IMPATTO AMBIENTALE DEI SISTEMI ENERGETICI

- Produzione di CO₂ -

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CO2 in Earth's atmosphere



During ice ages, CO2 levels were around **200 ppm**, and during the warmer interglacial periods, they hovered around 280 ppm (see fluctuations in the graph).

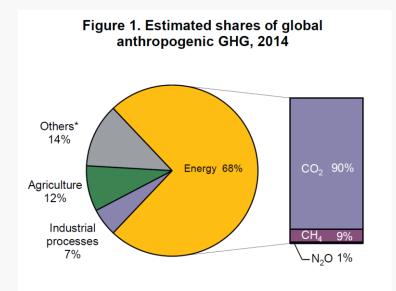
In 2013, CO2 levels surpassed **400 ppm** for the first time in recorded history.

This recent relentless rise in CO2 shows a remarkably **constant relationship with fossil-fuel burning**, and can be well accounted for based on the simple premise that about 60 percent of fossil-fuel emissions stay in the air.

Source: https://climate.nasa.gov/climate_resources/24/

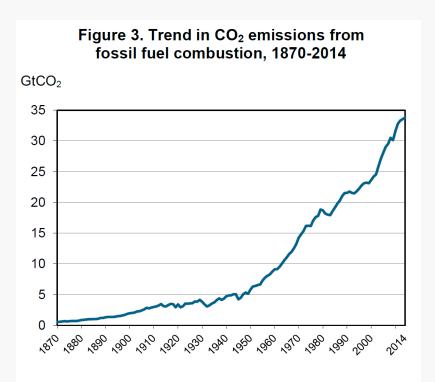


GHG emissions

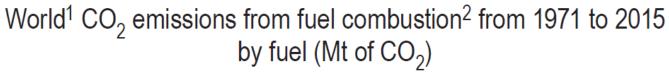


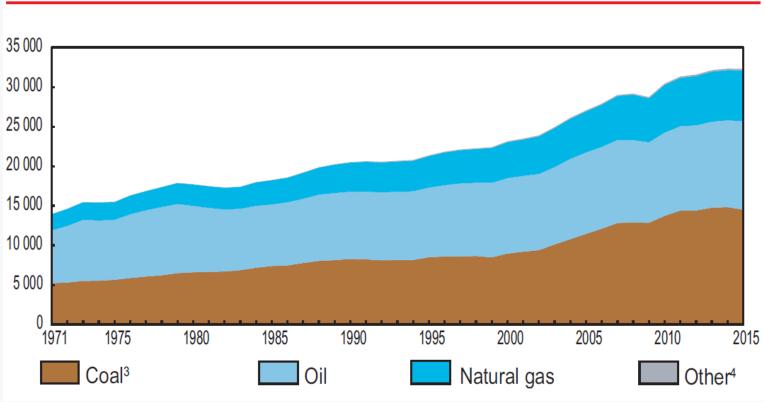
 $^{^\}star$ Others include large-scale biomass burning, post-burn decay, peat decay, indirect N $_2$ O emissions from non-agricultural emissions of NO $_{\!\scriptscriptstyle X}$ and NH $_3$, Waste, and Solvent Use.

Source: based on IEA estimates for CO_2 from fuel combustion and EDGAR version 4.3.2 for CO_2 , CH_4 and N_2O emissions and 4.2FT2010 for the F-gases; based on 100-year Global Warming Potential (GWP).

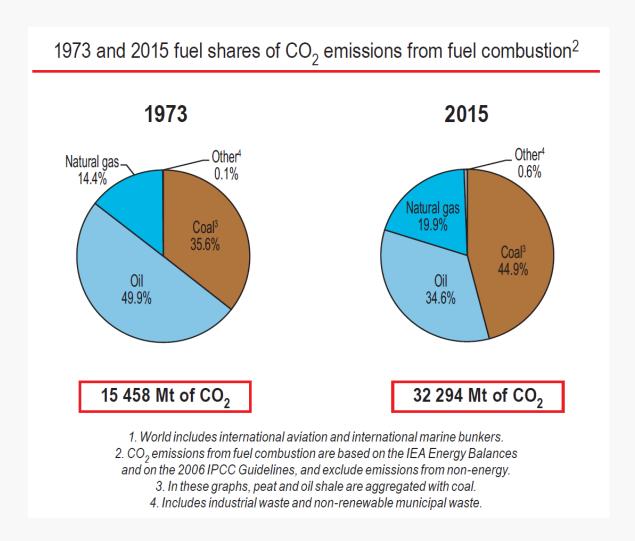


Source: Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, US Department of Energy, Oak Ridge, Tenn., United States.

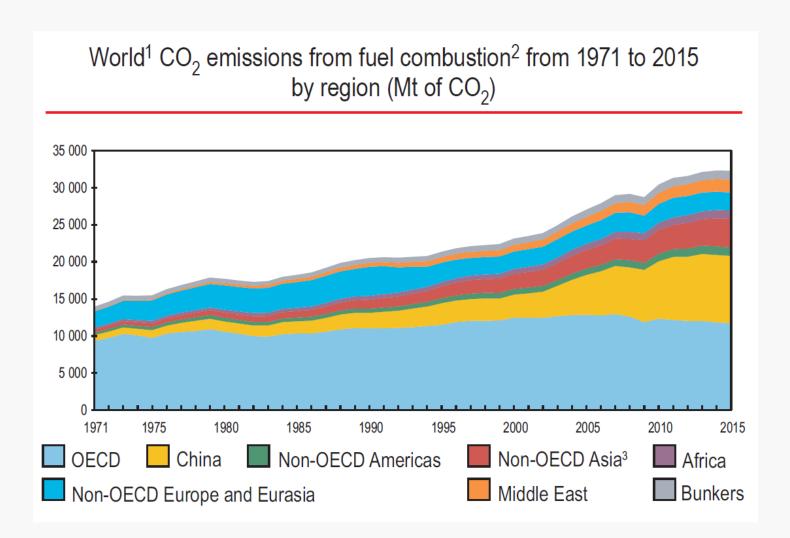




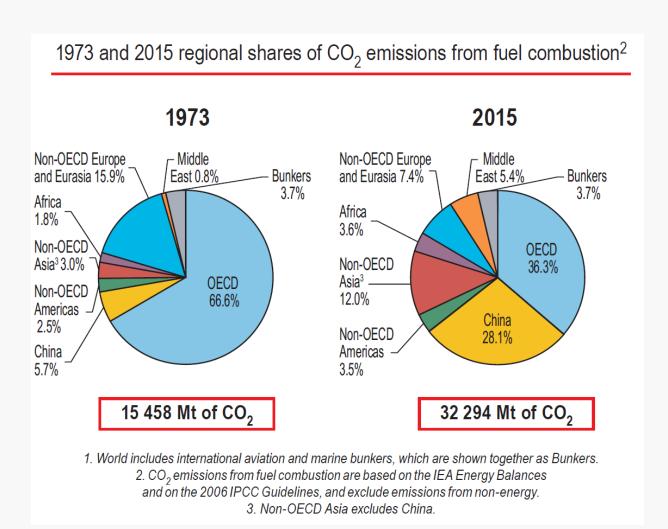




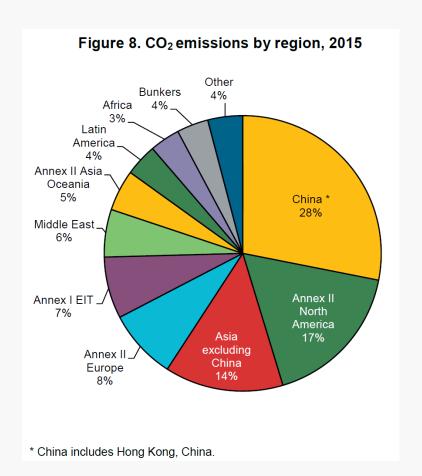


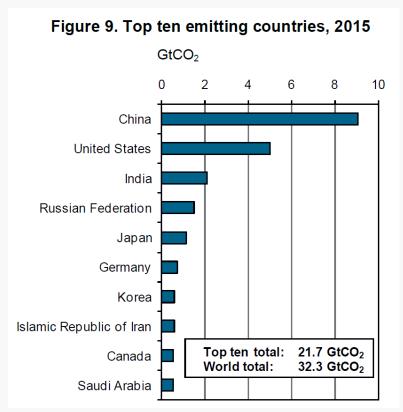


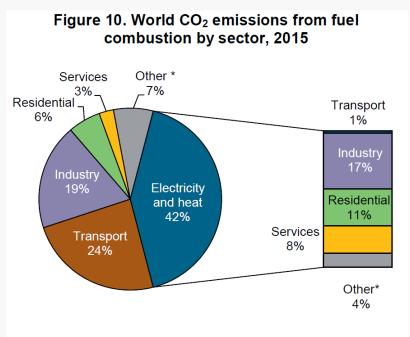




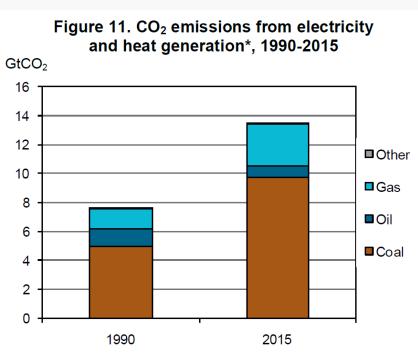








The graph also shows allocation of electricity and heat to end-use sectors.



* Refers to main activity producers and autoproducers of electricity and heat

^{*} Other includes agriculture/forestry, fishing, energy industries other than electricity and heat generation, and other emissions not specified elsewhere.

Annex I countries

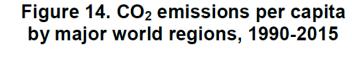


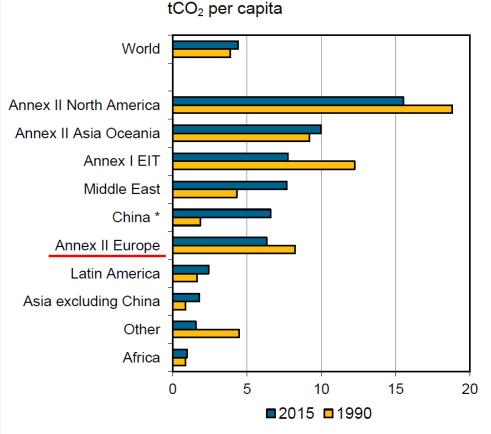


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	Poland
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	Romania
	Russian Federation **
+	Slovakia **
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	Ukraine **
21 N	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
81	United States of America

Source: http://unfccc.int/parties_and_observers/parties/annex_i/items/2774.php







Year 2015 6.3 t_CO2

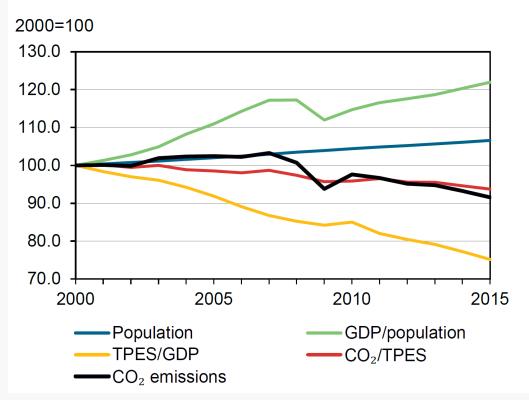
Year 1990 8.3 t_CO2

* China includes Hong Kong, China.



CO2 emissions per capita Annex II Europe

Figure 17. Annex I CO₂ emissions and drivers (Kaya decomposition)¹⁴, 2000-2015



- TPES = total primary energy supply
- CO2/TPES = tonnes of CO2 per terajoule

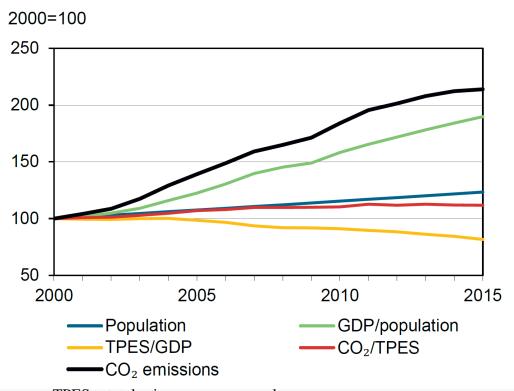
On a global level, CO2 emissions grew by 40% between 2000 and 2015. Globally, economic growth partially decoupled from energy use, as energy intensity decreased by 21% over the period. However, with a practically unchanged carbon intensity of the energy mix, the combined growth in population (20%) and in per capita GDP (43%) led to a significant increase in global CO2 emissions between 2000 and 2015.

However, due to differences in levels of economic, demographic and technological development and growth, emissions evolved at different rates in Annex I and non-Annex I countries and regions.

In Annex I countries as a whole, CO2 emissions in 2015 were actually 8% lower than in 2000. Significant decoupling of energy consumption from economic activity (TPES/GDP: -25%) acted to decrease emissions but per-capita economic output grew (GDP/population: +22%), as did population (+7%), however, the energy sector's carbon intensity (CO2/TPES) declined mildly (-6%).



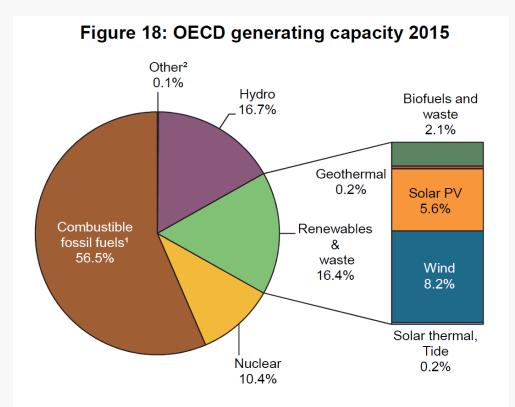
Figure 18. Non-Annex I CO₂ emissions and drivers (Kaya decomposition)¹⁴, 1990-2015



By contrast, emissions in non-Annex I countries doubled over the same period, as very strong growth in per-capita economic output (+90%) combined with population growth (+23%). The CO2 intensity of the energy mix also increased (CO2/TPES: +12%), mainly due to higher coal consumption in larger countries. However, a significant decrease in the energy intensity of the economic output (TPES/GDP: -18%) tempered those increases.

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OECD generating capacity in 2015

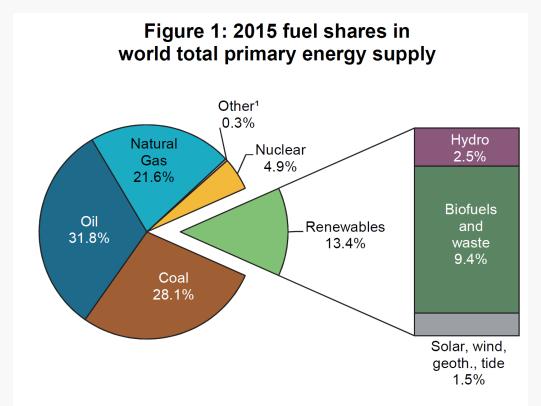


- 1. The capacities of plants which co-fire biofuels and waste with fossil fuels (e.g. solid biofuels that are co-fired with coal) are included under the dominant fuel.
- 2. Other: fuel cells, waste/chemical heat.

Note: Totals in graphs might not add up due to rounding.

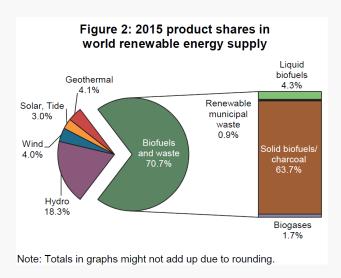


Fuel shares in 2015



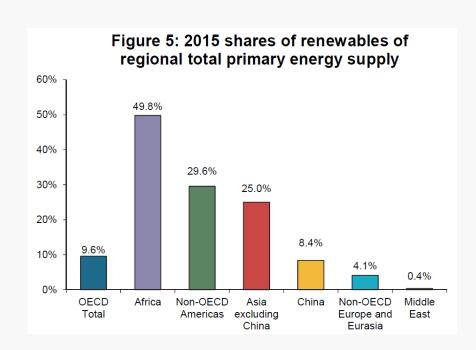
1. Other includes non-renewable wastes and other sources not included elsewhere such as fuel cells.

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Renewables and waste

Figure 3: Average annual growth rates of world renewables supply from 1990 to 2015 50% Solar PV 45.5% 45% 40% 35% 30% Wind 24.0% 25% 20% Biogases Solar Liquid 12.8% thermal biofuels 15% Total 11.4% 10.1% Solid **TPES** Geo-10% biofuels/ 1.8% thermal Hydro Charcoal Renewables 5% 2.0%



Renewables and waste

Additional wind share 2021
Additional PV share 2021
Wind share 2015
PV share 2015
PV share 2015

Denmark

Mexico

China

Brazil

South Africa

Indonesia

Source: Adapted from IEA (2016a), Medium-Term Renewable Energy Market Report 2016.

Figure ES.1 • Current and forecasted share of VRE generation for case study countries.

Key point • Mexico, China and Brazil are expected to double their VRE share to reach about 10% of annual generation by 2021; South Africa is forecasted to triple its VRE share, reaching 6%; Denmark grows to reach 60% and Indonesia hardly taps into its VRE potential.

Variable renewable energy (VRE) is a renewable energy source that is non-dispatchable due to its fluctuating nature, like wind power and solar power, as opposed to a controllable renewable energy source such as hydroelectricity, or biomass, or a relatively constant source such as geothermal power or run-of-the-river hydroelectricity.



General Energy Policy (Italy)

Key data (2015 estimated)

Energy production: 35.5 Mtoe (biofuels and waste 32.2%, oil 15.9%, natural gas 15.6%, geothermal 15.4%, hydro 10.6%, solar 6.6%, wind 3.6%, coal 0.1%), +17.7% since 2005

TPES: 150.7 Mtoe (natural gas 36.7%, oil 34.2%, biofuels and waste 9.7%, coal 8.2%, geothermal 3.6%, electricity net imports 2.6%, hydro 2.5%, solar 1.6%, wind 0.8%), -19.1% since 2005

TPES per capita: 2.5 toe (IEA average: 4.5 toe)

TPES per GDP: 0.08 toe/USD 1 000 PPP (IEA average: 0.11 toe/USD 1 000 PPP)

Electricity generation: 280.7 TWh (natural gas 38.3%, coal 16.6%, hydro 15.6%, solar 9.3%, biofuels and waste 7.8%, wind 5.2%, oil 4.8%, geothermal 2.2%), -5.4% since 2005

Electricity and heat generation per capita: 5.6 MWh (IEA average: 9.9 MWh)

Table 2.1 National 2020 target and estimated trajectory of energy from renewable sources

	2005	2010	2015	2020
RES heating and cooling	2.8%	6.53%	10.09%	17.09%
RES electricity	16.29%	18.71%	22.39%	26.39%
RES transport	0.87%	3.5%	6.63%	10.17%
Overall share of RES	4.92%	8.05%	11.24%	17%

Source: Italy's National Renewable Energy Action Plan in line with Directive 2009/28/EC.



CO2 emissions (Italy)

Key data (2014 provisional)

GHG emissions without LULUCF*: 418.6 MtCO₂-eq, -19.8% from 1990 to 2014

GHG emissions with LULUFC*: 392.0 MtCO₂-eq, -24.0% from 1990 to 2014

2008-12 target: -6.5% since 1990; **actual reduction:** -4.5% since 1990

CO₂ emissions from fuel combustion: 319.7 MtCO₂, -17.9% since 1990

CO₂ emissions by fuel: oil 45.5%, natural gas 36.7%, coal 16.2%, other 1.6%

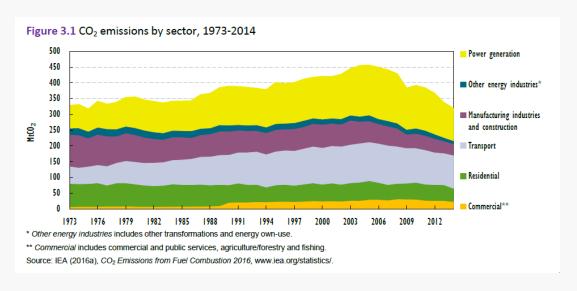
CO₂ emissions by sector: power generation 32.3%, transport 33.0%, residential 13.1%, industry 11.2%, commercial and other services, including agriculture and fishing 7.1%, other energy industries 3.2%

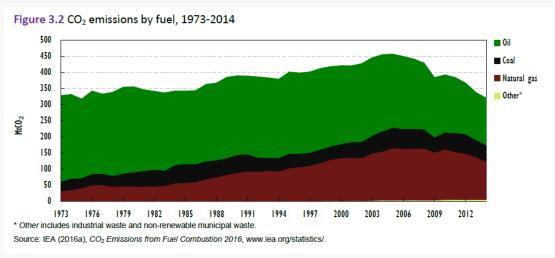
* Source: UNFCCC, 2016.

• LULUCF = land use, land-use change and forestry



CO2 emissions (Italy)





CO2 emissions (Italy)

Figure 3.3 Energy-related CO₂ emissions per unit of GDP in Italy and in other selected IEA member countries, 1973-2014 0.9 0.8 Spain 0.7 United States IEA Europe 90 Germany rc02/USD 1 000 0.1 2012 Source: IEA (2016a), CO2 Emissions from Fuel Combustion 2016, www.iea.org/statistics/ Figure 3.4 CO₂ emissions and its main drivers in Italy, 1990-2014 140 -Real GDP -TPES 130 CO₂ emissions Index (1990 = 100) Population 90 80 2006 2008 2010 2012 2014 Sources: IEA (2016a), CO2 Emissions from Fuel Combustion 2016, www.iea.org/statistics/; IEA (2016b), Energy Balances of OECD Countries 2016,

CO2 emissions from fossil fuel plants

Emissioni di CO ₂ per i principali combustibili fossili.										
Combustibile	% C,	LHV,	kg di CO2	kg di CO2	kg di CO2					
(valori medi)	in peso	MJ/kg	per kg _f	per MJth	per MJel					
Gas naturale Olio combustibile Carbone	75	48	2.75	0.0573	0.099 (η=58%)					
	88	42	3.23	0.0769	0.175 (η=44%)					
	62	24	2.27	0.0946	0.215 (η=44%)					

Source: Lozza G., 2016, "Turbine a gas e cicli combinati", Edizioni Esculapio (3a edizione).

