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## Press release

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# SOLID BIOMASS BAROMETER

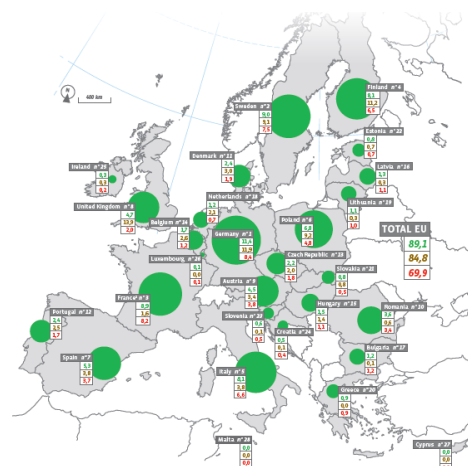
### Key data for the year 2014:

- Solid biomass primary energy produced: 84.1 Mtoe (87.2 Mtoe in 2013)
- Solid biomass primary energy production growth from 2013 to 2014: -2.1%
- Electricity produced from solid biomass: 84.8 TWh (81.2 TWh in 2013)
- Heat consumption from solid biomass: 69.9 Mtoe (72.6 Mtoe in 2013)

**New EurObserv'ER Solid Biomass Barometer reports over 2014: lower heat demand through mild winter but growth in biomass-based electricity**

*The European Reanalysis and Observations for Monitoring (EURO4M) project experts report that the year 2014 was unusually hot on the European continent, with the highest temperatures on record, following on from 2013 whose winter conditions were also exceptionally mild, and ahead of 2015 which is also set to be very warm.*

This situation led to a fall in solid biomass consumption for heating across the European Union. In 2014 electricity output increased by 4.5% on its 2013 level to 84.8 TWh, as the vagaries of climate have less impact on demand and it was also boosted by the expansion of biomass cogeneration and new coal-fired power plant conversions.



Solid biomass is the renewable energy resource that covers more of the European Union's energy requirements than any other. EurObserv'ER puts its consumption as primary energy in the EU of 28 at 89.1 Mtoe in 2014.

News from around the producer countries:

- The UK – top-ranked solid biomass electricity producer;
- French forestry harnessed;
- Sweden's consumption drops further;
- More detail knowledge on biomass consumption in Germany.

Besides the 2014 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:

- Industry overview
- Comparison with National Renewable Energy Action Plans

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For additional information on renewable energy issues (data referring to 2013, among others EU Member State renewable energy employment, turnover and investments) see also the annual EurObserv'ER publication 'The State of Renewable Energies in Europe', 2014 edition: [www.eurobserv-er.org/14th-annual-overview-barometer](http://www.eurobserv-er.org/14th-annual-overview-barometer) (PDF, English, 212 pages).

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.

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# 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.

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