



## Sources of air pollution in Europe

Air pollution is not the same everywhere. Different pollutants are released into the atmosphere from a wide range of sources, including industry, transport, agriculture, waste management and households. Certain air pollutants are also released from natural sources.



**1 /** Around 90 % of ammonia emissions and 80 % of methane emissions come from **agricultural activities**.

**4 /** **Waste (landfills), coal mining and long-distance gas transmission** are sources of methane.

**2 /** Some 60 % of sulphur oxides come from **energy production and distribution**.

**5 /** More than 40 % of emissions of nitrogen oxides come from **road transport**.

Almost 40 % of primary PM<sub>2.5</sub> emissions come from transport.

**3 /** Many **natural phenomena**, including volcanic eruptions and sand storms, release air pollutants into the atmosphere.

**6 /** **Fuel combustion** is a key contributor to air pollution – from road transport, households to energy use and production.

**Businesses, public buildings and households** contribute to around half of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> and carbon monoxide emissions.