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Europe's ten biggest carbon polluters in 2013

New data released by the European Commission today for the EU emissions trading scheme reveals the ten largest carbon emitters in Europe for 2013.¹ Five of the ten installations – all of which are coal or lignite fired power stations – are in Germany, with a further two (Drax and Eggborough) in the UK, one in Greece and one in Italy. But the title for biggest emitter goes to Poland's Elektrownia Bełchatów power station, emitting 12% more than its next competitor.

At 5GW of capacity, it is the largest thermal power station in Europe, and the fourth largest fossil fuelled power station in the world. It provides around a fifth of Poland's power.

Each of these installations emits more carbon pollution than some EU Member States. Slovenia confirmed emissions of 36 million tonnes in its last report to the UNFCCC, and Malta reported just 5.8 million tonnes.² Taken together, all ten installations have emissions roughly equivalent to those of Romania.³

Europe's ten biggest emitters in 2013 (all are coal/lignite power stations)

Country	Company	Country Installation	2013 Emissions
Poland	PGE	Elektrownia Bełchatów	37,178,165
Germany	RWE	Kraftwerk Neurath	33,279,911
Germany	RWE	Kraftwerk Niederaußem	29,582,399
Germany	Vattenfall	Kraftwerk Jämschwalde	25,395,582
UK	Drax	Drax Power Station	20,319,513
Germany	RWE	Kraftwerk Weisweiler	18,661,627
Greek	Public Power Corp	DEH S.A. TPS AGIOS DIMITRIOS	13,105,386
Italy	Enel	CENTRALE TERMOELETTRICA DI BRINDISI SUD	11,809,184
Germany	Vattenfall	Kraftwerk Lippendorf	11,728,509
UK	British Energy Gen	Eggborough Power Station	11,495,905
		Grand Total	212,556,181

Damien Morris, Head of Policy at Sandbag comments:

"The concentration of European greenhouse gas emissions in just a small handful of installations reveals some of the clearest opportunities for cost-effectively reducing our emissions. Curbing emissions in the largest coal and lignite fired power stations, and replacing these with cleaner energy sources will yield massive environmental returns. The EU ETS was supposed to drive this transition, but chronic oversupply issues have destroyed incentives. Unless billions of allowances are cancelled from the scheme, targeted new measures will need to be introduced."

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The Sandbag Climate Campaign is the NGO leading in research-led campaigning for effective emissions trading. Through expert analysis, hard hitting reports and targeted advocacy we aim to shine a light on what's working and what's not and campaign for changes that could save billions of tonnes of carbon emissions.

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¹ New data released on the DG Clima website at noon CEST today

http://ec.europa.eu/clima/policies/ets/registry/docs/verified_emissions_2013_en.xls

² UNFCCC_v14 spreadsheet downloaded from the European Environment Agency. Last reported year is 2011.

³ *Ibid.* Romania reported emissions of 213 million in 2011