_source=EEA%20Newsletter&utm_term=Read%20more)