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Country names and country groupings

This report presents a comprehensive report on the state of, trends in and prospects for the environment across all 39 member countries and cooperating countries of the European Environment Agency — to the degree possible.

As a European Union agency, the European Environment Agency follows the guide of the Commission's Interinstitutional style guide on country names.

The country groupings presented here are based on the official classification used in the Interinstitutional style guide and the nomenclature used by DG Enlargement.

Where it is meaningful, specific sections of this report may refer to regional groupings based on bio-geographical features to illustrate specific trends. However, where this is done the respective regional groupings and the underlying rationale is explained clearly.

Region	Sub-regions	Sub-group	Countries
EEA member countries (EEA-33)	EU-28 (i.e. EU-27 + Croatia)	EU-15	Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom
		EU-12 + 1	Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, plus Croatia

	EU candidate countries	Turkey, Iceland
	European Free Trade Association (EFTA)	Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, (Iceland)
EEA cooperating countries (Western Balkans)	EU candidate countries	Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia
	EU potential candidates	Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo under UN SCR 1244/99

Note: For practical reasons the groups used are based on established political groupings (as of mid-2014) rather than environmental considerations. Thus there are variations in environmental performance within the groups and substantial overlaps between them.

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