



*EurObserv'ER provides **e-mail notifications** at each Barometer release. Signing-in by entering your e-mail address will keep you informed on future publications. See <http://www.eurobserv-er.org>.*

*Alternatively, follow #EurObserv\_ER at  [https://twitter.com/EurObserv\\_ER](https://twitter.com/EurObserv_ER)*

# Press release

*The EurObserv'ER thematic barometers are now being published in unilingual versions: French and English Barometers will be separate documents. All versions are freely downloadable at: [www.eurobserv-er.org/downloads.asp](http://www.eurobserv-er.org/downloads.asp)*

From: EurObserv'ER

Subject: **Released: Solid Biomass Barometer**  
[http://www.energies-renouvelables.org/observ-er/stat\\_baro/observ/baro225\\_en.pdf](http://www.energies-renouvelables.org/observ-er/stat_baro/observ/baro225_en.pdf)  
(PDF, English language, 14 pages)

Date: December 2014

Pages: 4

*⊗ Link doesn't work?  
Copy it to your web browser manually!*



## + 6.1%

*The growth of primary energy production from solid biomass in the UE between 2012 and 2013*

## SOLID BIOMASS BAROMETER



DECC GOV UK

### Key data for EU-28 in the year 2013:

- Solid biomass primary energy produced in 2013: 87.3 Mtoe (83.0 Mtoe in 2012)
- Solid biomass primary energy production growth from 2012 to 2013: +6.1%
- Electricity produced from solid biomass in 2013: 81.7 TWh (80.2 TWh in 2012)
- Heat consumption from solid biomass in 2013: 72.4 Mtoe (70.5 Mtoe in 2012)

## New EurObserv'ER Solid Biomass Barometer: demand for solid biomass energy up in France, UK, Spain and Italy, down in Sweden and Poland

Consumption of solid biomass in the European Union increased once again in 2013, this time by 2.9 Mtoe year-on-year to 91.5 Mtoe. However there was no straight-out trend as the increase in demand for solid biomass energy was particularly sharp in France and the UK and to a lesser degree in Spain and in Italy, in deep contrast with the needs of a number of major wood-energy consumers, such as Sweden and Poland, whose consumption slipped.

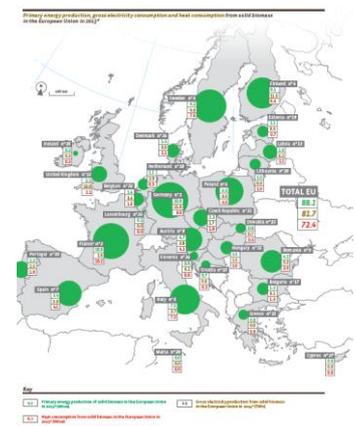
European Union biomass **electricity production** increased by 1.8% in 2013 to 81.7 TWh or about 1.5 TWh more than in 2012. Growth in solid biomass **heat** was slightly higher in the European Union (2.7% up on 2012) and reached 72.4 Mtoe (1.9 Mtoe more than in 2012), and this with an increase in solid biomass sales to heating networks by 2.5%.

Countries status:

- The UK put the priority on converting coal-fired power plants
- France used more wood heating in 2013
- Italy's solid biomass consumption understated
- Germany's new EEG law does few favours for biomass electricity
- Poland gives preference to electricity over heat

Besides the 2013 realisations per EU Member State and the abovementioned renewable energy policy developments in selected Member States other subjects that are discussed in the new barometer are:

- Biomass sustainability criteria
- Industry overview
- Comparison with National Renewable Energy Action Plans



---

## Check out the Press Corner [http://www.eurobserv-er.org/press\\_corner.asp](http://www.eurobserv-er.org/press_corner.asp)

For additional information on renewable energy issues (data referring to 2012, EU Member State renewable energy employment, turnover and investments) see also the annual EurObserv'ER publication 'The State of Renewable Energies in Europe', 2013 edition: <http://www.eurobserv-er.org/pdf/bilan13-gb.asp> (PDF, English, 200 pages, 12 MB).

Note: the interactive database on the website (click on 'Interactive EurObserv'ER Database' on the [www.eurobserv-er.org](http://www.eurobserv-er.org) homepage) allows you to download the Barometer data separately. This will allow you to create your own graphs to be used in your publication.

---

## About the EurObserv'ER Barometer

The EurObserv'ER Barometer regularly publishes indicators reflecting the current dynamics in renewable energies (solar, wind, hydropower, geothermal and biomass, biogas, biofuels) worldwide and within the European Union.

Barometers published are all available for download. Direct links to all 2014/2013/2012 EurObserv'ER publications:

Solid Biomass Barometer  
(December 2014, PDF, English language, 14 pages)

[http://www.energies-renouvelables.org/observ-er/stat\\_baro/observ/baro225\\_en.pdf](http://www.energies-renouvelables.org/observ-er/stat_baro/observ/baro225_en.pdf)

Ⓢ *Link doesn't work?  
Copy it to your web browser manually!*

Biogas Barometer  
(November 2014, PDF, English language, 12 pages)

[www.energies-renouvelables.org/observ-er/stat\\_baro/observ/baro224\\_Biogas\\_en.pdf](http://www.energies-renouvelables.org/observ-er/stat_baro/observ/baro224_Biogas_en.pdf)

Renewable Municipal Waste Barometer  
(November 2014, PDF, English language, 10 pages)

[http://www.energies-renouvelables.org/observ-er/stat\\_baro/observ/baro224\\_Dechets\\_en.pdf](http://www.energies-renouvelables.org/observ-er/stat_baro/observ/baro224_Dechets_en.pdf)

Biofuels Barometer  
(July 2014, PDF, English language, 14 pages)

[http://www.eurobserv-er.org/pdf/baro222\\_en.asp](http://www.eurobserv-er.org/pdf/baro222_en.asp)

Solar Thermal Barometer (CSP and solar water heaters)  
(May 2014, PDF, 18 pages, English language, 3.6 MB)

[http://www.eurobserv-er.org/pdf/baro221\\_en.asp](http://www.eurobserv-er.org/pdf/baro221_en.asp)

Solar Photovoltaic Barometer  
(April 2014, PDF, 16 pages, English language, 2.9 MB)

[http://www.eurobserv-er.org/pdf/baro-idx11\\_en.asp](http://www.eurobserv-er.org/pdf/baro-idx11_en.asp)

Wind Power Barometer  
(February 2014, PDF, English, 14 pages, 2.8 MB)

[http://www.eurobserv-er.org/pdf/baro-idx14\\_en.asp](http://www.eurobserv-er.org/pdf/baro-idx14_en.asp)

'The State of Renewable Energies in Europe', 2013 edition  
(January 2014, PDF, English language, 200 pages, 12 MB)

<http://www.eurobserv-er.org/pdf/bilan13-gb.asp>

Heat Pump Barometer  
(October 2013, PDF, English language, 18 pages, 2.5 MB)

<http://www.eurobserv-er.org/pdf/baro218.asp>

The EurObserv'ER barometer is a project supported by the European Commission within the DG Energy "Intelligent Energy Europe" programme. It is also supported by Ademe, the French Environment and Energy management Agency, and Caisse des Dépôts.



Co-funded by the Intelligent Energy Europe  
Programme of the European Union



## Note to the editors

---

For further information on this barometer, please contact:

Ms Diane Lescot  
Observ'ER  
146, rue de l'Université  
75007 Paris - France  
Tel: +33 (0) 1 44180080  
E-mail: [diane.lescot@energies-renouvelables.org](mailto:diane.lescot@energies-renouvelables.org)

Request to the editor: in case you use this press release for an article, the consortium would appreciate a short reference to the article. The reference can be sent to the e-mail address mentioned above. When including a web link to an article on the Barometer use either <http://www.eurobserv-er.org/downloads.asp> (always the most recent Barometers), or [http://www.energies-renouvelables.org/observ-er/stat\\_baro/observ/baro225\\_en.pdf](http://www.energies-renouvelables.org/observ-er/stat_baro/observ/baro225_en.pdf) (Solid biomass Barometer).

*The sole responsibility for the content of this publication lies with the author. It does not represent the opinion of the European Union, nor that of Ademe. Neither the EACI, the European Commission, nor Ademe or Caisse des Dépôts are responsible for any use that may be made of the information contained therein.*

*Request to the editor: if you are referring to EurObserv'ER data in an article, report or other medium, please reference the source as follows:*

Source: EurObserv'ER, [www.eurobserv-er.org](http://www.eurobserv-er.org), 2014