Noise in Europe

2015 overview of policy-related data







European Environment Agency

The Environmental Noise Directive (END) requires EU Member States to assess exposure to noise from key transport and industrial sources with two initial reporting phases: 2007 and 2012. Where the recommended thresholds for day and night indicators are exceeded, action plans are to be implemented. This country fact sheet presents key statistics related to END assessments as reported to EEA by 30^{th} June 2015 for the two key END indicators: L_{den} (day evening and night exposure) and L_{night} (night time exposure). Where possible this is presented for second round assessments reported in 2012. Trends are presented as the change in exposure from 2007 to 2012, for comparable sources only.



Noise sources covered by this assessment Trends on noise exposure 2007 - 2012 END noise sources Trends on noise exposure show, for both implementation rounds: Number of agglomerations For agglomerations: the relative value of people exposed to more than 55 dB L_{den} and to more than 50 dB L_{night} 7 due to different noise sources (values are expressed in %). Major roads For major airports: total number of people exposed to more than 55 dB L_{den} and to more than 50 dB L_{night} (values 1044 km are expressed in real numbers). Major railways No railways > 30 000 trains/year Major airports: Number of major airports No major airports > 50 000 mov/year Lden Lnight Name of major airports First round Second round Second round First round No major airports > 50 000 mov/year No major airports > 50 000 mov/year N/D N/D N/D N/D Name of agglomerations and Burgas 230353 number of inhabitants Pleven 140967 Plovdiv 341873 Ruse 157526 **Agglomerations:** Sofia 1377531 Airports L_{den} Lnight (values in %) First round Second round First round Second round Plovdiv 0 0 0 0 Sofia 0 0 0 0 Varna 30.0 32.8 13.7 15.0 Industry Lden Lnight (values in %) First round Second round First round Second round Plovdiv 0 0 0 0 Sofia 0 0 0 0

Varna

0.77

0.84

0.49

0.53

| Railways | | L _{den} | | L _{night} |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|-------------|--------------------|
| (values in %) | First round | Second round | First round | Second round |
| Plovdiv | 2.1 | 2.3 | 1.3 | 1.5 |
| Sofia | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Varna | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| Roads | | L _{den} | | L _{night} |
| (values in %) | First round | Second round | First round | Second round |
| Plovdiv | 92 | 101 | 73 | 81 |
| Sofia | 84 | 83 | 72 | 71 |
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| Varna N/D: Data not provi | 98 | 107 ving trends (e.g. data reported | 92 | 101 |
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| Data relating to END mandatory noise contour maps (2012) | | | | | |
|--|-------------|----------------|----------------|--|--|
| | Major roads | Major railways | Major airports | | |
| Country area (km ²) | 111023.34 | 111023.34 | 111023.34 | | |
| Km of noise sources | N/D | N/A | N/A | | |
| Area of contour map in the 55-65 dB L _{den} band (in km ²) | N/D | N/D | N/D | | |
| Share of area of contour map in the 55-65 dB L _{den} band per km of noise source reported | N/D | N/D | N/D | | |
| Percentage of the country area occupied by contour maps in the 55-65 dB L _{den} band (in %) | N/D | N/D | N/D | | |
| Area of contour map with more than 65 dB L _{den} (in km ²) | N/D | N/D | N/D | | |
| Share of area of contour map with more than 65 dB L _{den} per km of noise source reported | N/D | N/D | N/D | | |
| Percentage of the country area occupied by contour maps with more than 65 dB L _{den} (in %) | N/D | N/D | N/D | | |
| *N/A: Not applicable. N/D: No data in suitable format to perform the spatial analysis | · | | | | |



Total number of people exposed to noise from major airports outside agglomerations (2012)

No Major Airports > 50 000 mov/year

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