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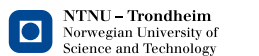
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Preface

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In 1995, Friends of the Earth, the world’s largest grassroots environmental network, published *Towards Sustainable Europe*, a study that advocated the concept of ‘Environmental Space’. Besides shedding light on the planetary boundaries of our resource consumption, the study also encompassed the elements of equity and justice. As the study suggested: “*Sustainability, [...] needs social as well as environmental balance. Therefore, the principle of equity and social justice is reflected in the permitted use of Environmental Space per capita.*”

However, almost twenty years later, Europe continues to use an ever increasing amount of the world’s resources, and has become more dependent on imported resources than any other region in the world. The constantly increasing pressure on the earth’s dwindling resources is exacerbating social inequalities and environmental damage. Friends of the Earth Europe advocates measuring Europe’s resource use – its carbon, water, land and material footprint – as the first step towards reducing resource consumption in the region.

The development of the EXIOBASE database is, therefore, heartening and I congratulate its authors for the magnitude and quality of the work done. I am hopeful that it will help to convince European decision makers to put forward policies leading to an absolute reduction in Europe’s resource use.

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Countries across the world need to come up with periodic reports on the productivity of their resources, given the increasingly urgent need for robust knowledge and universal data transparency in resource use. Resource efficiency indicators need to be defined more clearly to enable setting of meaningful targets and adequate monitoring of global use of resources. These were some of the key recommendations filed at the World Resources Forum (WRF) 2013, held in Davos. WRF 2011 had already called for the improvement of data and indicators, since ‘one cannot manage what one cannot measure’. There is, in other words, an indisputable need for clarity.

Consumers today are increasingly interested in ‘the world that lies behind the product’, i.e., the impact of their consumption choices in terms of their production location and their environmental impact by way of the resources used and pollution caused during production. These questions are also assuming increasing significance for businesses and governments. Only authentic and reliable information can form the basis for improved production processes and product design, and for effective and just legislation and other policies. In an increasingly connected world, such information needs to have a common base, along with broad acceptance and authority grounded in solid science.

Due to the complexity and sensitivity of the issue, it might take some time for global formal statistics and policies to effectively address this need. A giant step in the right direction has been taken with the publication of *The Global Resource Footprint of Nations*, reflecting the work of a consortium in the European project CREEA (*Compiling and Refining Economic and Environmental Accounts*), presented in an attractive and accessible format.

This booklet provides a comprehensive and transparent analysis of the key resource flows connected to the consumption and production systems in a globalized world. It will now be possible to trace the origins of resources for the large consumers as well as to determine

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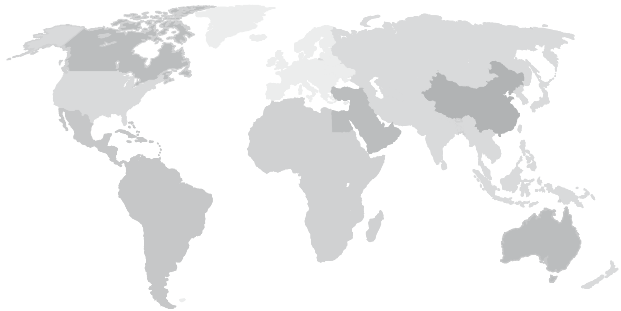
the share of various countries in the global environmental footprint.

This publication comes in response to the urgent need for information along these lines as expressed by the WRF community of policymakers, business leaders, NGOs and researchers. It will facilitate the answers to critical environmental concerns in today’s world. Let this be the beginning of a new era of environmental policymaking.

I am proud to present this booklet, the result of years of hard work. This is the first time, to our knowledge, that the total global environmental footprint – encompassing the carbon, water, land and material consumption footprint of various countries – has been compiled using one detailed, consistent and comprehensive global economic-environmental database. The initial version of the database was built in the course of the project EXIOPOL (acronym for *A New Environmental Accounting Framework Using Externality Data and Input-Output Tools for Policy Analysis*), and expanded and updated in the follow-up project CREEA (*Compiling and Refining Economic and Environmental Accounts*), both of which were funded by the Framework Programmes of the European Commission. The complexity of building such databases is enormous, and it is only thanks to a team of gifted scholars, most of them authors of this booklet, that we were able to achieve this goal. I sincerely hope that this work on global Environmentally Extended Input Output databases, which has so far been undertaken predominantly by the scientific community, will lead to the development of official databases by the formal international statistical community.

Glossary

Carbon footprint 	Life cycle emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs) of final consumption, expressed in tonnes of CO ₂ -equivalents. Hence, this includes non-CO ₂ greenhouse gases, such as CH ₄ or N ₂ O, but does not cover greenhouse gases related to land use change.	CO ₂ -eq	Measure to express the emission of different greenhouse gases in one single unit, i.e., the global warming potential of a tonne of CO ₂ .
Water footprint 	Volume of blue water (surface and groundwater) consumed as a result of the production of a good or service, or the sum of goods and services consumed in a country; expressed in cubic metres of water consumption (withdrawals minus return flows; in figures often termed ‘water extraction’).	Blue water	Ground water or surface water extracted for economic use (contrasts with ‘green water’, which is water from precipitation or soil water for economic use, usually for rain-fed agriculture). Henceforth referred to in the text of the booklet simply as ‘water’.
Land footprint 	Life cycle land use of final consumption. Land use data underlying the land footprint calculations include cropland, pasture and forest and are expressed in km ² .	GHG	Greenhouse gases
Material footprint 	Life cycle material use of final consumption. This only includes economically used materials. Thus the indicator equals the ‘Raw Material Consumption (RMC)’ indicator. It is expressed in tonnes.	GDP	Gross Domestic Product data taken from The World Bank (2011 http://data.worldbank.org/)
t, kt, Mt, Gt, bt	Tonnes Kilo tonnes (1 000 tonnes) Mega tonnes (million tonnes) Giga tonnes (billion tonnes) billion tonnes	HDI	Human Development Index data taken from ‘Human Development Report’ (UNDP, 2009)
m³, Mm³, km³	Cubic metre Mega cubic metres (million cubic metres) cubic kilometres (billion cubic metres)	HLY	Happy Life Years data taken from ‘The (un)Happy Planet Index 2.0’ (Abdallah et al. 2009. nef: London)
km²	Square kilometre	MR EE SUT/IOT	Multi-regional Environmentally Extended Supply and Use Tables/ Input-Output Tables
		Regions	AFR Africa APAC Asia and Pacific AUS Australia CAN Canada CN China EU Europe LAM Latin America ME Middle East USA United States of America



Introduction

An interlinked, global economy

The use of natural resources and emission of substances into air, water and soil takes place at millions and millions of economic production sites all over the world. Agricultural processes often use ground and surface water for irrigation and occupy most of the available arable land. Mining sites extract resources. Power plants emit carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other greenhouse gases (GHG). Goods are transported all over the world by ships, airplanes and trucks, resulting in further emissions. Even consumption processes have a significant impact on the environment, via emissions from the fossil fuels used to heat homes, drive cars or cook food. Production and consumption, hence, form a complex web of activities reflecting a single, global, interconnected economy which impacts the environment in multi-faceted ways.

A number of countries can efficiently monitor their resource extraction as well as emissions due to production and consumption processes within their own territories. However, it is also important to understand how these activities are connected. First, all production is ultimately driven by consumption. If these connections are known and understood, it becomes simpler to understand how changes in consumer behaviour, income and expenditure patterns will change the life cycle impacts of consumption. Second, and equally important, is the fact that production chains have become global. Meat produced in Europe may be from livestock fed with soy from Brazil. A car manufactured in the US may be driven in Argentina and could contain electronic equipment from China.

Therefore, merely monitoring national resource extraction and emissions does not reflect resource use and the emissions related to final consumption in a country, as the environment is impacted all along the production chain. While there are countries that appear to have met internationally agreed upon targets for emission reduction in terms of emissions within their own boundaries, a closer look reveals that the life cycle emissions of their final consumption have, in fact, increased. In other words, over time, production of emission-intensive goods consumed in such countries has simply moved elsewhere.

Hence, there is a need for an environmental accounting system that makes such interrelations between production and consumption, and the related impact at a global level, visible. So-called ‘Multi-regional Environmentally Extended Supply and Use/Input-Output Tables’ (MR EE SUT/IOT) are now widely seen as the most promising approach towards creating such an accounting system.

In short, a supply-and-use or input-output table encapsulates a country’s entire economy, with production divided into a few dozen industry sectors, and consumption divided into a few dozen product (and service) groups. The

tables express (in monetary terms) how much each industry sector produces of these specific products (output) – for instance, the value of cars, expressed in Euros, produced by the car industry in that country. The tables also illustrate how much each industry sector needs of these specific products to realize this production (input) – e.g. the amount of steel, glass, plastics, electricity and electronics required by the car industry in that country to produce its output of cars. They further enable identification of the primary resource use and emissions (‘environmental extensions’) for each industry, such as the amount of iron ore extracted by the mining sector, the size of land used by the agricultural sector, or CO₂ emissions by the electricity production sector.

At the country level, this approach allows for an analysis of how the various sectors of the economy of a country are interconnected. For instance, if examining the final use of cars by the consumers in a country, this approach makes it possible to analyse the production value contributed by the car industry, the glass production industry, the steel industry, and so on. Also, since the emissions, water and material extraction, and land use per Euro for each industry are known, it becomes possible to estimate the total life cycle emissions, primary water and material extraction, and land use for the total consumption of cars in that country.

However, this example is just for one country, while imports and exports in the current global economy are substantial, amounting to approximately 20 % of the global Gross Domestic Product (GDP). It is thus essential to also understand the emissions and primary resource use involved in imports. For that, one needs to create EE SUT/IOTs for the most important economies of the world and identify the trade flows between the specific sectors of all the countries. This exercise results in the aforementioned MR EE SUT, which paints a very detailed picture of all linkages between production and consumption in the global economy. One of the great strengths of this MR EE SUT/IOT approach is that it is inherently consistent. All direct emissions of GHG and primary extraction/use of water, land and materials by industries are, by definition, related to the final consumption of products – they cannot be ‘lost’ in the calculations.

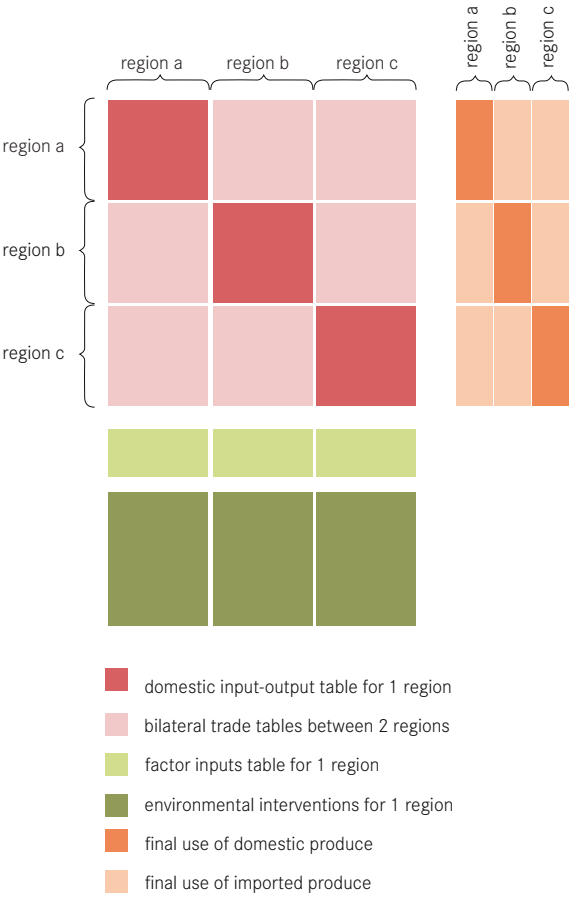
EXIOBASE

Building an MR EE IOT is time consuming, and thus far, only a handful of such databases are available. EXIOBASE was developed with support from the EU’s Sixth and Seventh Framework Programmes, with economic-environmental analyses in mind. The database provides data at an unprecedented level of consistent detail in terms of sectors, products, emissions and resources for all the countries covered.

EXIOBASE has the following characteristics:

- Covers 43 countries (95 % of the global GDP) with over 150 smaller countries combined in 5 ‘Rest of the World’ groups by continent.
- Full trade matrices with insights on which product from which country is exported by which sector to which industry sector in another country.
- Base year 2007.
- Distinguishes over 160 industry sectors and 200 product categories by country.
- Covers the relations between industries and countries, not only in monetary value, but also in physical terms.
- Covers 40 emitted substances, land use, water use and 80 resources by industry.

Figure: Example of a MR EE IOT with three countries



This booklet

Using the latest version of EXIOBASE, this booklet endeavours to provide an insight into the environmental footprint of final consumption in the countries covered. It presents 43 country factsheets encapsulating the carbon, water, land and material footprint of final consumption in the countries covered by EXIOBASE. In this, it was decided to use simple indicators. The carbon footprint adds up greenhouse gases like CO₂, CH₄ and N₂O as CO₂-equivalents – using weights reflecting the contribution to global warming of a tonne of emissions of a specific greenhouse gas relative to a tonne of emissions of CO₂. Land use cover change is not included in the carbon footprint indicator used here. For materials, the volume extracted has been counted, for water, the volume consumed (withdrawal minus return of flows) and for land, the surface used. It may be argued that for water, for instance, the scarcity in the river basin from which it is extracted should be taken into account, or for land use, the (agricultural) productivity of this land. On such more sophisticated indicators for water, land and material use, however, the consensus is still limited.

The booklet further showcases a number of comparative analyses, such as how environmental pressures correlate to GDP, Human Development Index (HDI), and population of a country. It illustrates the extent to which many developed countries rely on the carbon, water, land and material footprint from abroad.

This exercise attempts to shed light upon a number of issues: First, that databases like EXIOBASE help to provide insights about how consumption drives environmental pressures. So, rather than relying on research initiatives such as this one, it would be desirable for supra-national institutions to develop such databases with a more formal status. Second, the analysis of interrelations between economies shows that the countries in which consumption takes place should take responsibility for the environmental impacts caused abroad. And finally, the country comparisons might provide indications towards how countries can achieve good quality of life with a limited environmental footprint, since the analysis singles out economies with a high quality of life and good GDP along with a limited environmental footprint. It is the belief of the authors of this booklet that databases such as EXIOBASE and the analyses based on them are essential for effective pursuit of key sustainability agendas such as the *United Nations Green Economy Initiative*, the *United Nations Ten Year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production*, and *Circular Economy, Resource-efficiency, and Reduce, Re-use and Recycle (3R) initiatives*.

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The Interconnected World

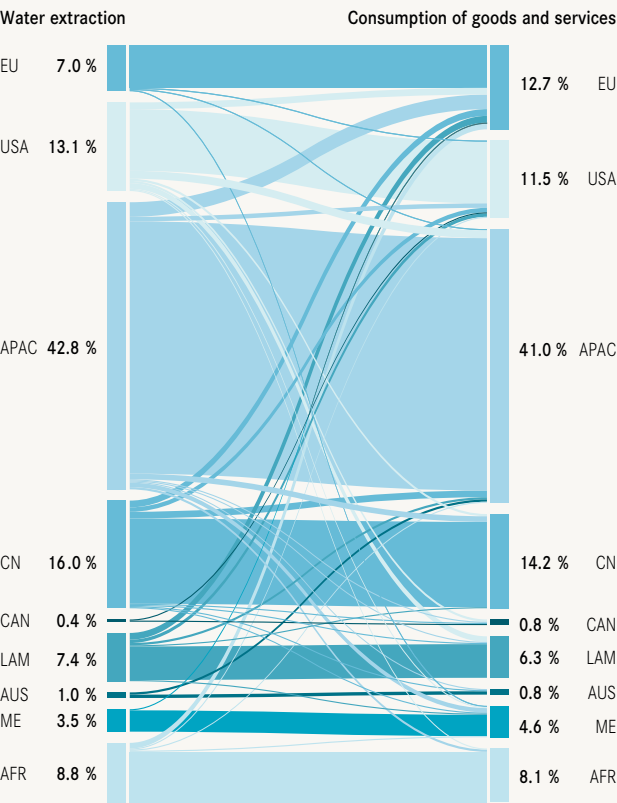
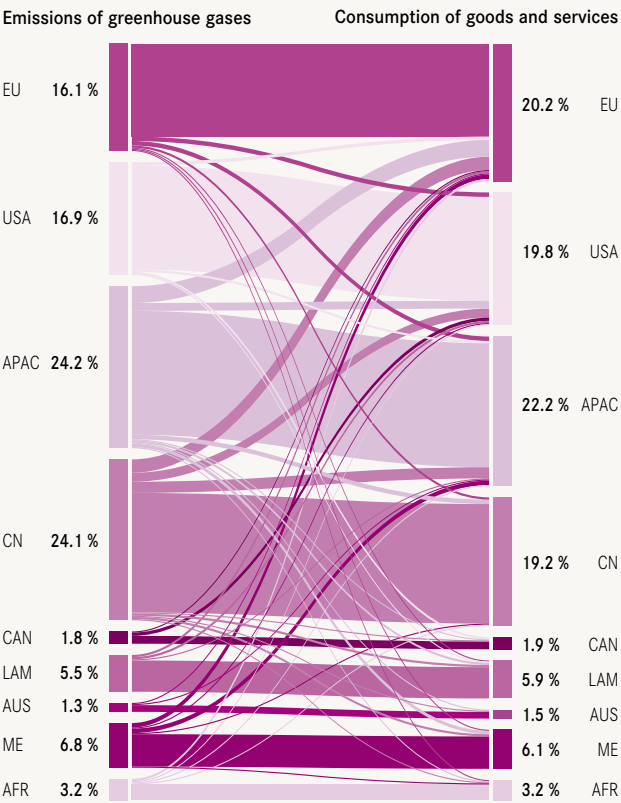
The global economy is an increasingly complex web of interrelations between countries and sectors. EXIOBASE fully captures this worldwide web and can, therefore, illustrate how supply chains are organized and how embodied environmental impacts ‘flow’ through the global economy. This study illustrates how final consumption of goods and services in a region impacts other regions. This has been shown for four kinds of aggregated footprint: carbon, water, land and material. For material extraction, global production and consumption of copper ore is highlighted as an example for single products.

Carbon footprint

The total global emissions of greenhouse gases (GHGs) were almost 38 Gt CO₂-eq in 2007. In the figure below, for instance, it is clear that for Europe and the USA, the GHG embodied in consumption were significantly higher than the territorial emissions. In Europe, the difference was more than 25 %. Conversely, in China and the Asia Pacific region, emissions on account of domestic production processes were significantly higher than those embodied in their consumption, reflecting the role of these regions as the ‘factory of the world’, by virtue of exporting large amounts of consumer goods to Europe and the USA.

Water footprint

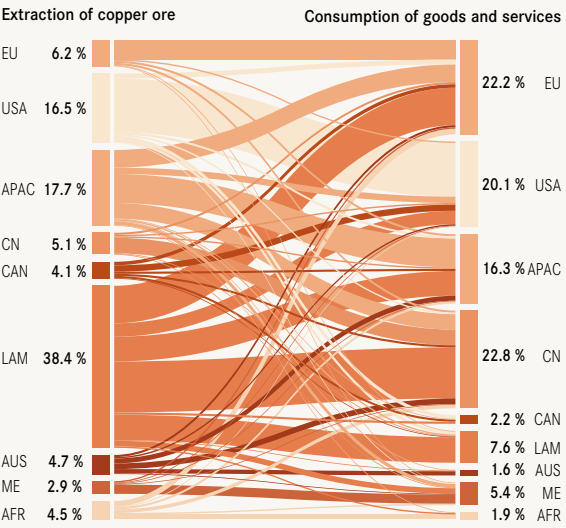
In 2007, total global ‘blue’ water consumption, i.e., fresh surface and groundwater taken up and evaporated or incorporated into goods and products, was 1 660 km³. Most of the uptake was in the Asia Pacific region, which is also where most of the embodied consumption of water takes place. Compared to territorial extraction (i.e. hydrological water consumption, see above), Europe was the largest importer of embodied ‘blue’ water.



Copper footprint

When focussing on a specific ore, in this case copper ore, it can be seen from the accompanying graph that the main region of extraction of copper and the destination of the bulk of embodied copper consumption are very different.

In 2007, a total of 1.8 bt of copper ore was extracted. Latin America produced 38 % of this copper ore, mainly in northern Chile, but only 6 % was embodied in the final consumption of products and services in Latin America.

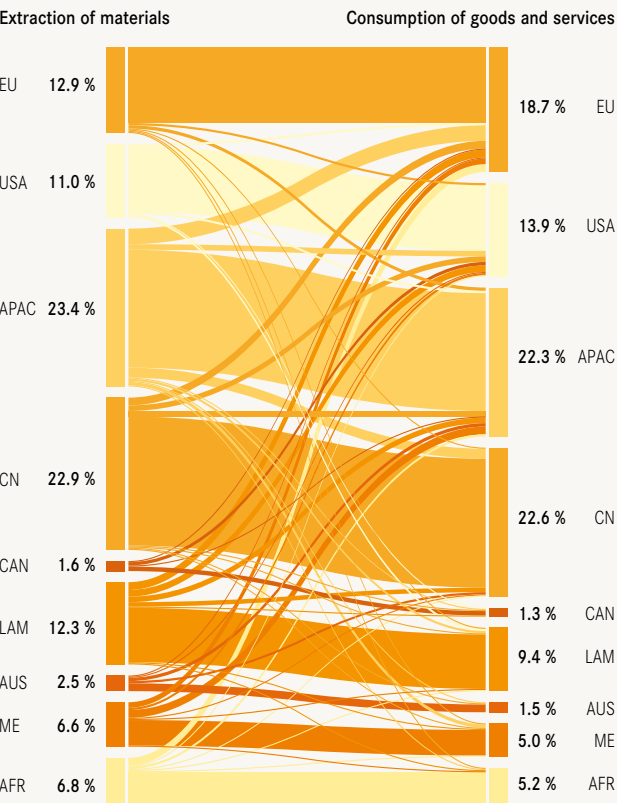
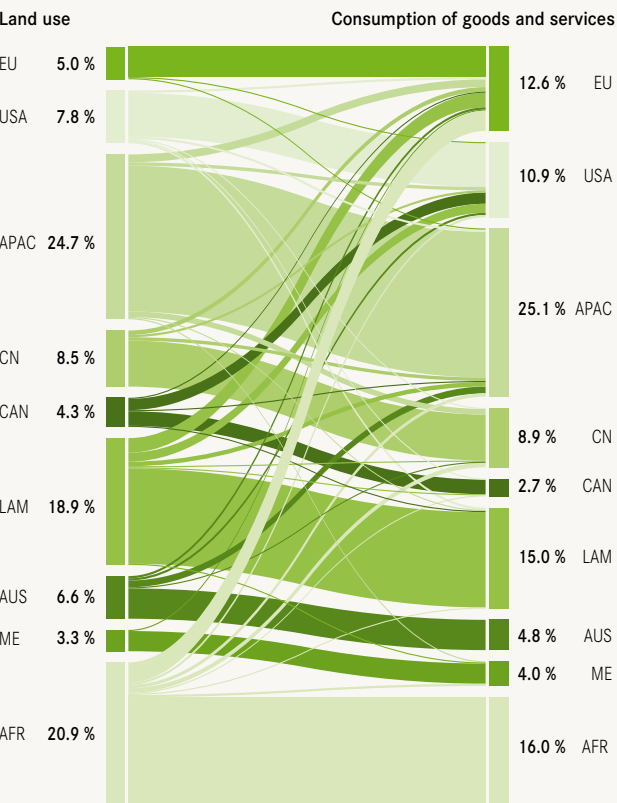


Land footprint

The total land used for production of all goods and services consumed in the world in 2007 was 88 million km². In the diagram below, it can be seen that almost 21 % of this land use took place in Africa. However, only 16 % of this land was used to satisfy consumption within Africa. Therefore, part of Africa’s land use was used to satisfy consumption requirements in other parts of the world, especially Europe. The diagram also shows that while the Asia Pacific region was the largest user of land in absolute terms, both from a supply and from a consumption standpoint, the biggest exporters of embodied land after Africa were Canada, Australia and Latin America, the key players in primary agricultural production.

Material footprint

Total material extraction in the world (in terms of usage) was 66 bt in 2007 and comprised extraction of bulk materials (sand, clay, gravel, etc.), crops (wheat, rice, etc.), fossil fuels (coal, oil, gas, etc.) and specific ores (iron ore, bauxite, etc.). In terms of weight, it is bulk materials that dominate the overall material footprint of a country or region. It is known that most bulk materials are locally produced and consumed. Therefore, it is expected that the regions of production and consumption are strongly connected at the global level of aggregation, as shown in the diagram below. The figure also makes it clear that the Middle East (delivering oil), Asia Pacific, Latin America and Africa (all delivering a mix of biomass, metals and industrial minerals) are the main exporters of materials embodied in trade.



The EU, USA and China as Global Consumers

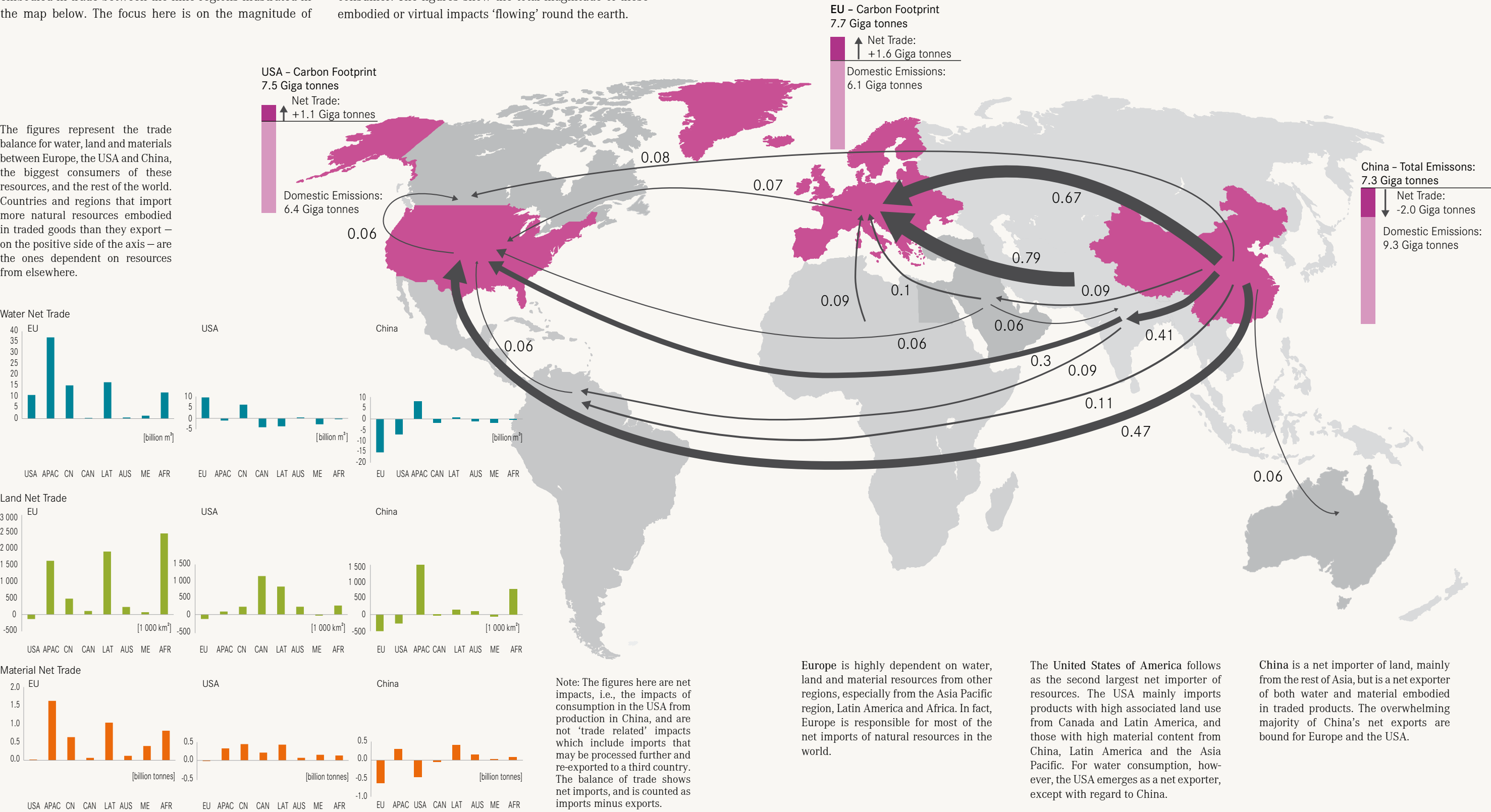
Globalization and the attendant increase in trade have brought about changes in the patterns of linkages between the various regions of the world, with environmental impacts in one region being caused by consumption in another. While consumption of resources and pollution associated with internationally traded products can constitute an important source of environmental impacts, the question that arises is just how much of the total environmental impact is dislocated from the country of production to the country of consumption?

In the case of GHGs, 23 % of global emissions in 2007 were embodied in trade between the nine regions illustrated in the map below. The focus here is on the magnitude of

dislocation of environmental impacts from producer to consumer. The figures show the total magnitude of these embodied or virtual impacts ‘flowing’ round the earth.

The large figure below shows GHG emissions expressed as CO₂-eq embodied in trade. In 2007, Asia was the major net exporter of GHG emissions. China exported 2 Gt of CO₂-eq more than it imported, while the rest of the Asia Pacific region had an export surplus of 0.79 Gt of CO₂-eq. The destination of most of these exports was either Europe or North America, the two main net importers of GHG emissions. While Europe had net GHG import (imports

minus exports) of 1.6 Gt of CO₂-eq, the United States alone imported over 1 Gt of CO₂-eq more than the volume of emissions embodied in its exports. This trend clearly illustrates how the high volume of foreign emissions associated with European and American consumption increases their already high carbon footprint, and could have a significant impact on the GHG mitigation policies in these regions.



From a Production to a Consumption Perspective

In the last few decades, countries across the world have implemented policies aimed at reducing the ecological impact and improving the performance of their economies on the environmental front. In this context, while some countries have managed to reduce emissions of GHG within their territories in absolute terms, other countries have boosted their environmental performance parameters by using fewer raw materials today than 20 years ago, while maintaining continuous economic growth. However, the question is whether this improvement is based on real reduction in consumption or whether it is the result of moving environmentally intensive production to other regions of the world.

Traditionally, the environmental performance of a country is evaluated from a production perspective, focusing on the environmental pressures and impacts generated within its own territory, such as national GHG emissions or the uptake of water from the water bodies within that country.

However, switching from this territorial, production-oriented perspective to a consumption perspective allows an evaluation of the extent to which countries are relocating their environmental problems to other regions of the world by increasing their imports of resource-intensive products while maintaining their own consumption patterns.



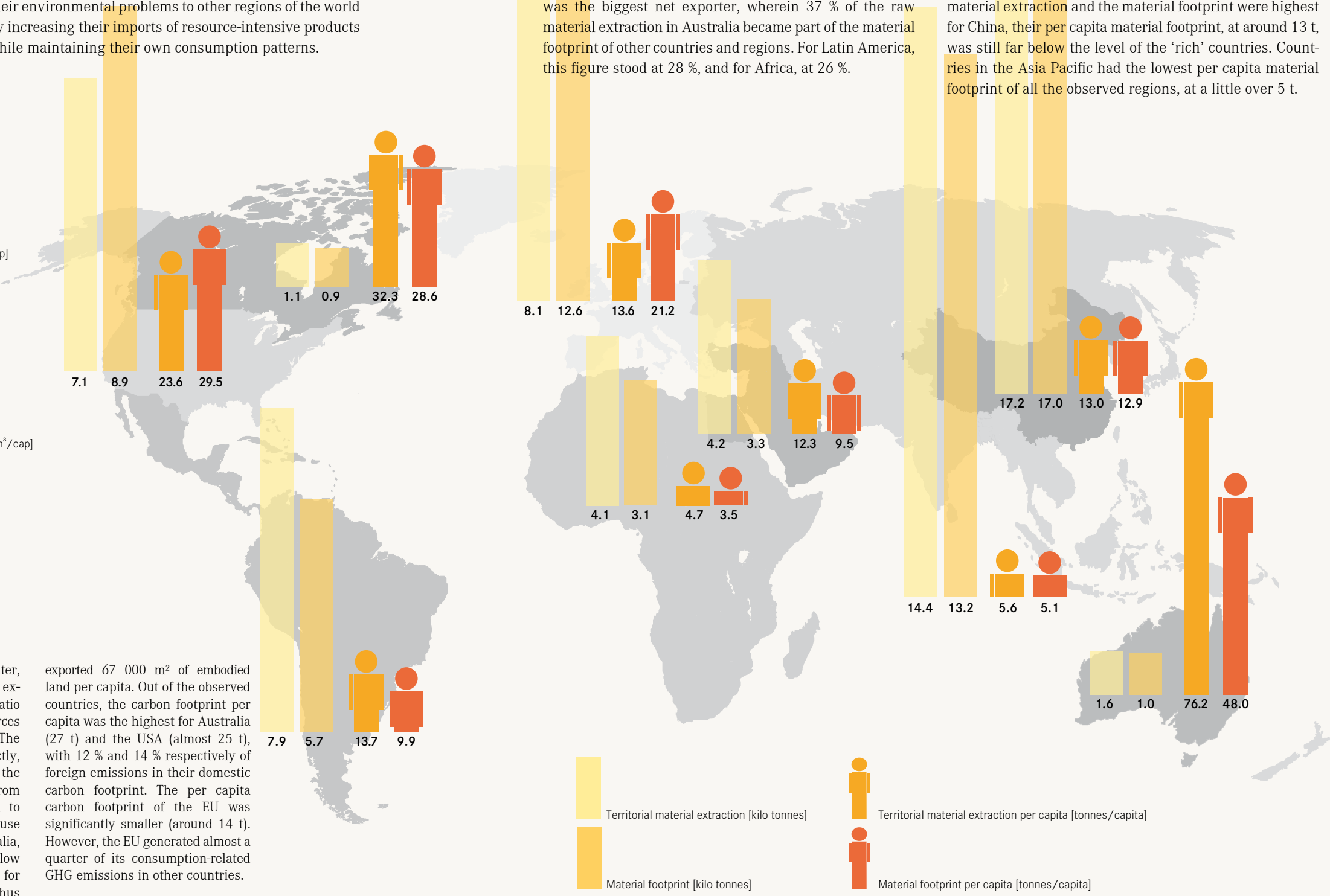
The smaller graphs show the production and consumption perspectives for carbon emissions, water and land use for them EU-27, the USA, Brazil, Australia and China in 2007. Besides materials, Europe was also the biggest net importer of embodied resources, i.e., water, land and GHG emissions. The EU-27 water footprint per capita was 380 m³ in 2007, double the amount of water extracted (hydrological water consumption) within the EU. The remaining four countries were

net exporters of embodied water, Australia being the largest net exporter, at 81 m³ per capita. The ratio of domestic versus foreign resources was even higher for land use. The EU-27, directly and indirectly, consumed more than double the amount of agricultural land from other countries in comparison to land use within the EU. Land use was by far the highest in Australia, where huge pasture areas of low biological productivity are used for livestock production. Australia thus

exported 67 000 m² of embodied land per capita. Out of the observed countries, the carbon footprint per capita was the highest for Australia (27 t) and the USA (almost 25 t), with 12 % and 14 % respectively of foreign emissions in their domestic carbon footprint. The per capita carbon footprint of the EU was significantly smaller (around 14 t). However, the EU generated almost a quarter of its consumption-related GHG emissions in other countries.

A study of the material footprint, i.e., material extraction versus material consumption, reveals disparate patterns for various countries and regions of the world. Europe and North America were the biggest net importers of material resources in 2007. More than a third of raw materials required meeting the demand for consumption goods and services in Europe originated from other regions of the world. North America's own share in raw materials was 17 % of its material footprint. While China had a near-balance between extraction of raw materials and its global material footprint, all other regions of the world were net exporters of raw materials. In percentage terms, Australia was the biggest net exporter, wherein 37 % of the raw material extraction in Australia became part of the material footprint of other countries and regions. For Latin America, this figure stood at 28 %, and for Africa, at 26 %.

Australia's role as a significant net exporter of raw materials is also clearly visible when seen from the per capita perspective. In 2007, more than 76 t of raw materials per capita were extracted within Australia, of which 28 t per capita exported were (net) to other regions of the world. However, even so, Australia's per capita material footprint in 2007, at 48 t, was higher than that of any other region in the world. North America came in second, with 29 t of per capita material footprint, as against 24 t of per capita domestic extraction. Europe's material footprint per capita was around 21 t, 8 t per capita more than was extracted within Europe. Although the absolute numbers for both raw material extraction and the material footprint were highest for China, their per capita material footprint, at around 13 t, was still far below the level of the 'rich' countries. Countries in the Asia Pacific had the lowest per capita material footprint of all the observed regions, at a little over 5 t.



The Uneven Distribution of Global Resource Consumption

In absolute terms, the global carbon, material, water and land footprint is very unevenly distributed across the world. In all four categories, a significant share of the total global environmental impact is a consequence of the consumption activities of a few major economies. This has important implications for global environmental policies, as it is especially incumbent upon these countries to implement measures which help in reducing their domestic as well as foreign resource footprint.

In case of the carbon footprint, two major emitting countries dominated the global footprint in 2007. The USA had a 19.7 % share in the global carbon footprint (7.5 Gt CO₂-eq

of GHG emissions) with only 4.5 % of global population. China followed with 19.3 % (7.3 Gt CO₂-eq of GHG emissions) with, however, an almost equal share in population (19.9 %).

These two countries alone, thus, emitted 39 % of all climate-active gases in 2007. Japan, India and Russia followed in the global ranking, all contributing between 4 and 5 % to the global carbon footprint. Therefore, the top 5 emitters together were responsible for more than 52 % (or almost 20 Gt CO₂-eq) of GHG emissions, with 46 % of global population. The major EU economies: Germany, UK, Italy and France, followed, with shares between 2 and 3.5 % in global GHG emissions. The top-25 list of global emitters, which accounted for more than 82 % of the global carbon

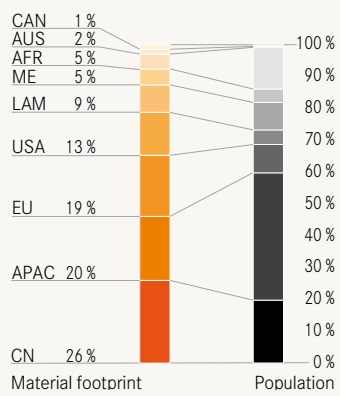
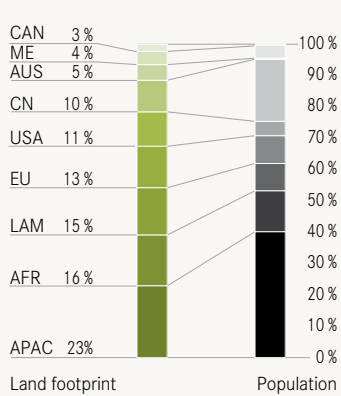
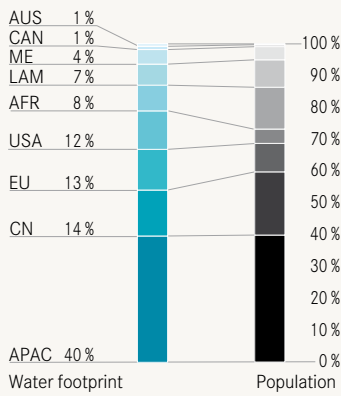
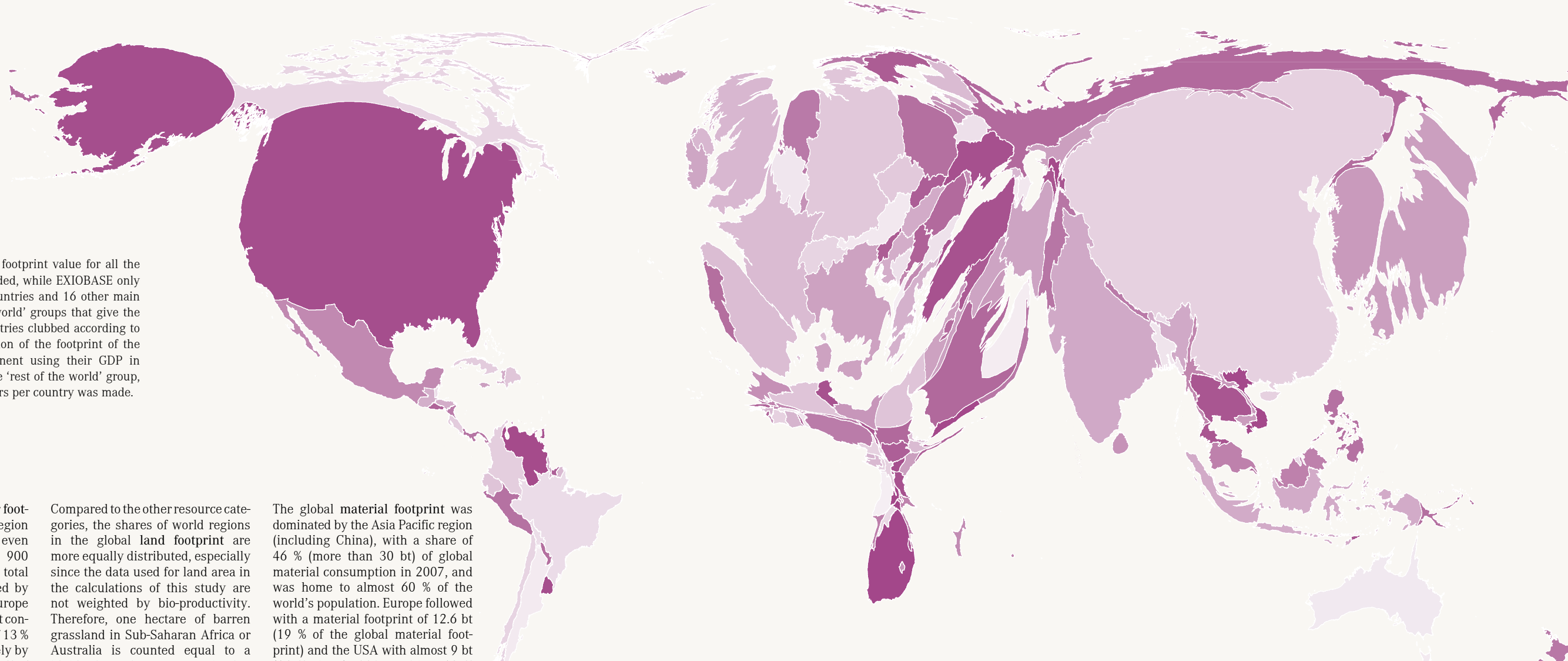
footprint in 2007, included a number of emerging economies like Brazil, Mexico, South Africa, Turkey, and as well as developing countries such as Indonesia and Thailand. On the other end of the global spectrum are a large number of countries which only contribute marginally to the global climate problem. The 100 countries emitting the smallest absolute amounts of GHG together accounted for a miniscule 1.6 % of the global carbon footprint.

For the Worldmapper figure, a footprint value for all the countries of the world was needed, while EXIOBASE only provides data for the EU-27 countries and 16 other main economies, and 5 ‘rest of the world’ groups that give the footprint of the remaining countries clubbed according to continent. A simple extrapolation of the footprint of the remaining countries per continent using their GDP in comparison with the GDP of the ‘rest of the world’ group, in relation to population numbers per country was made.

With regard to the global water footprint, the Asia Pacific region (including China) plays an even more dominant role. Almost 900 billion m³ (54 % of the world’s total water resource) was consumed by this region alone in 2007. Europe was the second most significant consumer of water, with a share of 13 % (212 billion m³), followed closely by the USA (200 billion m³, or 12 % of the global water footprint). Africa, Latin America and the Middle East accounted for 8, 7 and 5 % respectively of the global consumption of water resource in 2007.

Compared to the other resource categories, the shares of world regions in the global land footprint are more equally distributed, especially since the data used for land area in the calculations of this study are not weighted by bio-productivity. Therefore, one hectare of barren grassland in Sub-Saharan Africa or Australia is counted equal to a highly intensive crop production area in Europe or the USA. Africa, therefore, ranked second with 16 % share in the global land footprint in 2007, surpassed only by the Asia Pacific (including China) which accounted for 33 % of the global land footprint. Europe had a 13 % share with 11.6 million km². Australia, with a much smaller share in the global material (2 %), carbon (1.5 %) and water (1 %) footprint, scored much higher on the global land footprint, with a 5 % share due to its vast areas of relatively low bio-productivity.

The global material footprint was dominated by the Asia Pacific region (including China), with a share of 46 % (more than 30 bt) of global material consumption in 2007, and was home to almost 60 % of the world’s population. Europe followed with a material footprint of 12.6 bt (19 % of the global material footprint) and the USA with almost 9 bt (14 % share). Africa, with a 13 % share in the world’s population in 2007, only contributed 3 bt (5 %) to the total material footprint of the world economy.



Comparing the World’s Environmental Footprints

Like the footprints in absolute terms, the per capita carbon, material, water and land footprints too are unevenly distributed across countries. In general, rich, developed countries have a high environmental footprint, while poor, underdeveloped countries have a low environmental footprint. It is fairly obvious that while the latter need to increase their footprint to eradicate poverty, the former have a particular responsibility to avoid overusing more than their share of ‘environmental space’.

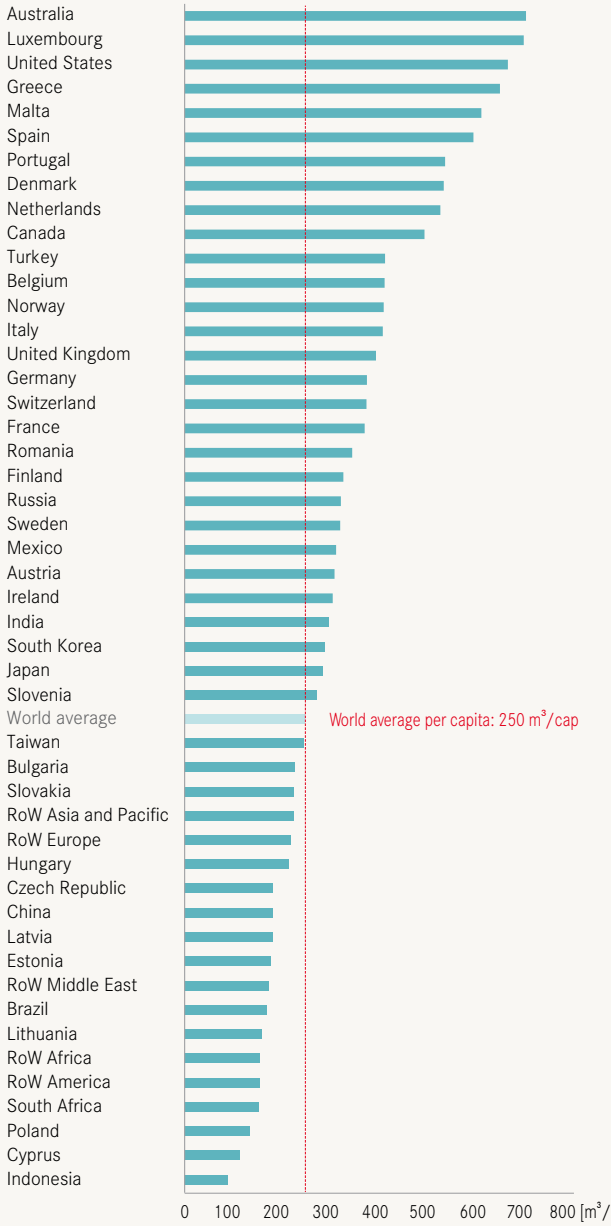
Carbon footprint per capita

The global carbon footprint per capita in 2007 was close to 6 t CO₂-eq. Citizens of Australia, the USA and Luxembourg were responsible for emissions over five times this volume, reflecting their high GDP per capita. These countries were followed by other, rich OECD countries. Emissions in Africa, China and India were well below average. France had relatively low GHG emissions per capita due to its high reliance on nuclear power.



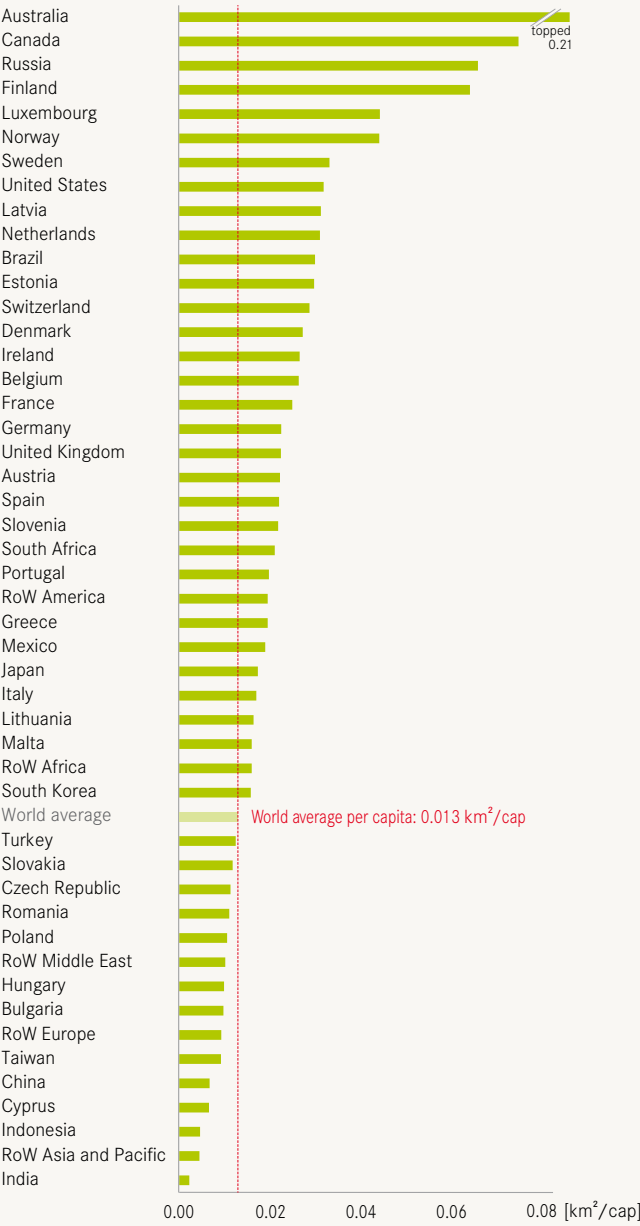
Water footprint per capita

As in the case of the carbon footprint, the water footprint for 2007 too was the highest for Australia, the USA and Luxembourg respectively, on account of their high per capita GDP. Further, rich countries with limited precipitation, such as Greece, Spain, and Turkey, had high levels of water consumption per capita, since their agricultural systems largely rely on irrigation. For water, the difference between the countries with the highest and lowest footprint was around a factor of 8, which is less pronounced than in the case of the land and material footprint.



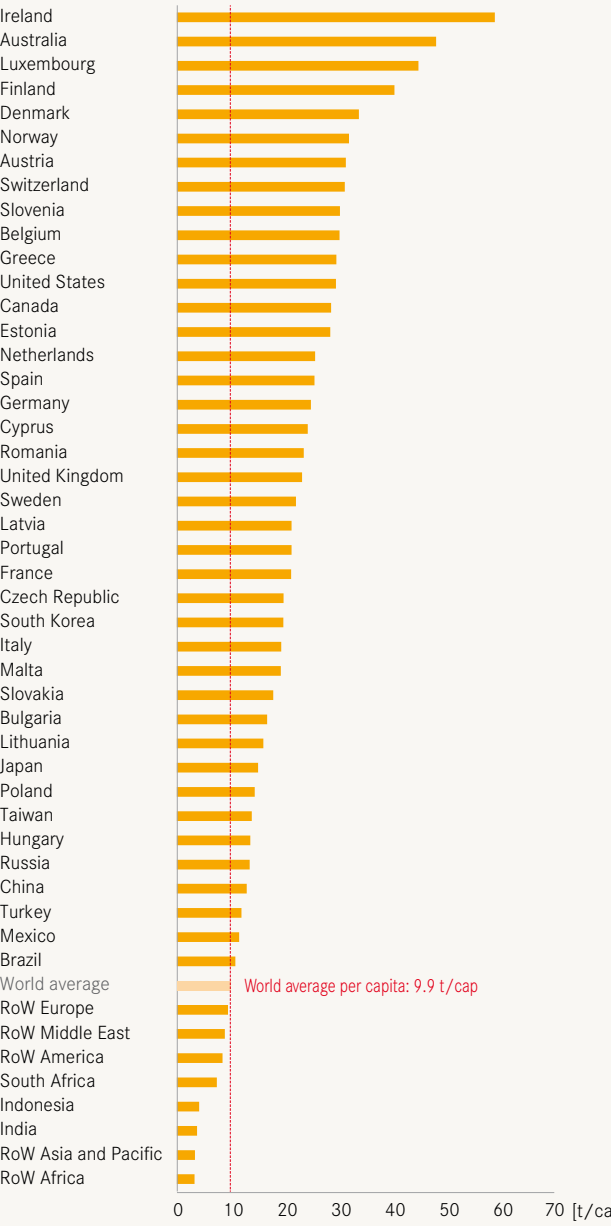
Land footprint per capita

In the case of the land footprint, sparsely populated countries with extensive land use, such as Australia, Canada, Finland and Russia, were at the top. For these countries, the amount of land directly available for its population was the determining factor. At first sight, the high rank of the Netherlands, one of the most densely populated countries in the world, is surprising. However, this is due to the intensive Dutch livestock industry, which relies heavily on imported feed, hence creating a high land footprint abroad.



Material footprint per capita

Conforming to trend, countries with high per capita GDP tend to have a high material footprint per capita. Rich countries like Australia and Finland, hosting large primary industries such as mining and forestry, or those like Ireland that experienced a building and construction boom, had particularly high ranks. In this context, it is notable that construction materials are usually responsible for half of the material footprint of a country.



Our Interlinked Economy – Part I

Theme 1, ‘The Interconnected World’, shed light on the correlation between consumption in one part of the world and resource extraction in others. However, connections between resource extraction and final demand, which happen through trade in specific products and transformation through specific processes, were not explored in detail. In this section, the linkages between material extraction and final consumption are comprehensively explored, thus showing the flow of the environmental footprint through the world economy.

The diagram shows the flow of material footprint in the world for 2007. It’s tracking the flow of economic demand from right to left, showing which sources of economic demand, on the right, are creating the most significant resource extraction impacts (material footprints) on the left. The figure below shows how the material footprint embodied in the world’s final demand, via different steps in the value chain, is related to primary extraction of material resources for 2007. On the right-hand side of the figure is the total embodied material footprint of final demand of all consumers in the world, which amounted to 66 bt, shown as one big rectangular block.

On the left hand side, the large orange block represents total (used) world material extraction of 66 bt as a result of total final demand. Going from left to right, the diagram illustrates how the material footprint embodied in products flows through the economy, from semi-finished products to final consumable products. For instance, it is clear from the diagram that the material footprint of global consumption is largely caused by consumption of construction work services and its embodied material footprint. In turn, the material footprint of the construction work services is mainly due to consumption of sand and clay, cement and stone.

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WHERE DOES EXTRACTION OCCUR?
The left side of each sector block shows where in the economy the extraction or impacts occur as a result of the sector's activities.

Upstream Extraction/Impacts
The portion total domestic extraction or impacts that occur, somewhere in the economy, as a result of this sector's economic demand for the output of other sectors, such as the Cattle or Cereal grains sectors.

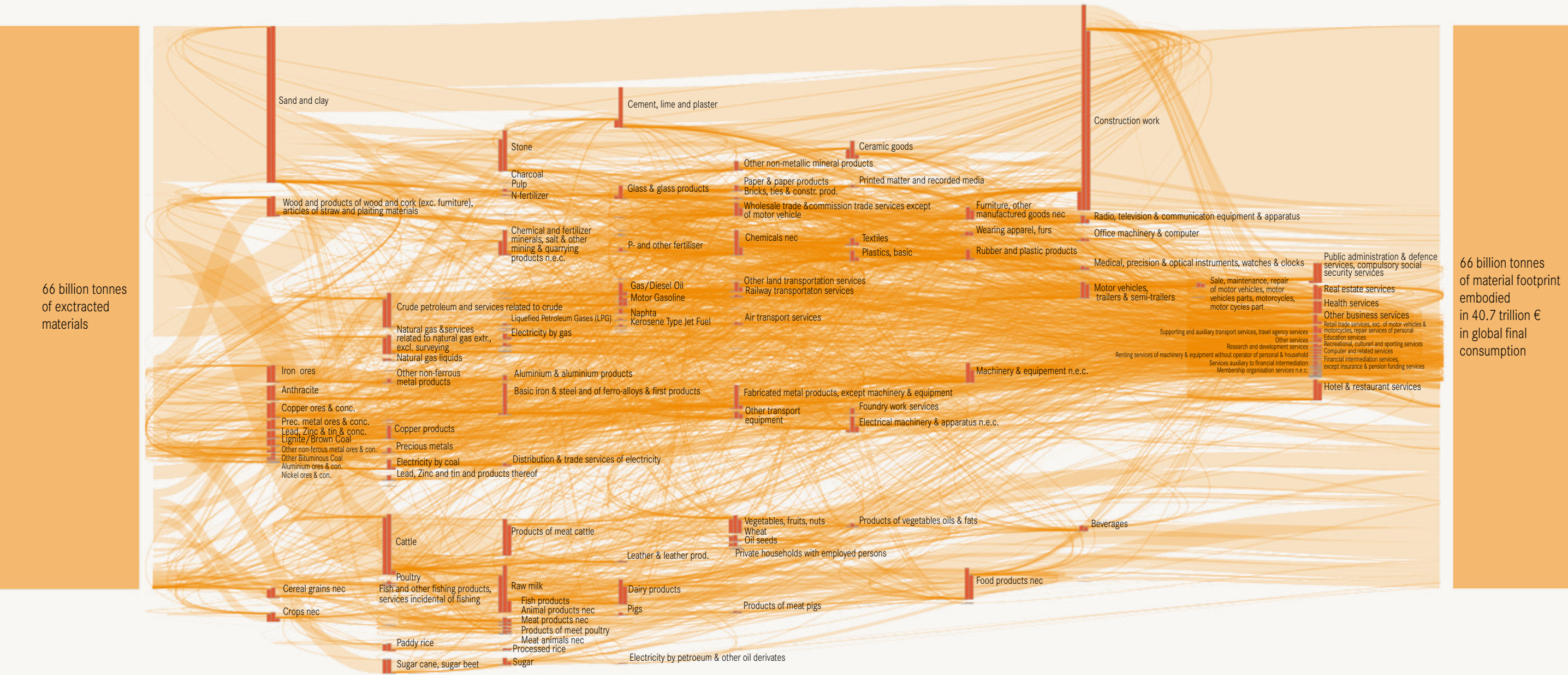
Direct Extraction/Impacts
The portion total domestic extraction or impacts that occur on site, as a direct result of this sector's activities, such as the use of land for livestock.

The diagram illustrates the flow of material footprint for 'Example Raw Milk'. It shows a vertical bar representing the total material footprint. The bar is divided into three sections: 'Upstream Extraction/Impacts' (top), 'Direct Extraction/Impacts' (middle), and 'Downstream Extraction/Impacts' (bottom). Arrows indicate the flow of material footprint from upstream extraction through direct extraction to downstream extraction.

WHERE DOES THE DEMAND COME FROM?
The right side of each sector block shows where in the economy the demand for the sector's output comes from.

Downstream Extraction/Impacts
The portion of this sectors total (combined upstream and direct) domestic extraction that occurs in response to economic demand for its output from other industry sectors, such as Dairy products or Food products sectors.

Final Consumption Extraction/Impacts
The portion of this sectors total (combined upstream and direct) domestic extraction that occurs in response to final economic demand for its output from households, government, or foreign countries.

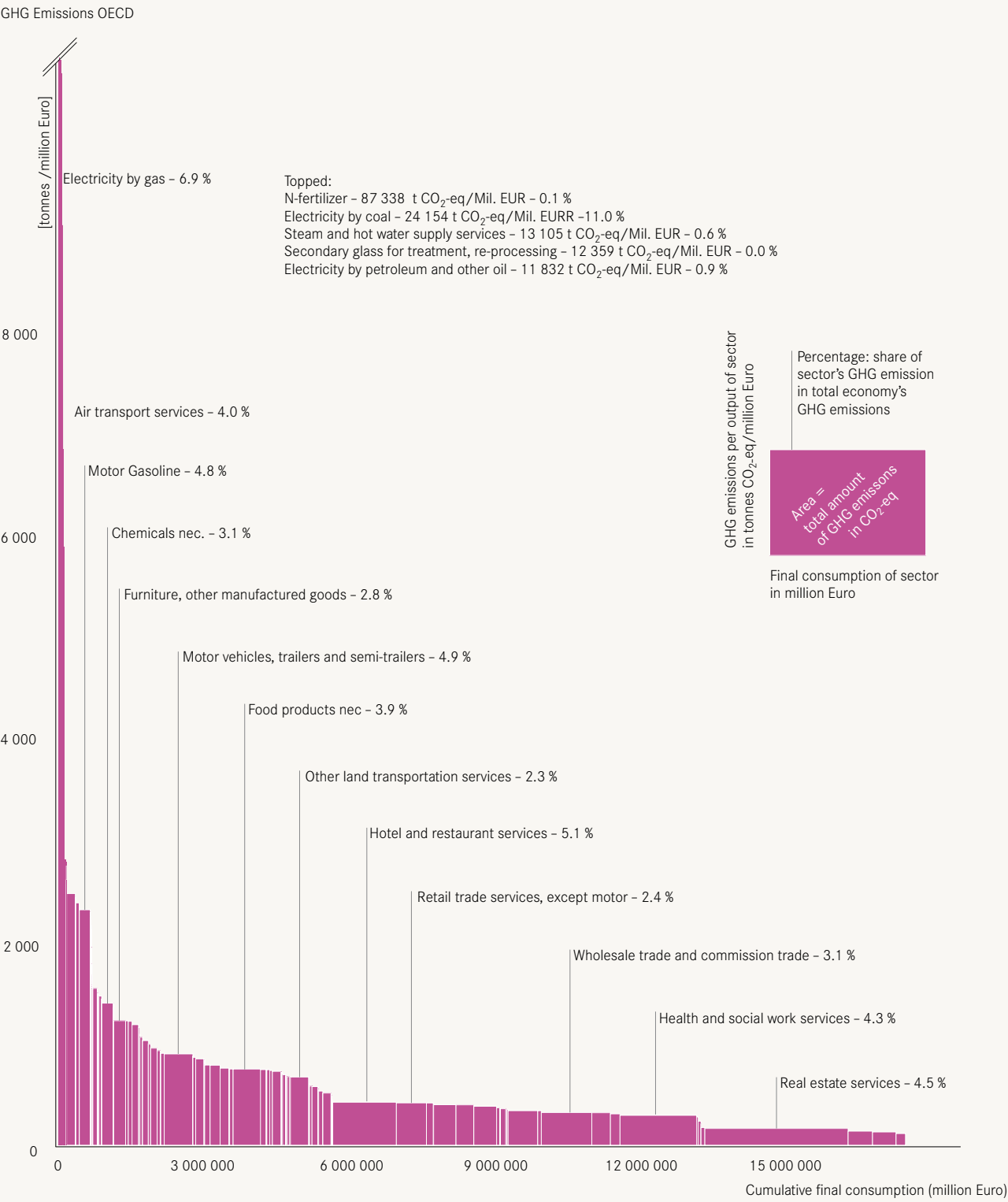


Our Interlinked Economy – Part II

As seen earlier in the study, consumption in one country can leave a significant part of its environmental footprint in other parts of the world. It is interesting to determine which products in the final consumption basket contribute most to the carbon footprint, and whether these have specific orders of priority in different countries/regions.

The contribution of final use of a product to the total footprint of a region can be split into two parts: the quantity of the product bought and the footprint of its production per Euro. This analysis deals only with the production phase

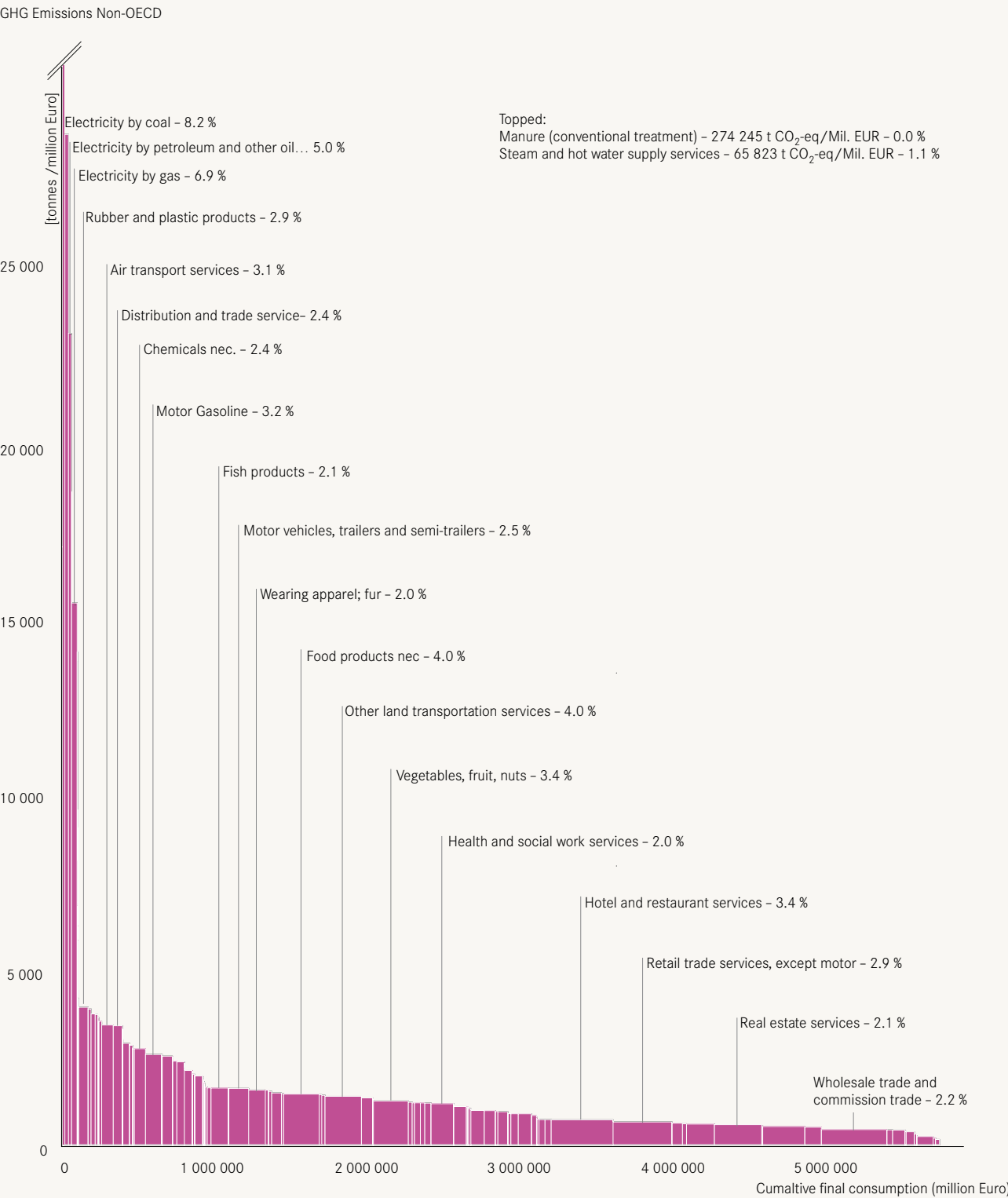
and not the use of these products since direct emissions from households, as available in EXIOBASE, cannot be attributed to the use of individual products. Additional information would be needed to make such an attribution.



Private consumption of products and their footprint per Euro can be plotted in an 'expenditure versus footprint per Euro' graph. The graph below shows the carbon footprint of products consumed in OECD and non-OECD countries in EXIOBASE.

The x-axis represents the cumulative expenditure of private households. The y-axis shows embodied carbon (expressed as tonne CO₂-eq) per Euro spent on the product. The products are ordered from the highest to the lowest carbon footprint per Euro. The total area under the graph

represents the total carbon footprint of private household consumption (exclusive use phase). The product categories that contribute more than 2 % to the total carbon footprint are labelled. In contrast to a calculation for the water footprint (not shown here) the structure of embodied GHG emissions for both regions is quite similar. The same kind of products show up as having a high GHG emission per Euro and the largest contribution to total GHG emission associated with private household expenditure.



Relationship Between Wealth, Well-Being and Footprint

The increased well-being of its citizens is generally the ultimate goal of a modern society. However, increasing the well-being and the associated development status of a society requires resources. The question is whether increasing our well-being always leads to a high impact consumption pattern. In an ideal situation, increasing well-being and development can be decoupled from environmental impact.

Traditionally, GDP has been used as a measure of welfare and as a proxy for the well-being and development of a society. While this is a valid simplification for developing countries, using GDP as an indicator of the development/ experienced well-being for high-income countries has long been questioned. Several alternative indicators have been proposed, of which the most prominent are human development index (HDI) and happy life years (HLY). HDI is based on the notion that human development is the process of enlarging people’s choices, quantified in three basic areas: health, education and standard of living. HLY

focuses on outcomes: experienced well-being and its duration. The figures below plot HDI and HLY for countries against their carbon, water, land and material footprint per capita for the year 2007. The figure plotting HDI/HLY versus the carbon footprint shows that countries with HDI above 0.9 and with more than 60 happy life years had a carbon footprint of more than 10 t of GHG emissions per capita which, in general, reflects a high GDP. However, two countries from Latin America – Brazil and Mexico – have an HDI of over 0.8 and more than 50 happy life years, with a low carbon

footprint. There is, thus, a clear levelling off of the curve, where high impact nations (with a large per capita footprint) do not benefit in terms of increased happiness, and have similar HDI values to regions with half the emissions impact. A similar trend can be observed for the land, water and material footprint: intensive use of resources was required to reach a high plateau level of HDI and HLY. There is some scatter across the data points due to the fact that scarcity is not accounted for in these indicators – regions highly endowed with water or land resources generally

had higher per capita impact, with no accompanying increase in happiness or level of development. The opposite can also be observed: Cyprus managed to keep its water footprint at an exceptionally low level, and Japan’s policy efforts to reduce waste resulted in the lowest material footprint observed for highly developed countries. These countries exemplify the possibility of decoupling of standards of living from environmental impacts. However, it is also clear that strong natural constraints or targeted policy efforts are needed to achieve such a decoupling.

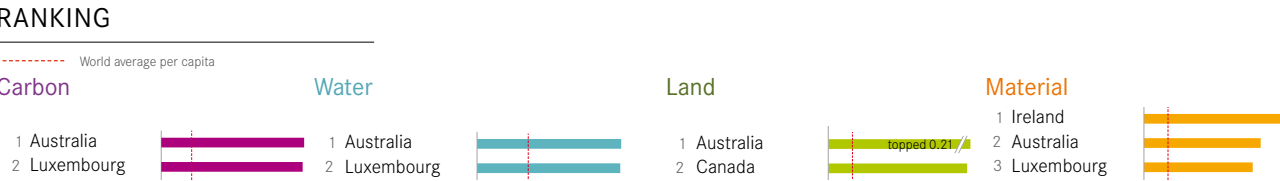
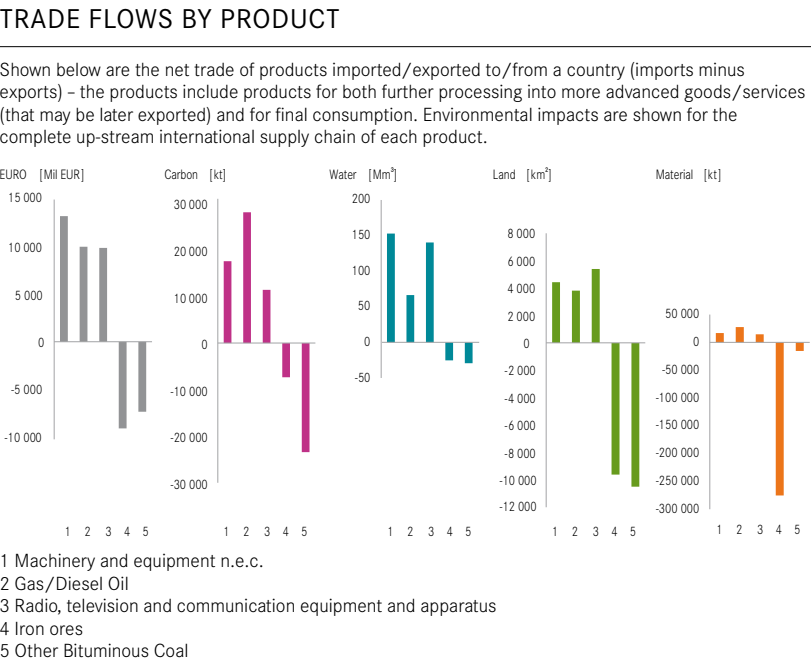
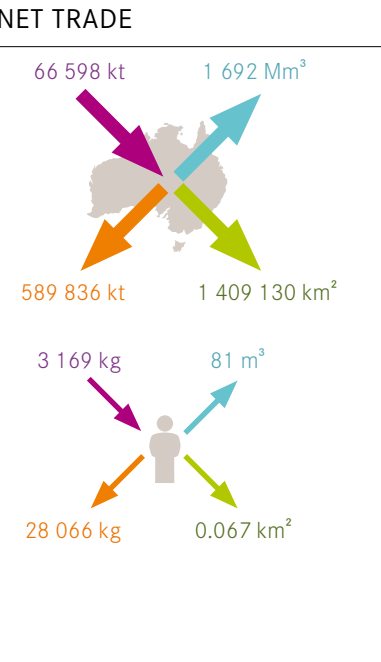
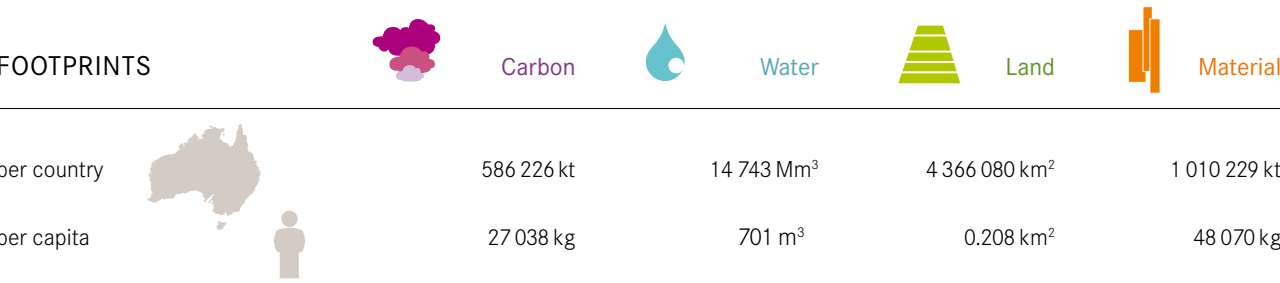
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Dependence of human development index (y axis) and happy life years (colour) on per capita environmental impact (consumption based approach). The dots are sized according to the purchasing power parity GDP per capita of the country.



Country Factsheets

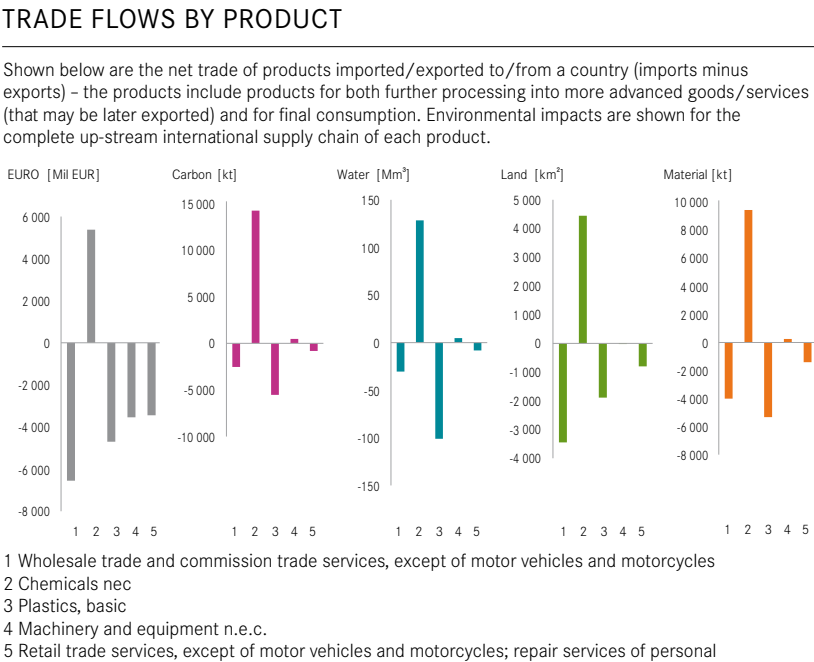
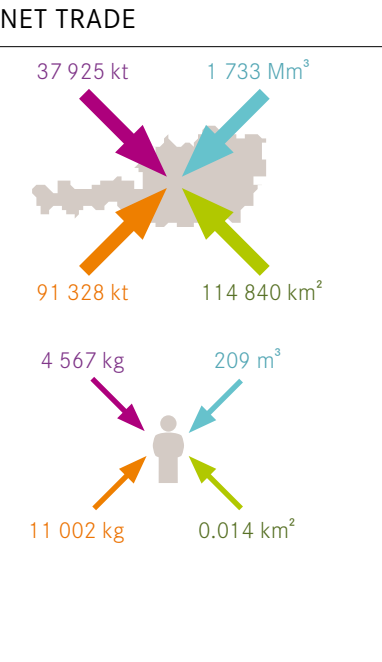
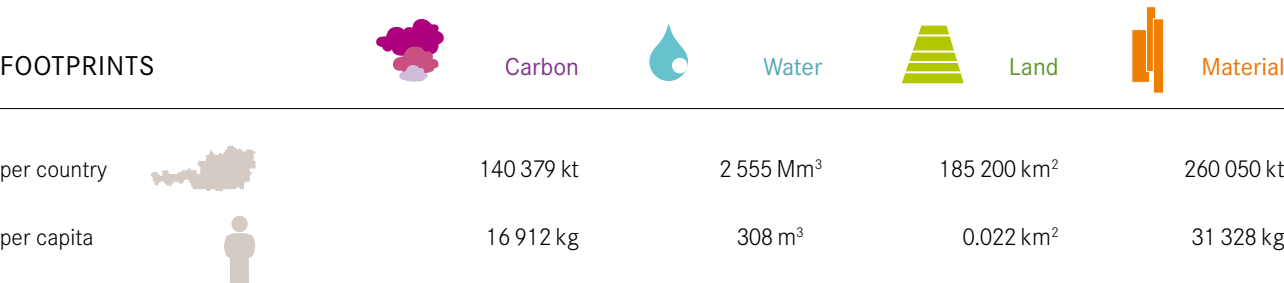
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France	42	Slovenia	63
Germany	43	South Africa	64
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Australia has the highest per capita carbon, water and land footprint in the world, and ranks second only after Ireland, in terms of material footprint. Australia’s land footprint is particularly high compared to the world average, reflecting the country’s low population density. Australia is a net exporter of water, land and materials embodied in trade but a net importer of embodied carbon. Although Australia also has a high GDP per capita, the carbon footprint per unit of GDP is high.



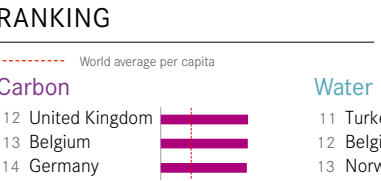
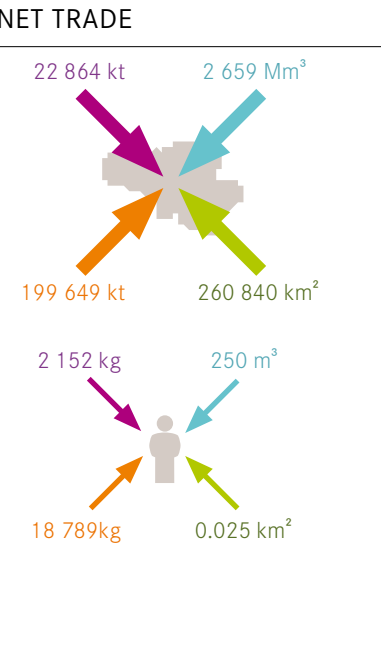
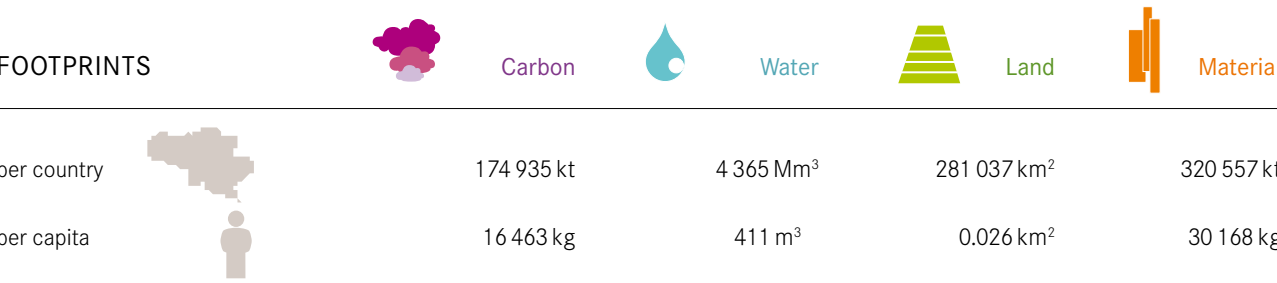
KEY INDICATORS	Carbon	Water	Land	Material	GDP	Population
Resource footprints per € GDP	0.909 kt/Mil €	0.024 Mm ³ /Mil €	6.982 km ² /Mil €	1.615 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	4.73	2.80	15.67	4.86		
Contribution to global total	1.50 %	0.89 %	4.96 %	1.54 %	1.53 %	0.32 %
World total	37.97 Gt	1 660 560 Mm ³	88 031 435 km ²	65 627 314 kt	40 744 556 Mil €	6 638 184 044
World average per capita	5 721 kg/cap	250 m ³	0.013 km ²	9 886 kg		

As a developed country, Austria ranks high in terms of its carbon and material footprint per capita. However, not only are Austria’s land and water footprint somewhat more moderate, but also, a very high fraction of these are imported. For water, this reflects the rather limited water extraction in Austria itself. Not surprisingly, agricultural products make the maximum contribution to the net imports of embodied water and land.



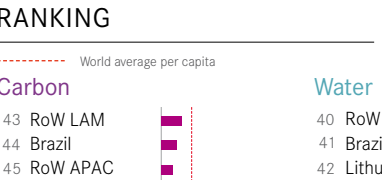
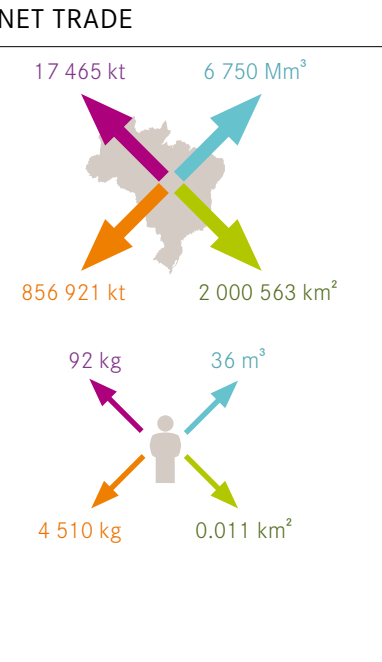
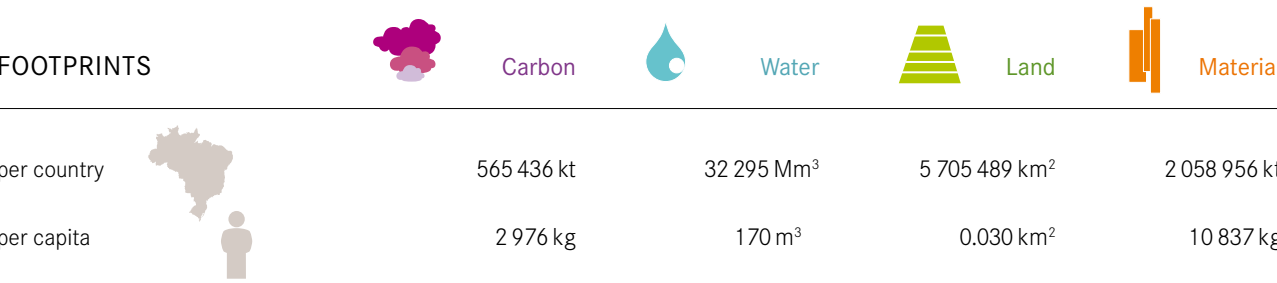
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Resource footprints per € GDP	0.513 kt/Mil €	0.009 Mm ³ /Mil €	0.677 km ² /Mil €	0.950 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	2.96	1.23	1.68	3.17		
Contribution to global total	0.37 %	0.15 %	0.21 %	0.40 %	0.67 %	0.13 %
World total	37.97 Gt	1 660 560 Mm ³	88 031 435 km ²	65 627 314 kt	40 744 556 Mil €	6 638 184 044
World average per capita	5 721 kg/cap	250 m ³ /cap	0.013 km ² /cap	9 886 kg/cap		

The Belgian economy is both developed and open, which makes it dependent on the global economic climate via multiple trade relationships. Belgium is a densely populated country with high levels of urbanization and a well-developed transport network. Belgium imports most of its water, land and material footprint. This is explained by the low availability of natural resources and rural land within the country. In relation to the world average, the Belgian environmental footprint per capita is relatively high, notably its carbon footprint, which is three times the world average.



KEY INDICATORS	Carbon	Water	Land	Material	GDP	Population
Resource footprints per € GDP	0.522 kt/Mil €	0.013 Mm³/Mil €	0.839 km²/Mil €	0.956 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	2.88	1.64	1.99	3.05		
Contribution to global total	0.46 %	0.26 %	0.32 %	0.49 %	0.82 %	0.16 %
World total	37.97 Gt	1 660 560 Mm³	88 031 435 km²	65 627 314 kt	40 744 556 Mil €	6 638 184 044
World average per capita	5 721 kg/cap	250 m³/cap	0.013 km²/cap	9 886 kg/cap		

Apart from land use, Brazil’s environmental footprint is around or below the world average. Brazil’s carbon footprint is especially low, reflecting a high level of reliance on biofuels and hydropower. Brazil exports carbon, water, land and materials embodied in trade, but the ratios between the embodied exports and footprints of national consumption are not as high as they are for smaller economies.

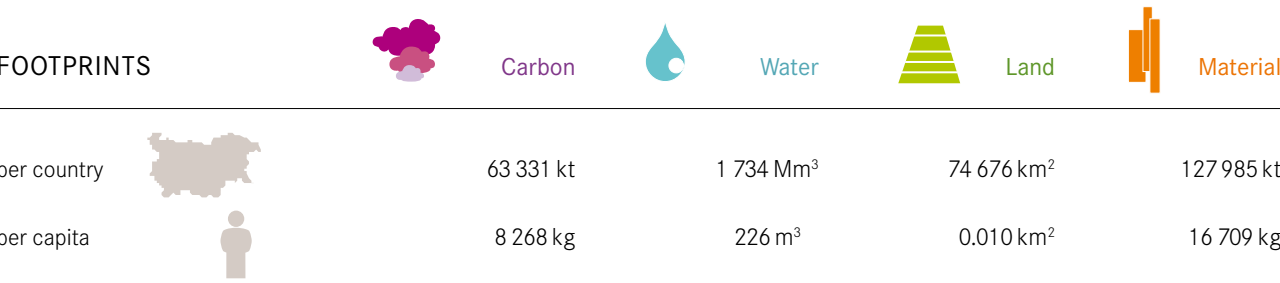


KEY INDICATORS	Carbon	Water	Land	Material	GDP	Population
Resource footprints per € GDP	0.567 kt/Mil €	0.032 Mm³/Mil €	5.724 km²/Mil €	2.066 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	0.52	0.68	2.26	1.10		
Contribution to global total	1.49 %	1.94 %	6.48 %	3.14 %	2.45 %	2.86 %
World total	37.97 Gt	1 660 560 Mm³	88 031 435 km²	65 627 314 kt	40 744 556 Mil €	6 638 184 044
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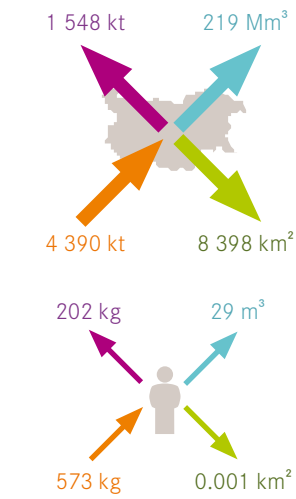
Bulgaria

Population: 7 659 764Land area: 111 000 km²GDP: 30 729 Mil. €

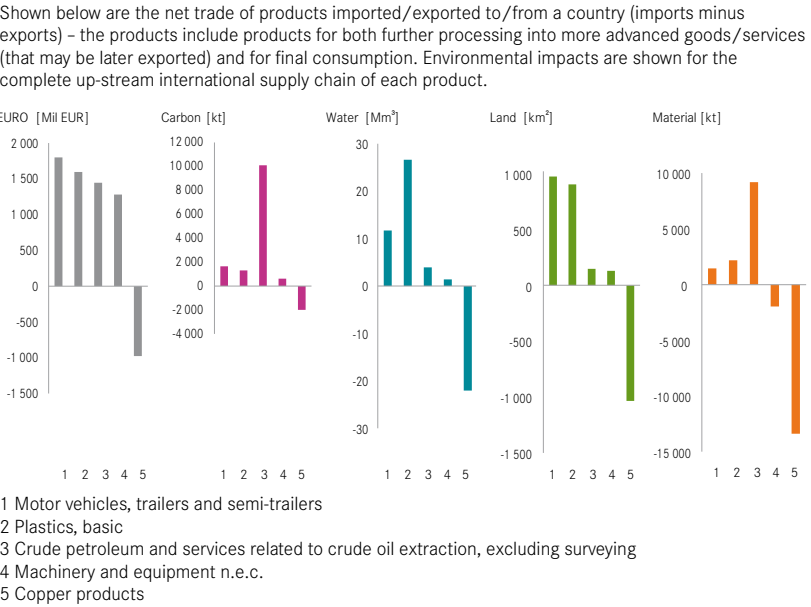
Bulgaria, a developing economy, joined the EU in 2007. Its GDP per capita is the lowest among European countries. Mining is an important economic activity. Although Bulgaria ranks relatively low in terms of carbon and material footprint, its per capita levels are higher than the world average. With regard to water and land footprint, however, Bulgaria’s performance is better than the world average. Bulgaria is a net exporter of carbon, water and land footprint, although in relative terms, this net export is only a fraction of the total footprint.



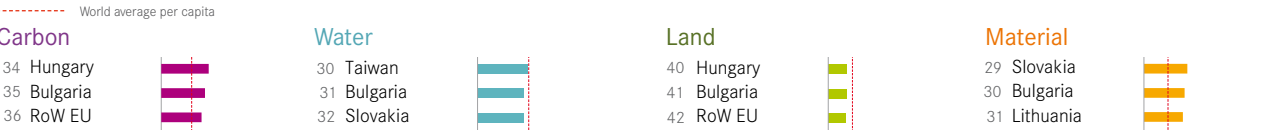
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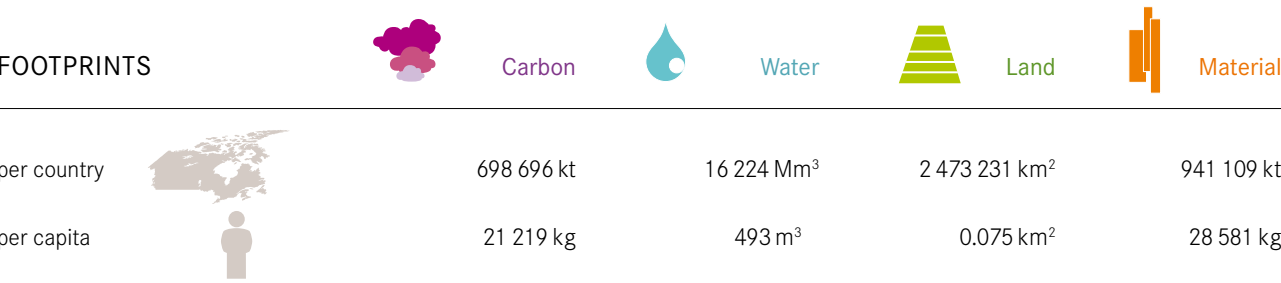
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	Carbon	Water	Land	Material	GDP	Population
Resource footprints per € GDP	2.061 kt/Mil €	0.056 Mm ³ /Mil €	2.430 km ² /Mil €	4.165 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	1.45	0.90	0.74	1.69		
Contribution to global total	0.17 %	0.10 %	0.08 %	0.20 %	0.08 %	0.12 %
World total	37.97 Gt	1 660 560 Mm ³	88 031 435 km ²	65 627 314 kt	40 744 556 Mil €	6 638 184 044
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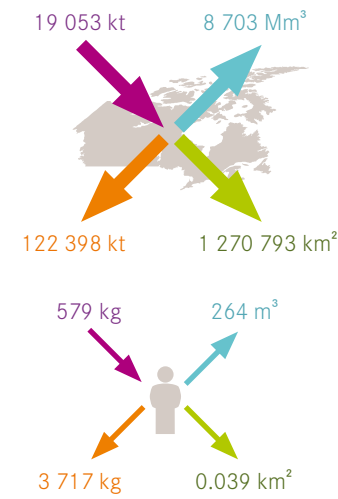
Canada

Population: 32 927 517Land area: 9 984 670 km²GDP: 1 039 085 Mil. €

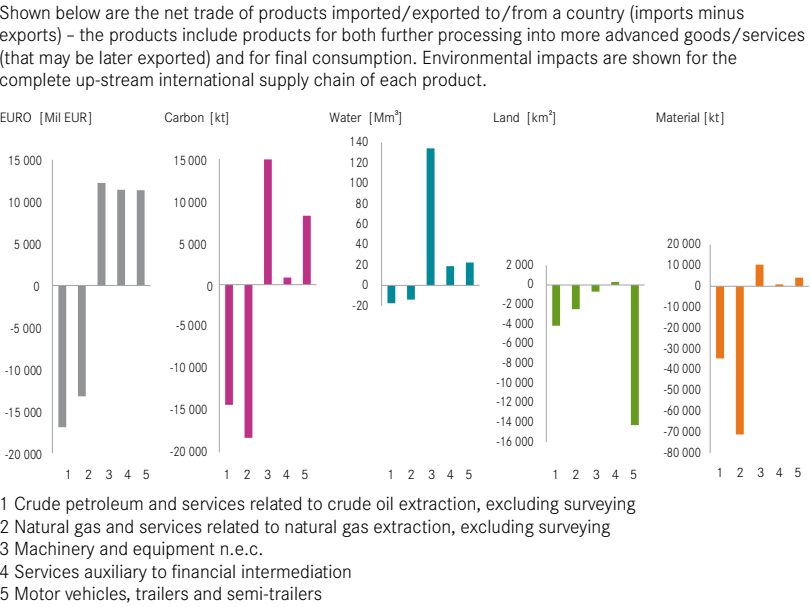
On a global level, Canada has one of the highest carbon and land footprints, and is very near the top 10 with regard to its water and material footprint. The high land footprint is caused by Canada’s low population density. Canada is a significant exporter of land embodied in trade (land embodied in exports is around 50 % of the land footprint of final consumption).



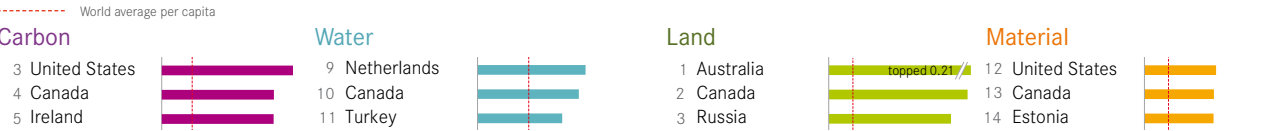
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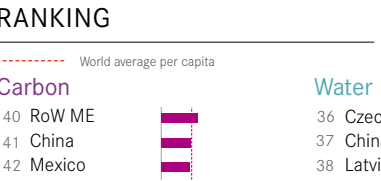
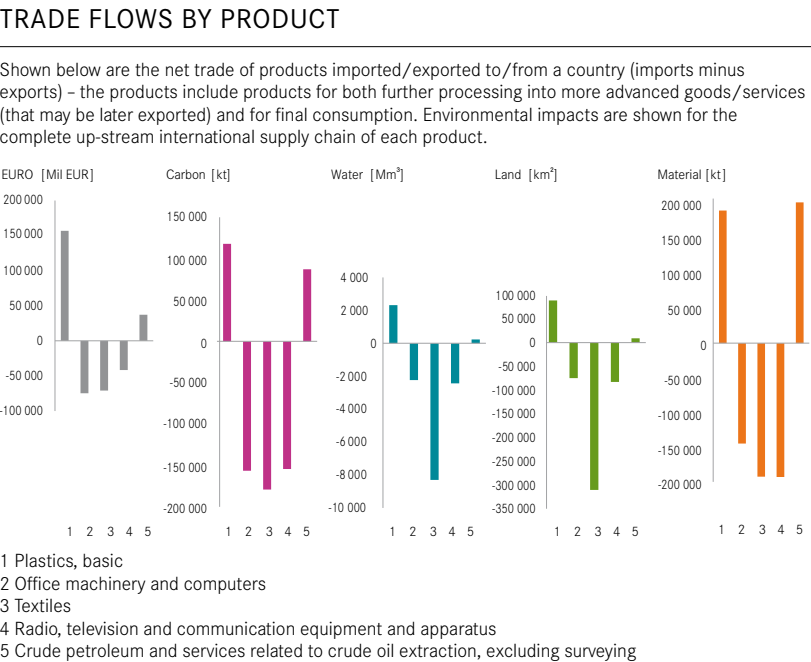
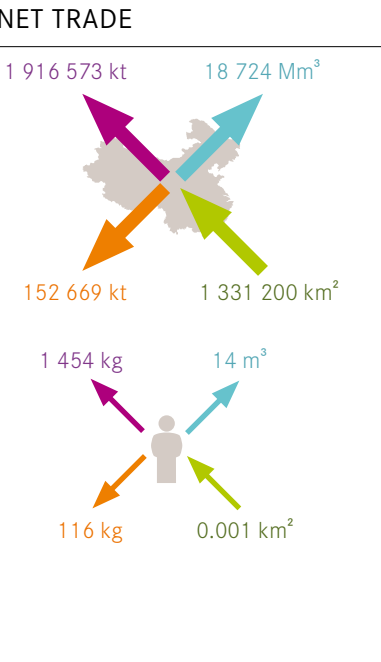
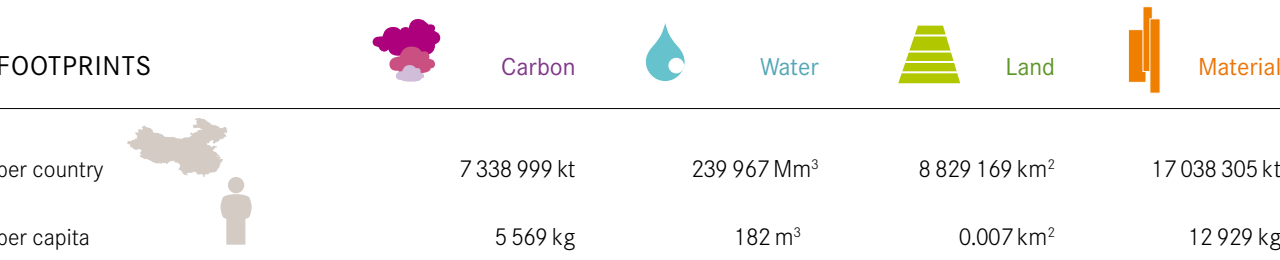
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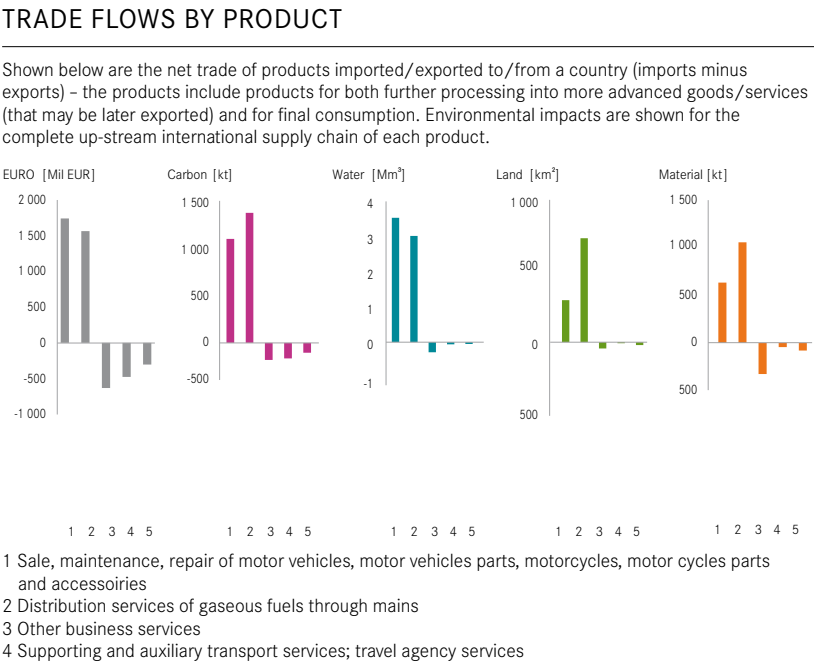
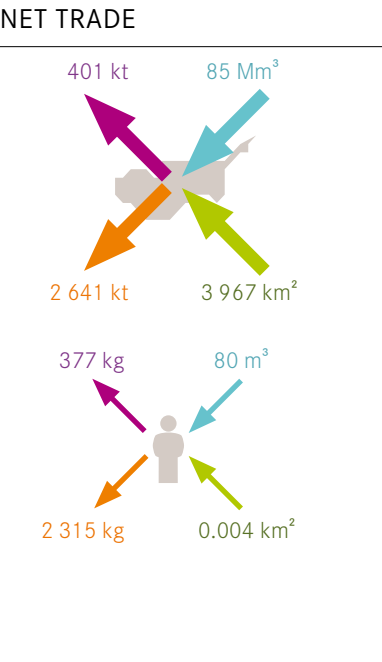
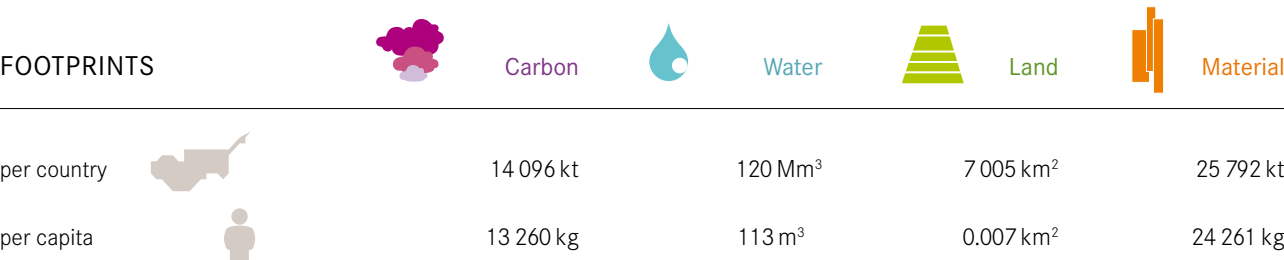
	Carbon	Water	Land	Material	GDP	Population
Resource footprints per € GDP	0.672 kt/Mil €	0.016 Mm ³ /Mil €	2.380 km ² /Mil €	0.906 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	3.71	1.97	5.66	2.89		
Contribution to global total	1.84 %	0.98 %	2.81 %	1.43 %	2.55 %	0.50 %
World total	37.97 Gt	1 660 560 Mm ³	88 031 435 km ²	65 627 314 kt	40 744 556 Mil €	6 638 184 044
World average per capita	5 721 kg/cap	250 m ³ /cap	0.013 km ² /cap	9 886 kg/cap		

China’s carbon and material footprint are around the world average, while its land and water footprint are well below the world average. China is a net exporter of carbon, water, land and materials embodied in trade. The trend is most prominent for carbon (the carbon embodied in exports is over 25 % of the carbon footprint).



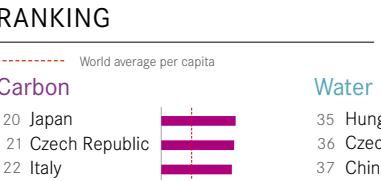
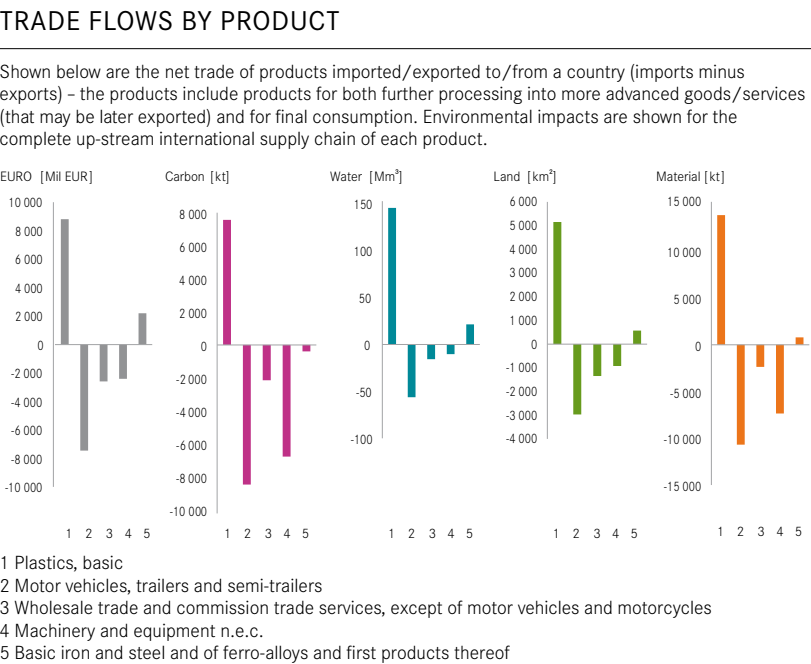
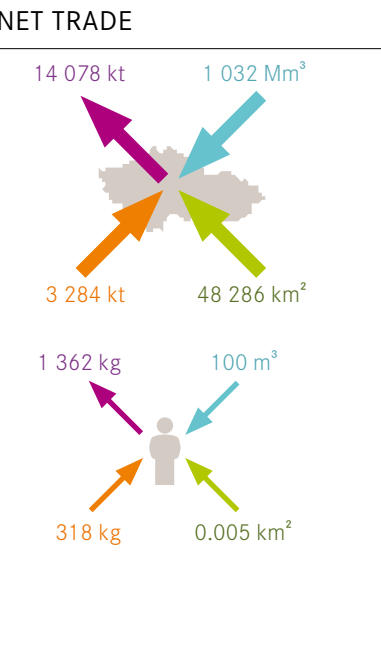
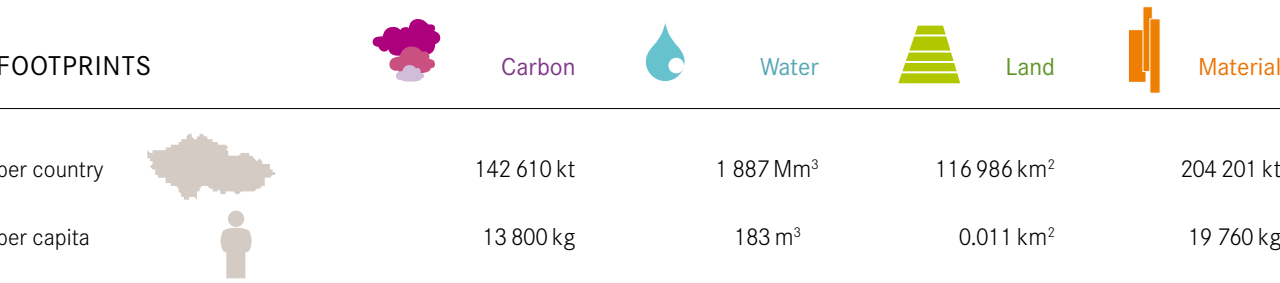
KEY INDICATORS	Carbon	Water	Land	Material	GDP	Population
Resource footprints per € GDP	2.879 kt/Mil €	0.094 Mm³/Mil €	3.463 km²/Mil €	6.683 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	0.97	0.73	0.51	1.31		
Contribution to global total	19.33 %	14.45 %	10.03 %	25.96 %	6.26 %	19.85 %
World total	37.97 Gt	1 660 560 Mm³	88 031 435 km²	65 627 314 kt	40 744 556 Mil €	6 638 184 044
World average per capita	5 721 kg/cap	250 m³/cap	0.013 km²/cap	9 886 kg/cap		

Cyprus, a developed, high income country has a per capita GDP just above the European average. The economy of Cyprus is service-oriented, with tourism, financial and real estate services playing a major role. Cyprus has one of the lowest water and land footprints, with per capita values between one-third and one-half of the corresponding world per capita average. Its low ranking is explained by its position as a net exporter of environmental footprint. In terms of carbon and material footprint, Cyprus ranks somewhere in the middle, with per capita levels as least twice as high as the world average.



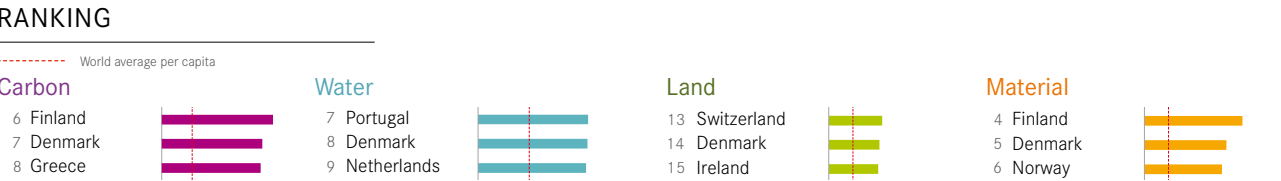
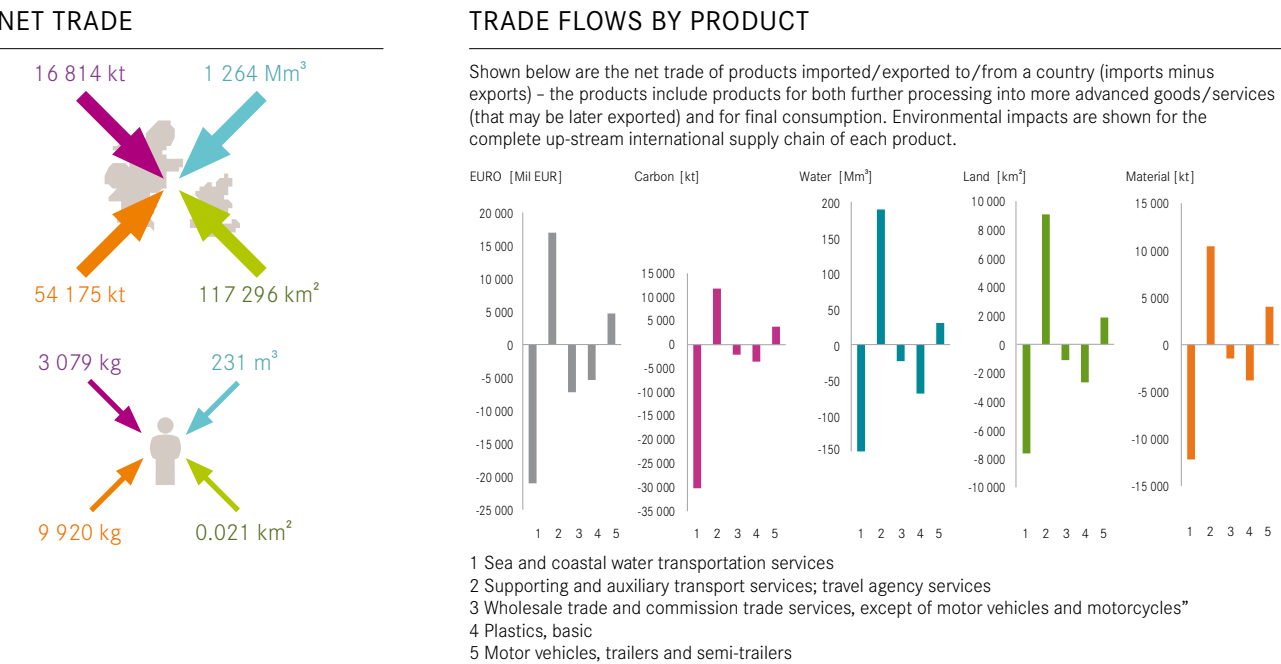
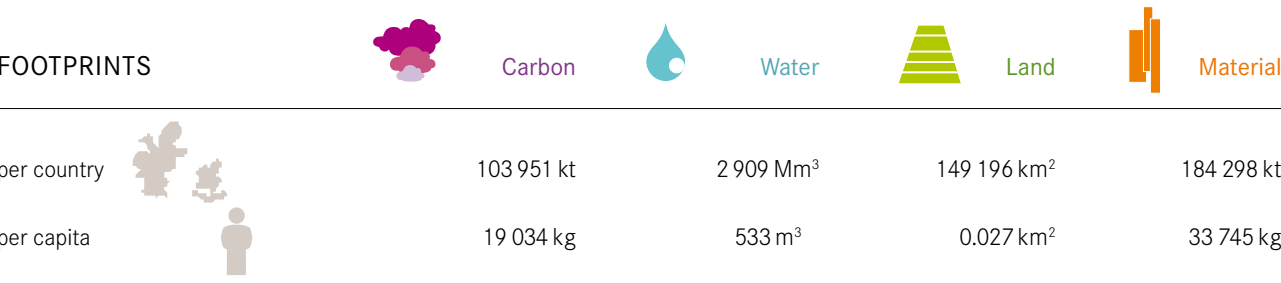
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Resource footprints per € GDP	0.884 kt/Mil €	0.008 Mm³/Mil €	0.440 km²/Mil €	1.618 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	2.32	0.45	0.50	2.45		
Contribution to global total	0.04 %	0.01 %	0.01 %	0.04 %	0.04 %	0.02 %
World total	37.97 Gt	1 660 560 Mm³	88 031 435 km²	65 627 314 kt	40 744 556 Mil €	6 638 184 044
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The Czech Republic joined the EU in 2004, but is already closely integrated with the other European economies. The automotive industry and related manufacturing are the driving force of the Czech industrial sector. The economy of the Czech Republic is dependent on its trade connections, especially with neighbouring Germany. The country’s land footprint per capita is on the same level as the world average, while its water footprint is below the world average. The country records its worst performance in terms of its carbon footprint. Its material footprint is also nearly twice the global average.



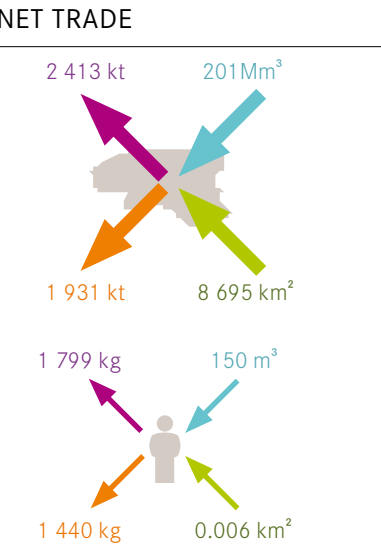
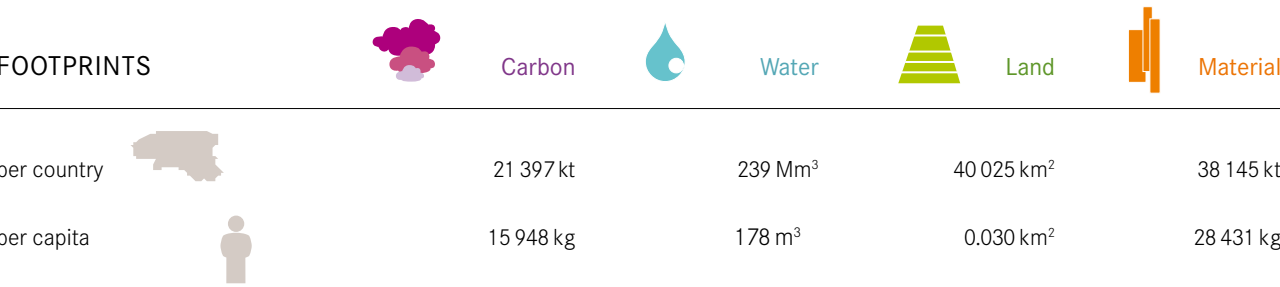
KEY INDICATORS	Carbon	Water	Land	Material	GDP	Population
Resource footprints per € GDP	1.122 kt/Mil €	0.015 Mm³/Mil €	0.920 km²/Mil €	1.606 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	2.41	0.73	0.85	2.00		
Contribution to global total	0.38 %	0.11 %	0.13 %	0.31 %	0.31 %	0.16 %
World total	37.97 Gt	1 660 560 Mm³	88 031 435 km²	65 627 314 kt	40 744 556 Mil €	6 638 184 044
World average per capita	5 721 kg/cap	250 m³/cap	0.013 km²/cap	9 886 kg/cap		

Denmark, one of the most prosperous and developed countries in the EU has an open and trade-dependent economy. The country is strong in high-tech manufacturing – biotechnology, pharmaceuticals and renewable energy. Denmark ranks high on carbon and material footprints, with the land and water footprint being slightly closer to the world per capita average. It imports a lot of raw materials for its high-tech manufacturing sectors, which explains its net import footprint figures.

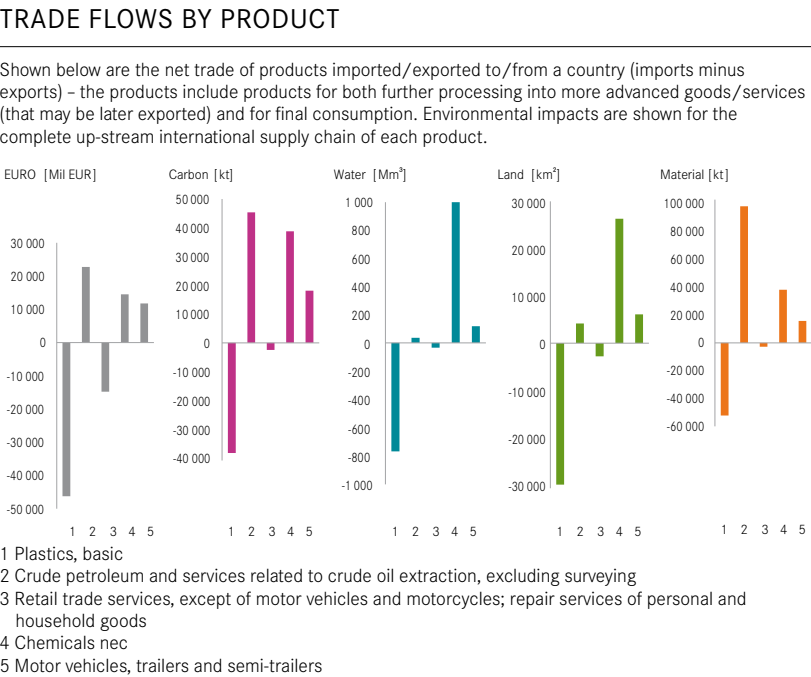
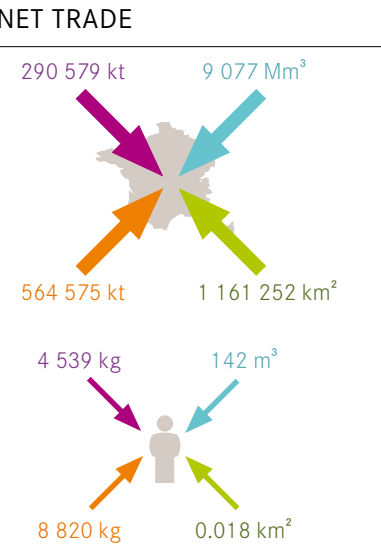
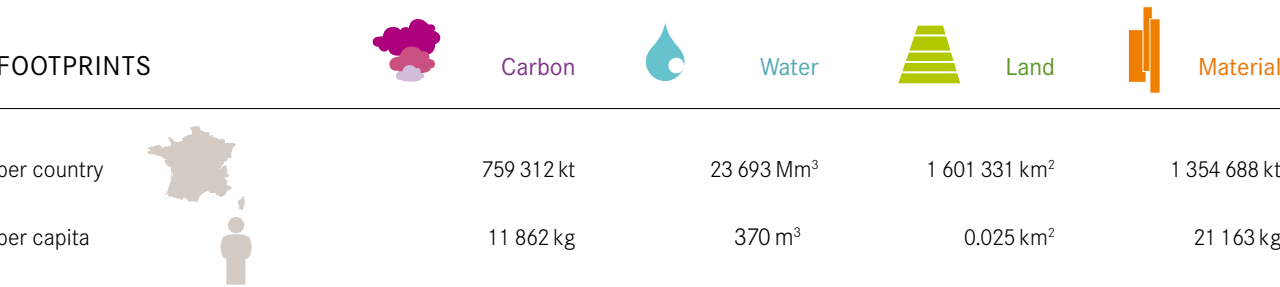


KEY INDICATORS	Carbon	Water	Land	Material	GDP	Population
Resource footprints per € GDP	0.457 kt/Mil €	0.013 Mm³/Mil €	0.657 km²/Mil €	0.811 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	3.33	2.13	2.06	3.41		
Contribution to global total	0.27 %	0.18 %	0.17 %	0.28 %	0.56 %	0.08 %
World total	37.97 Gt	1 660 560 Mm³	88 031 435 km²	65 627 314 kt	40 744 556 Mil €	6 638 184 044
World average per capita	5 721 kg/cap	250 m³/cap	0.013 km²/cap	9 886 kg/cap		

Estonia joined the EU in 2004. The Estonian economy is characterized by one of the highest levels of GDP per capita in Eastern and Central Europe. The country has strong trade relations with neighbouring countries – Finland, Germany, Russia and Sweden. Estonia ranks relatively high in terms of carbon, land and material footprint, but falls well below the world average with regard to water footprint.

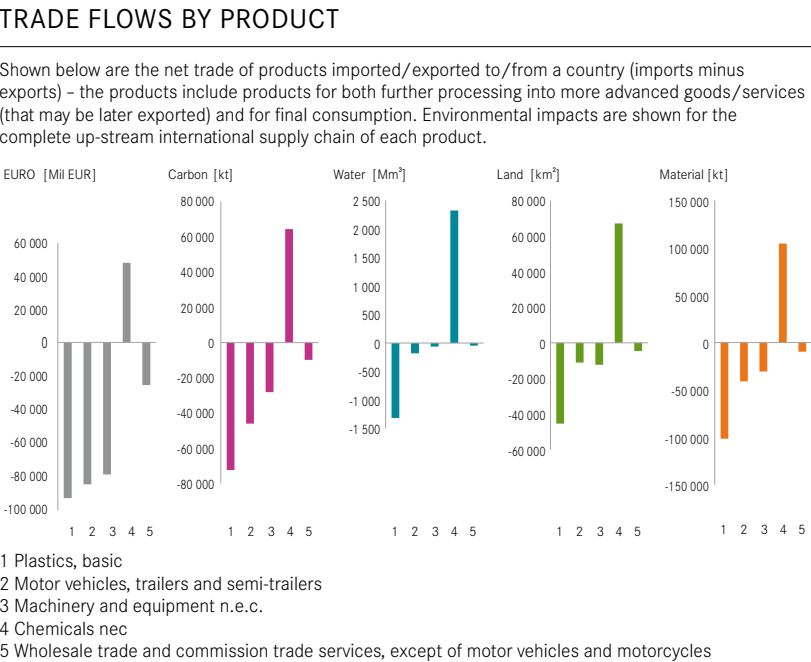
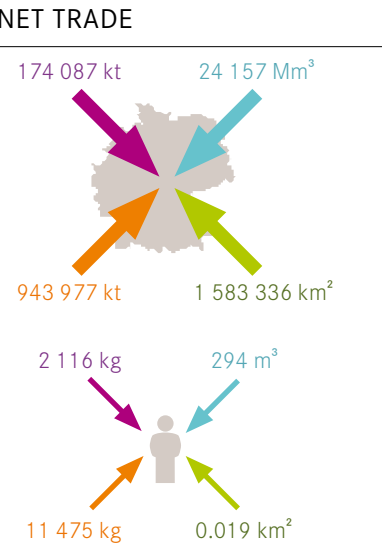
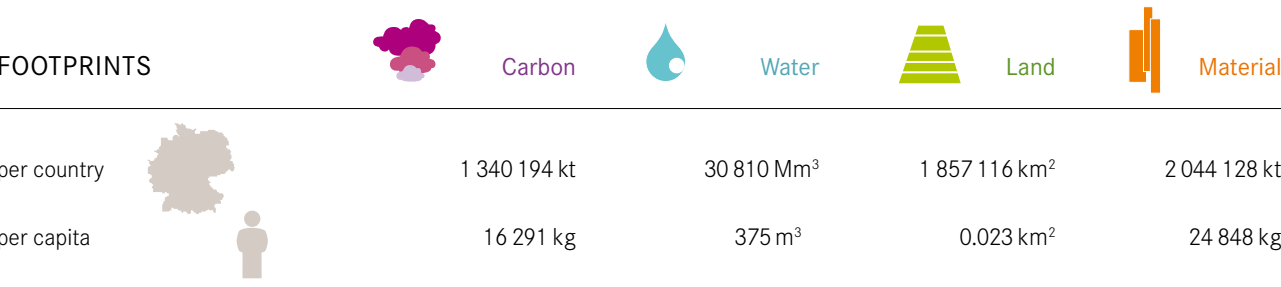


France is the second largest economy in the EU. The economy is highly developed and diversified. France ranks high in terms of carbon, land and material footprint, with the size of its footprints per capita approximately twice as high as the world average. The size of water footprint per capita is slightly higher than the world average. France is a net importer of all four types of environmental impacts.



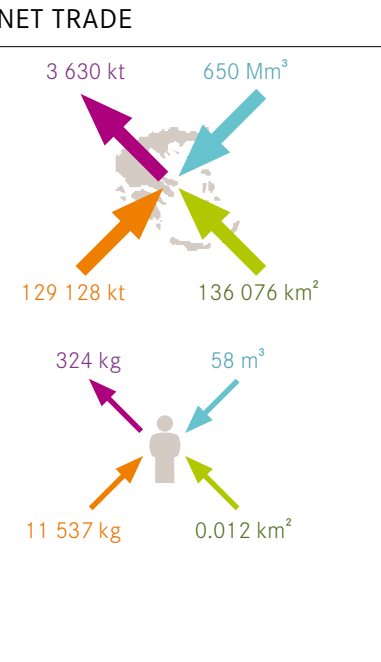
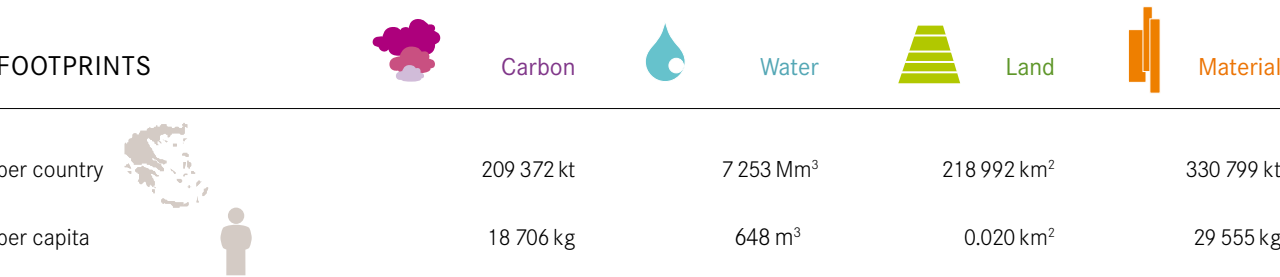
KEY INDICATORS	Carbon	Water	Land	Material	GDP	Population
Resource footprints per € GDP	0.403 kt/Mil €	0.013 Mm ³ /Mil €	0.850 km ² /Mil €	0.719 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	2.07	1.48	1.89	2.14		
Contribution to global total	2.00 %	1.43 %	1.82 %	2.06 %	4.62 %	0.96 %
World total	37.97 Gt	1 660 560 Mm ³	88 031 435 km ²	65 627 314 kt	40 744 556 Mil €	6 638 184 044
World average per capita	5 721 kg/cap	250 m ³ /cap	0.013 km ² /cap	9 886 kg/cap		

The German economy is the largest in Europe and the fifth largest in the world. Germany is highly competitive in high-end manufacturing and exports its products all over the world. Like most of the other high income countries, Germany ranks relatively high on all the environmental footprints, with carbon and material footprints per capita being more than two times the world average. Germany imports most of its water and land footprint, which is consistent with its low level of domestic agricultural activity.

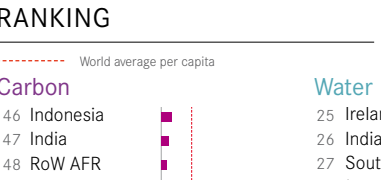
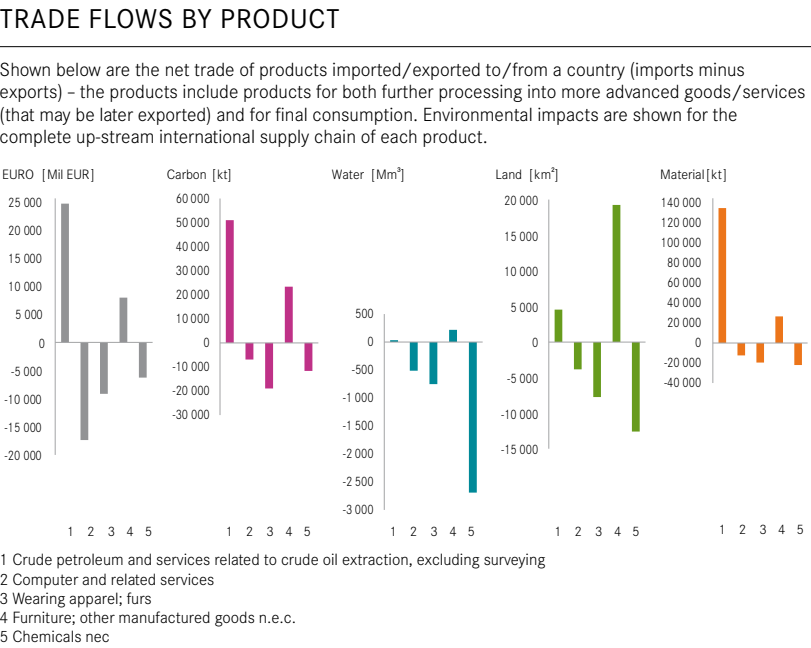
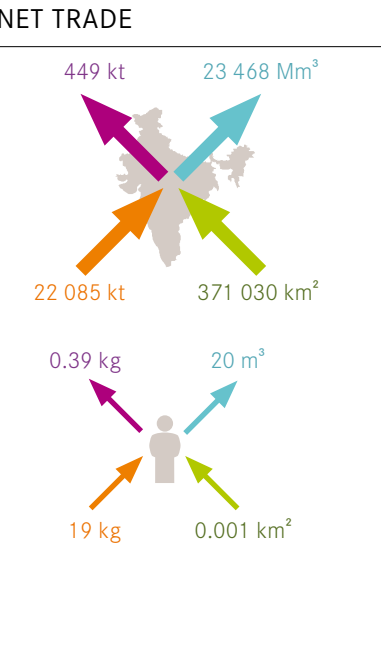
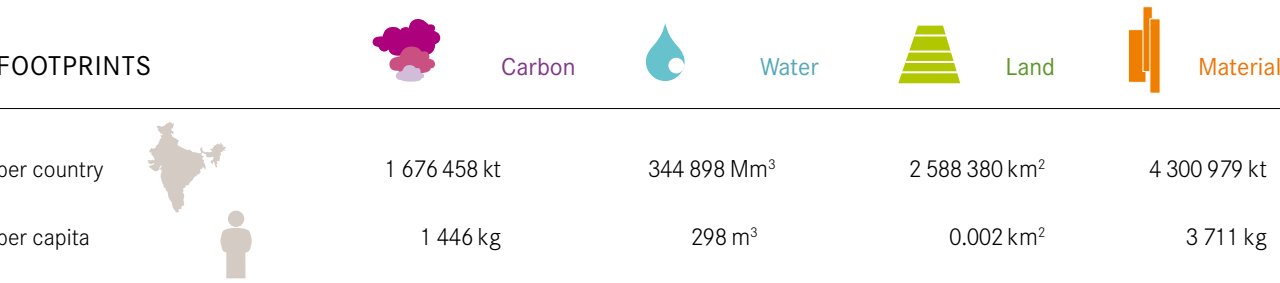


KEY INDICATORS	Carbon	Water	Land	Material	GDP	Population
Resource footprints per € GDP	0.553 kt/Mil €	0.013 Mm ³ /Mil €	0.766 km ² /Mil €	0.843 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	2.85	1.50	1.70	2.51		
Contribution to global total	3.53 %	1.86 %	2.11 %	3.11 %	5.95 %	1.24 %
World total	37.97 Gt	1 660 560 Mm ³	88 031 435 km ²	65 627 314 kt	40 744 556 Mil €	6 638 184 044
World average per capita	5 721 kg/cap	250 m ³ /cap	0.013 km ² /cap	9 886 kg/cap		

Greece has one of the highest per capita incomes among the countries in the Balkan region. Its economy is dependent upon tourism, trade and shipping. Greece imports a considerable amount of its total land and material footprint. Although the country is also a net importer of water footprint, the major part of the footprint is due to domestic production.

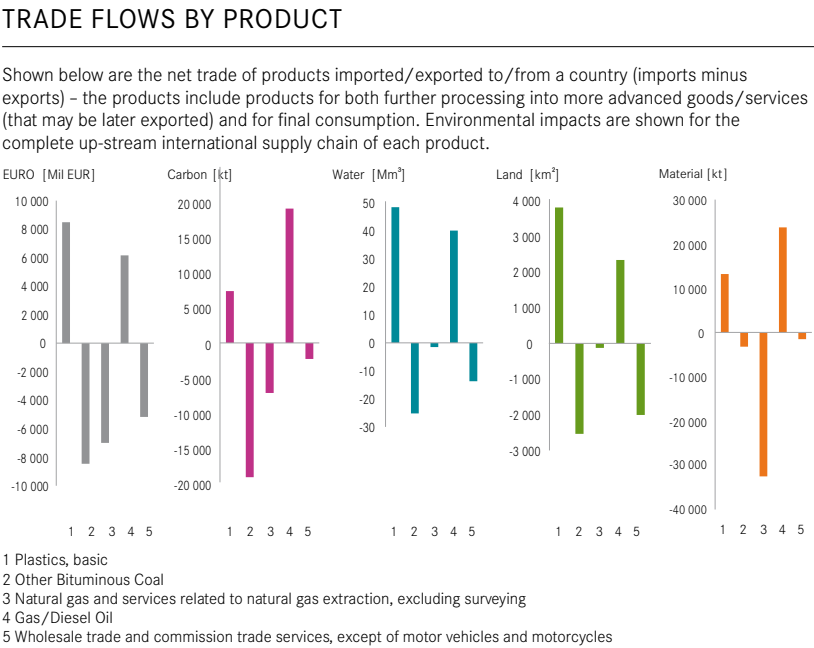
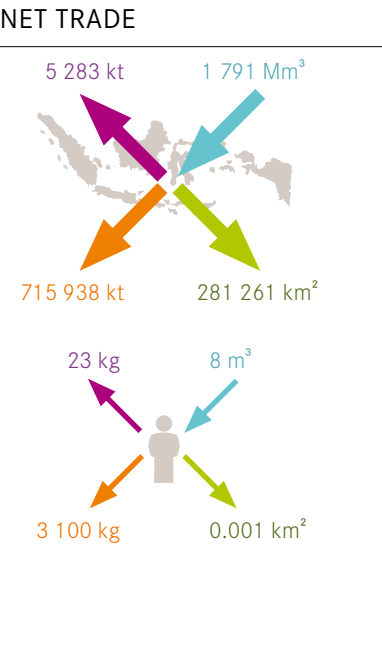
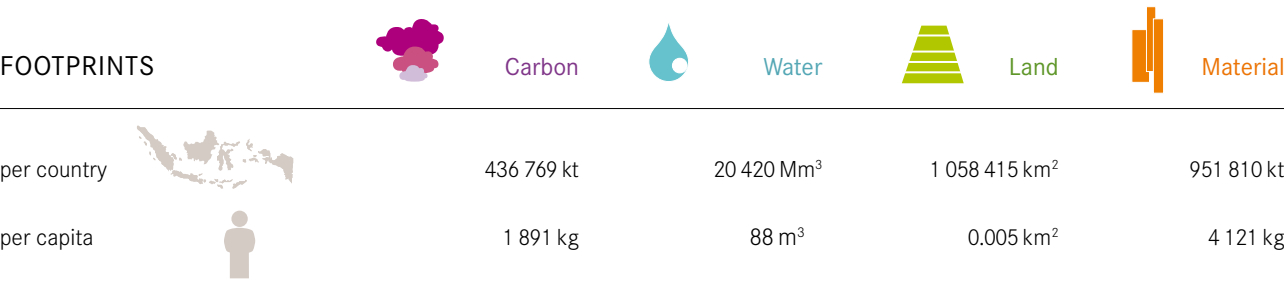


India has a very low per capita carbon, land and material footprint– among the lowest for the countries in the database. The relatively high water footprint deviates from this picture, reflecting the need to use ground and surface water for agricultural purposes (i.e. irrigation) instead of being able to apply rain-fed agriculture . In this context, the export of water embodied in trade is somewhat surprising, although it encompasses only a small fraction of India’s water footprint. Further, India is a net exporter of carbon embodied in trade and a net importer of materials and land embodied in trade.



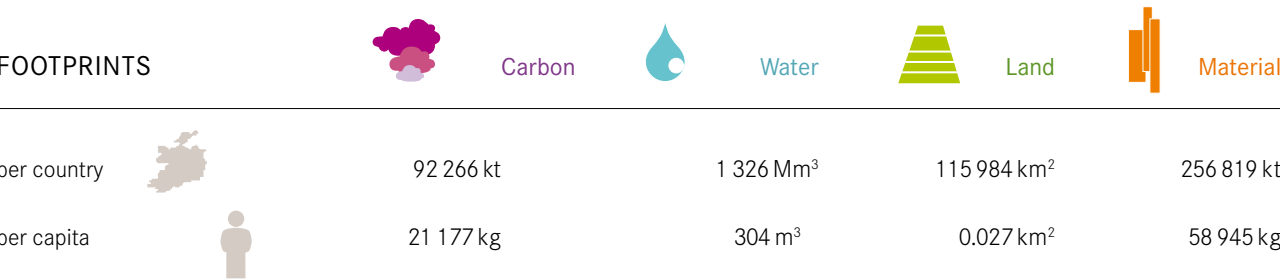
KEY INDICATORS	Carbon	Water	Land	Material	GDP	Population
Resource footprints per € GDP	1.849 kt/Mil €	0.380 Mm ³ /Mil €	2.855 km ² /Mil €	4.744 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	0.25	1.19	0.17	0.38		
Contribution to global total	4.41 %	20.77 %	2.94 %	6.55 %	2.22 %	17.46 %
World total	37.97 Gt	1 660 560 Mm ³	88 031 435 km ²	65 627 314 kt	40 744 556 Mil €	6 638 184 044
World average per capita	5 721 kg/cap	250 m ³ /cap	0.013 km ² /cap	9 886 kg/cap		

Indonesia exhibits the typical pattern of rather densely populated developing countries. All its environmental footprints are significantly lower than the world average (such as a carbon footprint of just 1.9 tonne CO₂-eq per capita). Indonesia is a net exporter of carbon, materials and land embodied in trade. The amount of materials embodied in exports is particularly significant as compared to the material footprint of Indonesian consumption.

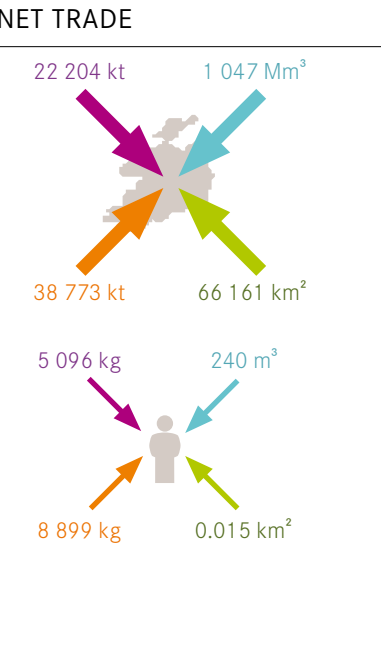


KEY INDICATORS	Carbon	Water	Land	Material	GDP	Population
Resource footprints per € GDP	1.385 kt/Mil €	0.065 Mm ³ /Mil €	3.356 km ² /Mil €	3.018 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	0.33	0.35	0.35	0.42		
Contribution to global total	1.15 %	1.23 %	1.20 %	1.45 %	0.77 %	3.48 %
World total	37.97 Gt	1 660 560 Mm ³	88 031 435 km ²	65 627 314 kt	40 744 556 Mil €	6 638 184 044
World average per capita	5 721 kg/cap	250 m ³	0.013 km ²	9 886 kg		

Ireland is a small, highly-developed country with a strong dependence on its trade relationships with the United Kingdom and other European countries. Ireland’s land footprint per capita is approximately twice as high as the world average, but lower than that of most highly developed countries. Ireland is a net importer of carbon, land and material footprint. Around 80 % of the total water footprint is due to imported products.



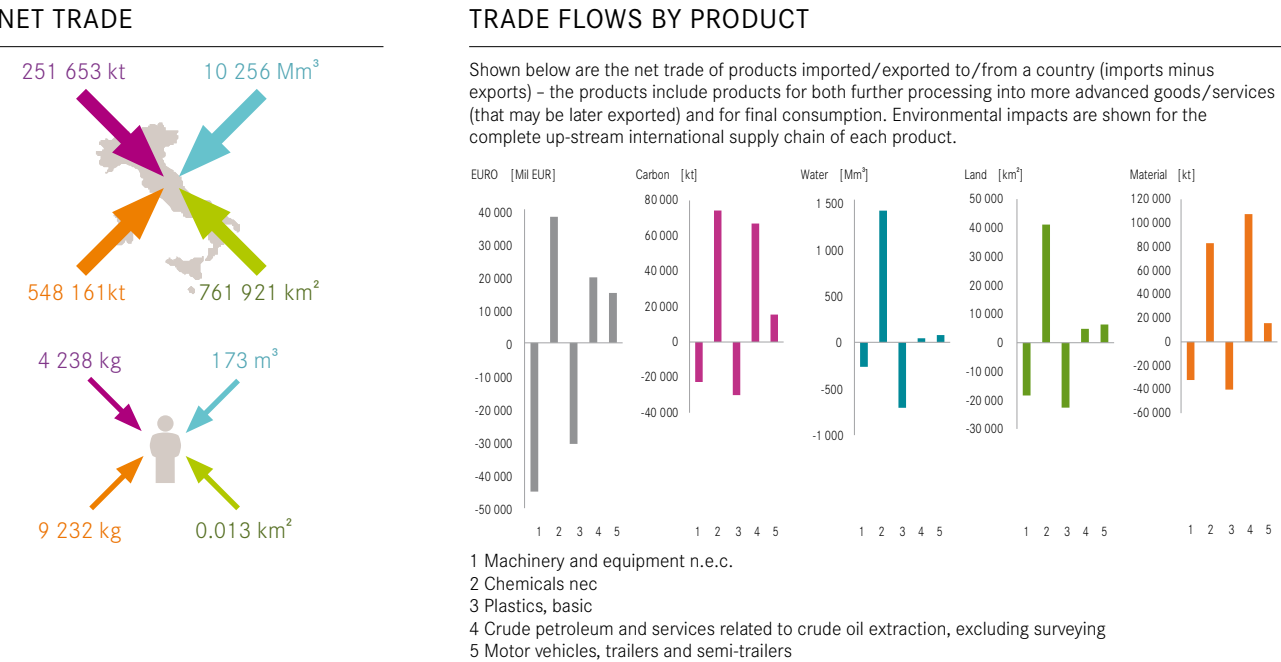
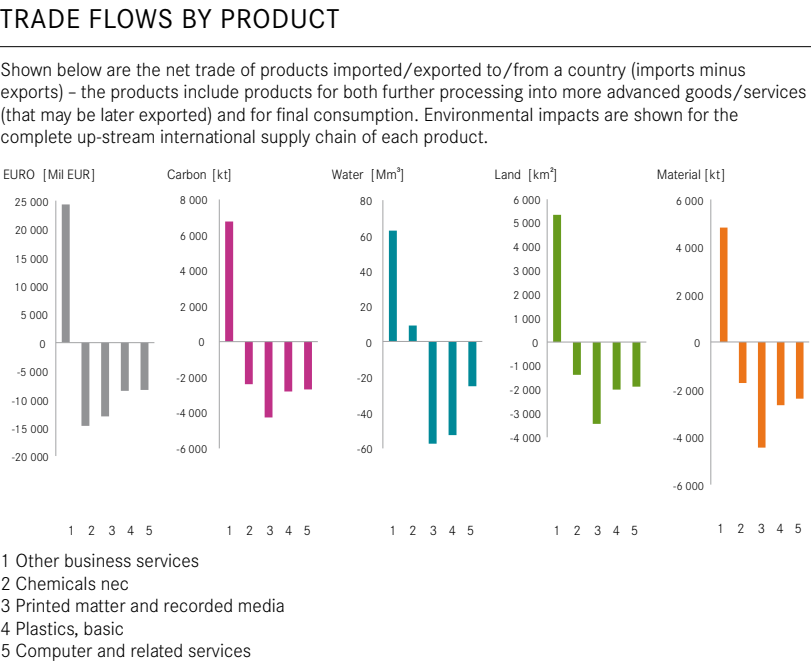
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66 161 km²

5 096 kg

240 m³

8 899 kg

0.015 km²761 921 km²

4 238 kg

173 m³

9 232 kg

0.013 km²

TRADE FLOWS BY PRODUCT

Shown below are the net trade of products imported/exported to/from a country (imports minus exports) – the products include products for both further processing into more advanced goods/services (that may be later exported) and for final consumption. Environmental impacts are shown for the complete up-stream international supply chain of each product.

EURO [Mil EUR]

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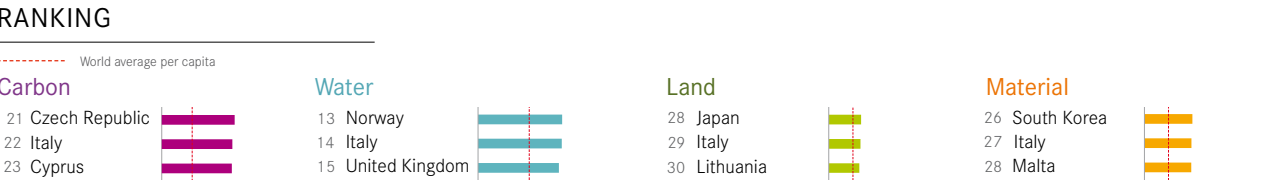
1 Machinery and equipment n.e.c.

2 Chemicals nec

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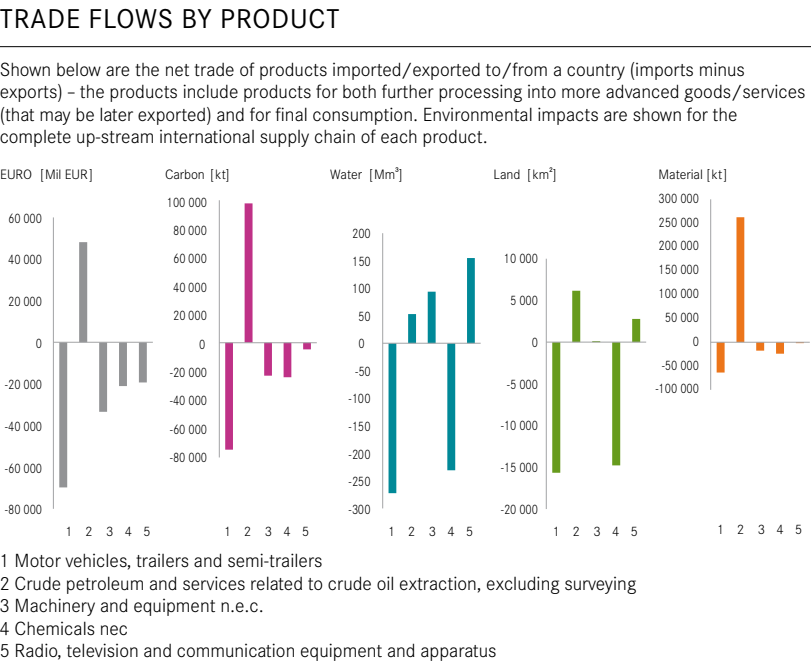
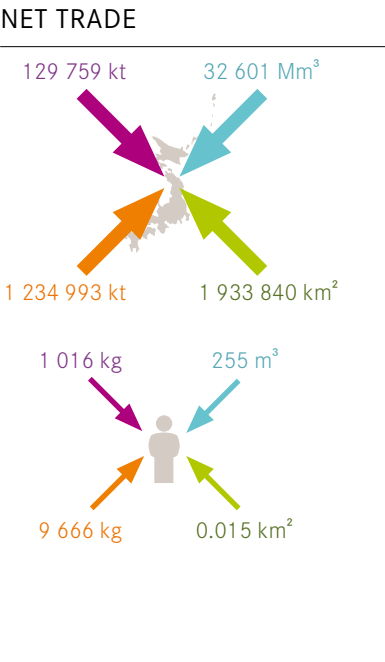
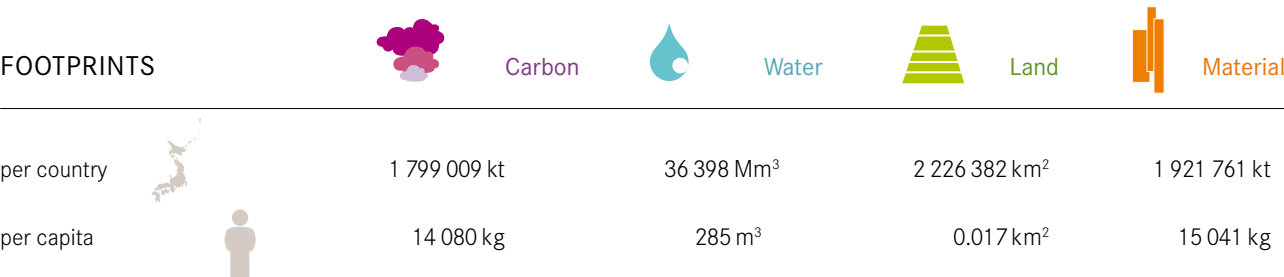
4 Crude petroleum and services related to crude oil extraction, excluding surveying

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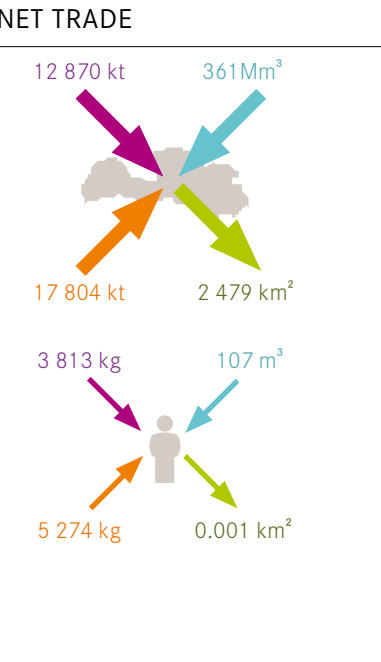
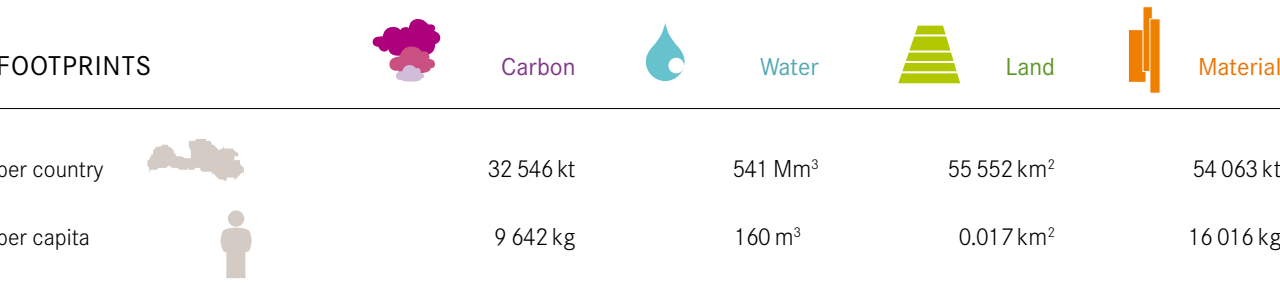


KEY INDICATORS	Carbon	Water	Land	Material	GDP	Population
Resource footprints per € GDP	0.511 kt/Mil €	0.016 Mm ³ /Mil €	0.652 km ² /Mil €	0.740 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	2.34	1.63	1.29	1.96		
Contribution to global total	2.09 %	1.46 %	1.15 %	1.75 %	3.81 %	0.89 %
World total	37.97 Gt	1 660 560 Mm ³	88 031 435 km ²	65 627 314 kt	40 744 556 Mil €	6 638 184 044
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Japan’s material and land footprint is slightly above the world average, while its carbon footprint is several times above the world average. The water footprint of Japan is slightly above the world average. Like all developed countries without a major mining industry, Japan has a net import of carbon, water, land and materials embodied in trade. Japan’s net embodied imports make a major contribution to the footprint of Japanese consumption, particularly in the case of water, land and materials (80 % or more).

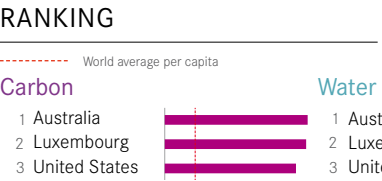
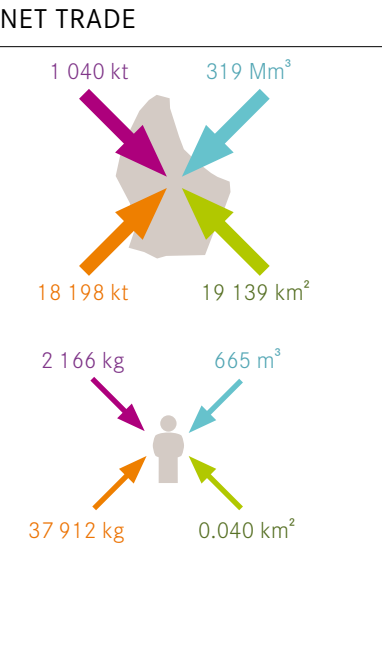
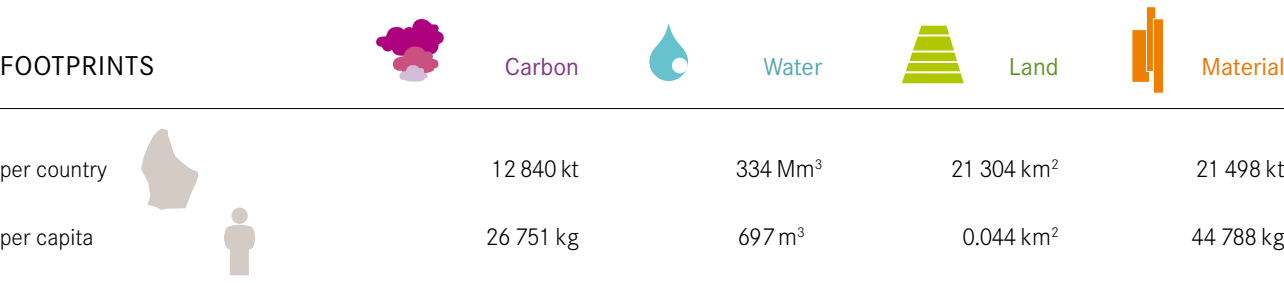


Lithuania joined the EU in 2004 and has strong trade connections with Russia. Lithuania is a net exporter of land embodied in products and the water footprint per capita is one of the lowest in the EU. However, Lithuania can be classified as one of the economies with the lowest environmental efficiency when looking at the carbon footprint per GDP. A high dependence on fossil fuels for electricity production and a well-established manufacturing sector contributes to its high emissions levels.



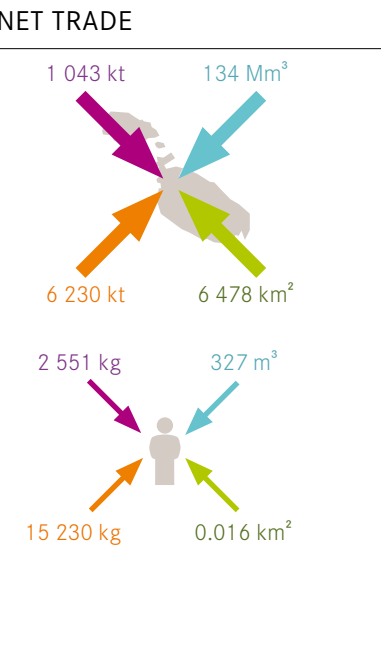
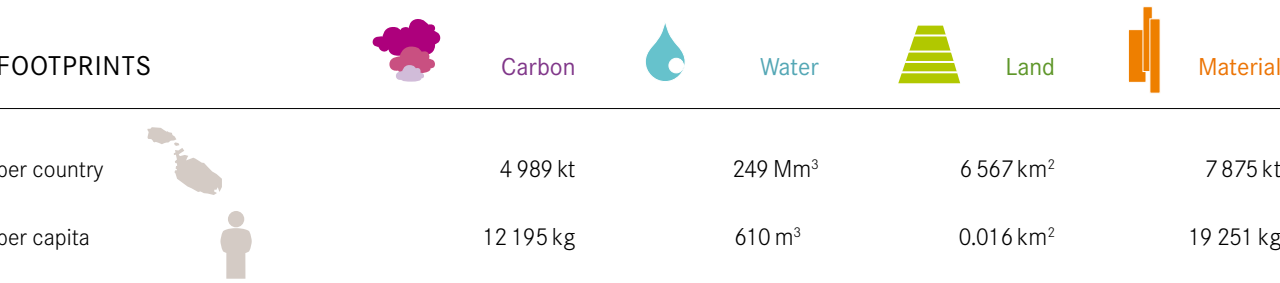
KEY INDICATORS	Carbon	Water	Land	Material	GDP	Population
Resource footprints per € GDP	1.141 kt/Mil €	0.019 Mm³/Mil €	1.947 km²/Mil €	1.895 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	1.69	0.64	1.24	1.62		
Contribution to global total	0.09 %	0.03 %	0.06 %	0.08 %	0.07 %	0.05 %
World total	37.97 Gt	1 660 560 Mm³	88 031 435 km²	65 627 314 kt	40 744 556 Mil €	6 638 184 044
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Luxembourg enjoys one of the highest standards of living globally. As in most high income countries, however, Luxembourg has limited success in decoupling its high income level from its environmental impact: the carbon, water, land and material footprints of Luxembourg are among the highest in the world. The economy is driven by a diversified industrial and a large financial sector. Accordingly, most embodied impacts in trade flows are linked to these sectors. In terms of the footprint per GDP, Luxembourg emerges as one of the most environmentally efficient economies at the global level.



KEY INDICATORS	Carbon	Water	Land	Material	GDP	Population
Resource footprints per € GDP	0.343 kt/Mil €	0.009 Mm³/Mil €	0.569 km²/Mil €	0.574 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	4.68	2.78	3.35	4.53		
Contribution to global total	0.03 %	0.02 %	0.02 %	0.03 %	0.09 %	0.01 %
World total	37.97 Gt	1 660 560 Mm³	88 031 435 km²	65 627 314 kt	40 744 556 Mil €	6 638 184 044
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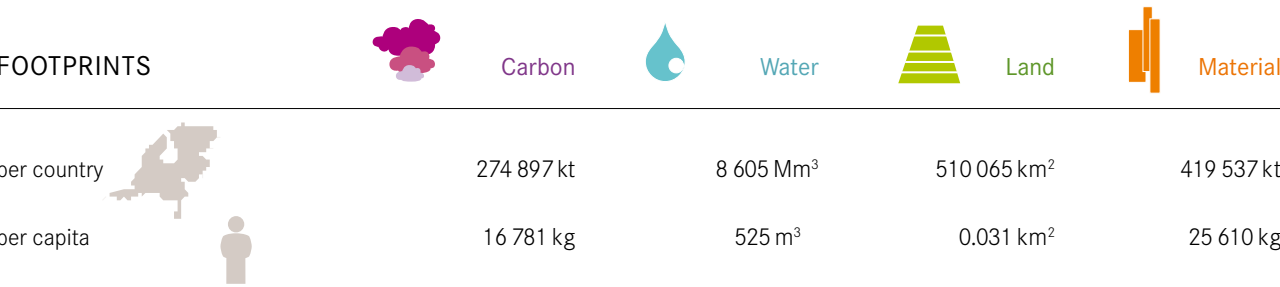
Malta is one of the most densely populated countries in the world and also the smallest economy in the EU. Due to its geographic constraints, Malta has very limited freshwater resources and produces less than a quarter of its food needs. Accordingly, more than half of its total water needs and almost all required land is embodied in imports. Malta also exhibits an exceptionally high water footprint per capita. Despite its large business and financial sector, Malta requires a large amount of GHG emissions to obtain its GDP.



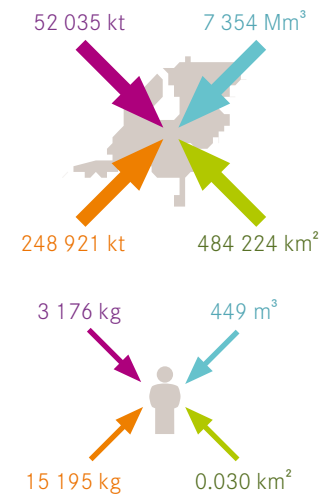
Netherlands

Population: 16 381 696Land area: 41 530 km²GDP: 571 008 Mil. €

The Netherlands are among the world’s leading exporting countries. However, in terms of the resources and environmental impact embodied in their products, the Netherlands are a net importer. This coupled with the high standard of living, explains its high environmental footprint per capita. However, the low footprint per GDP highlights the environmental efficiency of the economy. This fact is noteworthy given the high dependence of the economy on crude petroleum and its mainly fossil fuel based energy production.

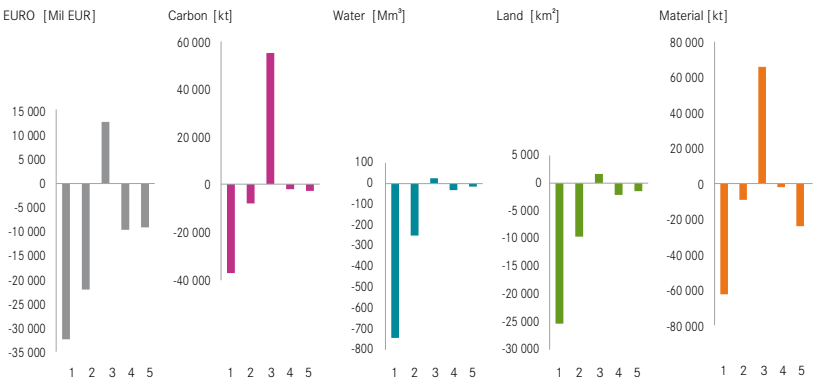


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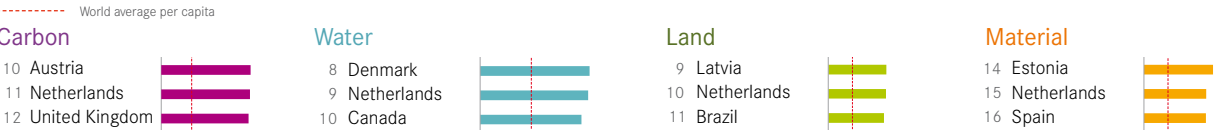
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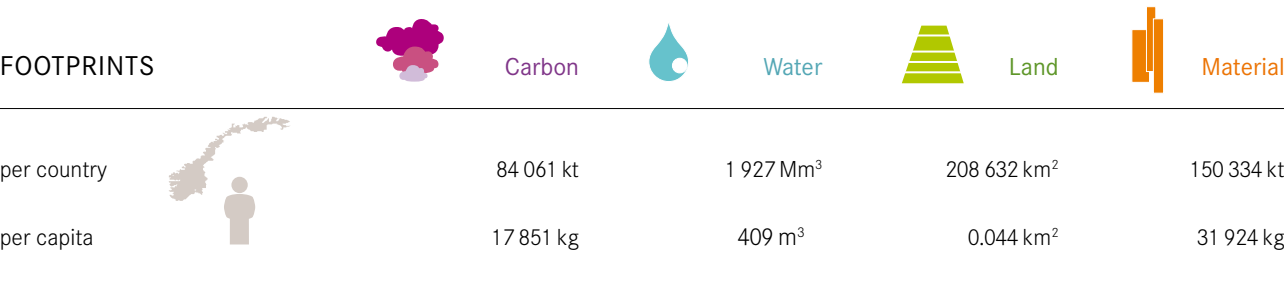
KEY INDICATORS

	Carbon	Water	Land	Material	GDP	Population
Resource footprints per € GDP	0.481 kt/Mil €	0.015 Mm ³ /Mil €	0,893 km ² /Mil €	0,735 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	2.93	2.10	2.35	2.59		
Contribution to global total	0.72 %	0.52 %	0.58 %	0.64 %	1.40 %	0.25 %
World total	37.97 Gt	1 660 560 Mm ³	88 031 435 km ²	65 627 314 kt	40 744 556 Mil €	6 638 184 044
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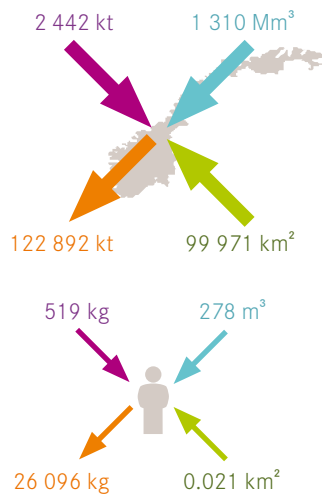
Norway

Population: 4 709 153Land area: 323 800 km²GDP: 287 106 Mil. €

Norway is among the top 10 countries of the world in terms of its carbon, land and material footprint, which are typically 3 or more times the world average. The water footprint is a little higher than the world average. Norway is a net importer of carbon, water, and land embodied in trade but a net exporter of materials embodied in trade. Its imports of water embodied in trade are especially relevant, as they are about 65 % of its total water footprint and reflect the import of agricultural products.

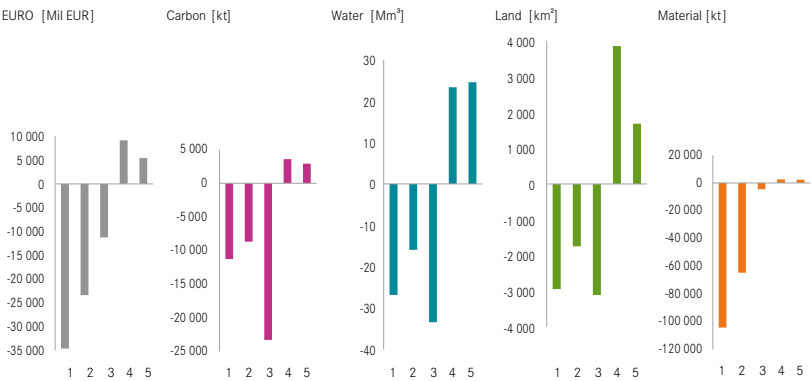


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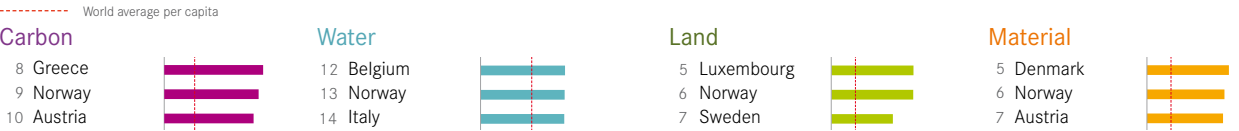
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- 2 Natural gas and services related to natural gas extraction, excluding surveying
- 3 Sea and coastal water transportation services
- 4 Sale, maintenance, repair of motor vehicles, motor vehicles parts, motorcycles, motor cycles parts and accessories
- 5 Supporting and auxiliary transport services; travel agency services

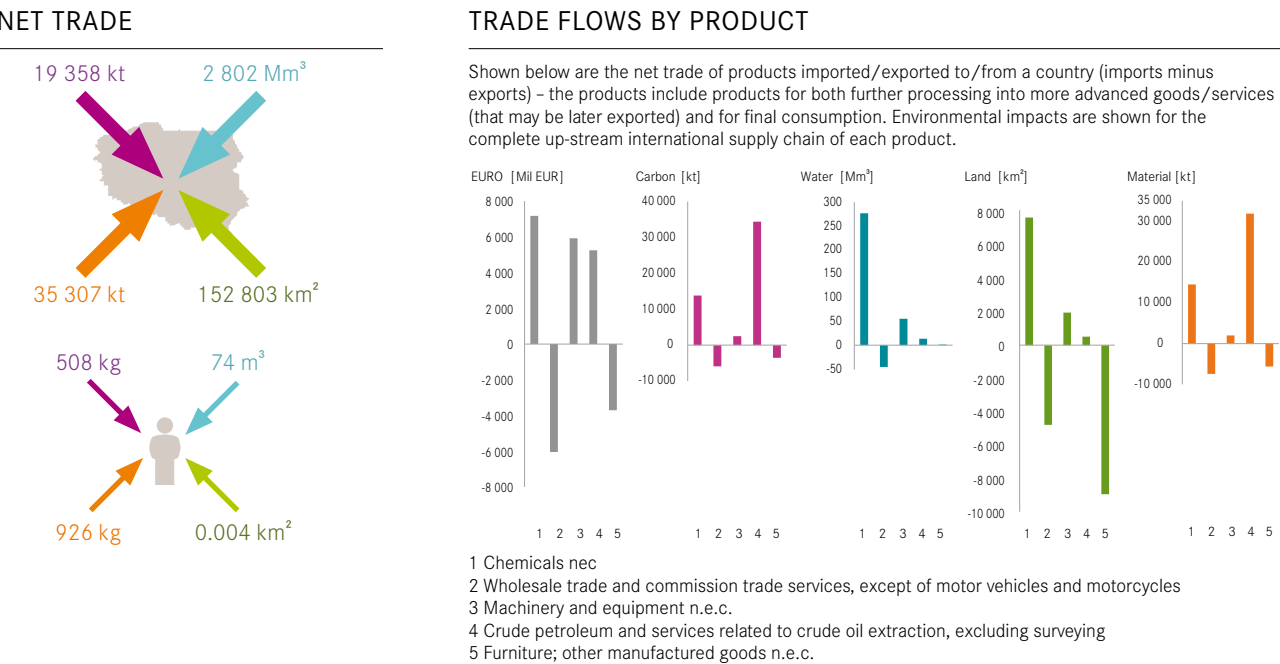
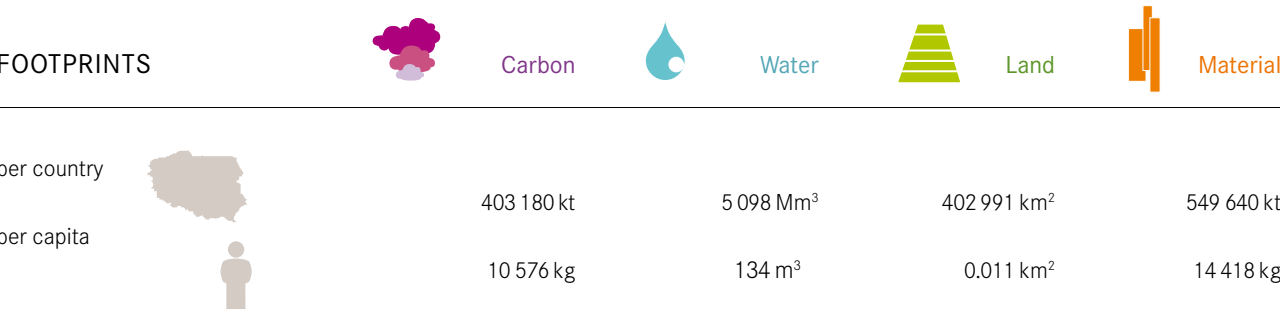
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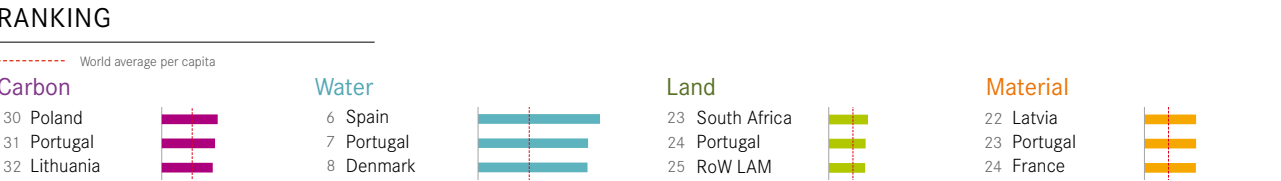
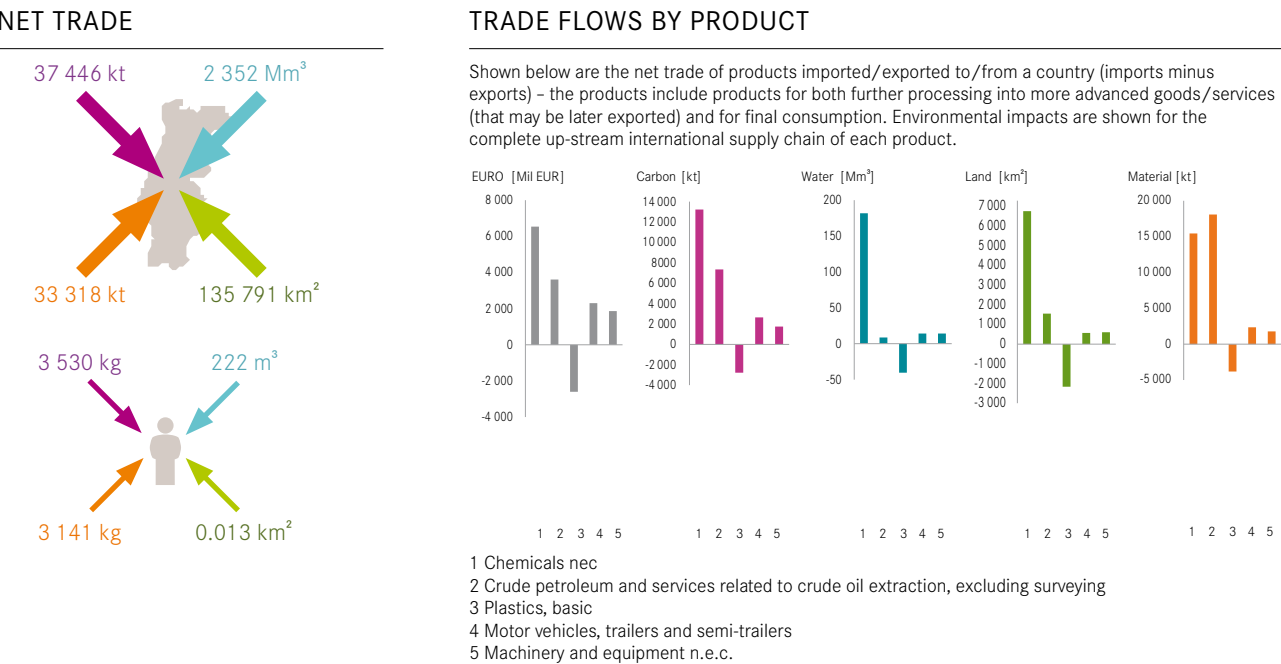
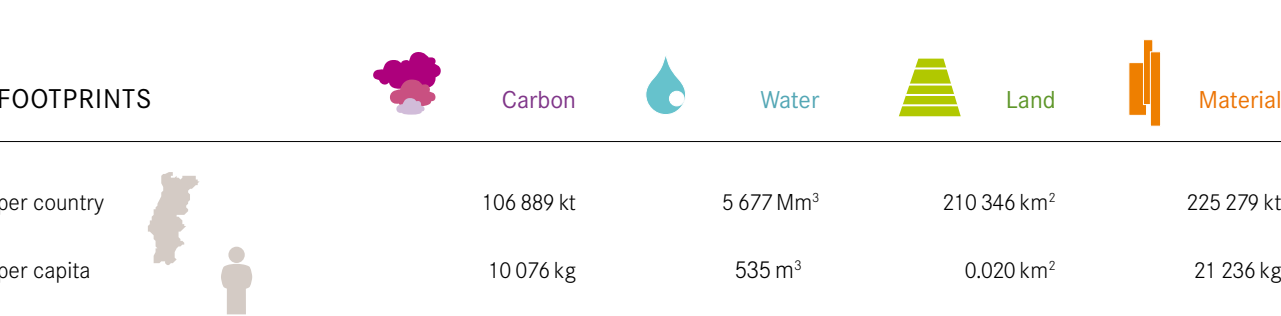
	Cabon	Water	Land	Material	GDP	Population
Resource footprints per € GDP	0.293 kt/Mil €	0.007 Mm ³ /Mil €	0.727 km ² /Mil €	0.524 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	3.12	1.64	3.34	3.23		
Contribution to global total	0.22 %	0.12%	0.24 %	0.23 %	0.70 %	0.07 %
World total	37.97 Gt	1 660 560 Mm ³	88 031 435 km ²	65 627 314 kt	40 744 556 Mil €	6 638 184 044
World average per capita	5 721 kg/cap	250 m ³	0.013 km ²	9 886 kg		

The per capita GDP of Poland is lower than the EU average. This is reflected in its relatively low water, land and material footprint per capita. However, Poland has a high carbon footprint per capita, mainly because of its almost completely fossil fuel powered energy production. This also explains the high GHG emissions per GDP. Given the high absolute levels of its GHG emissions, this would also result in a significant reduction in the total emissions in the EU.



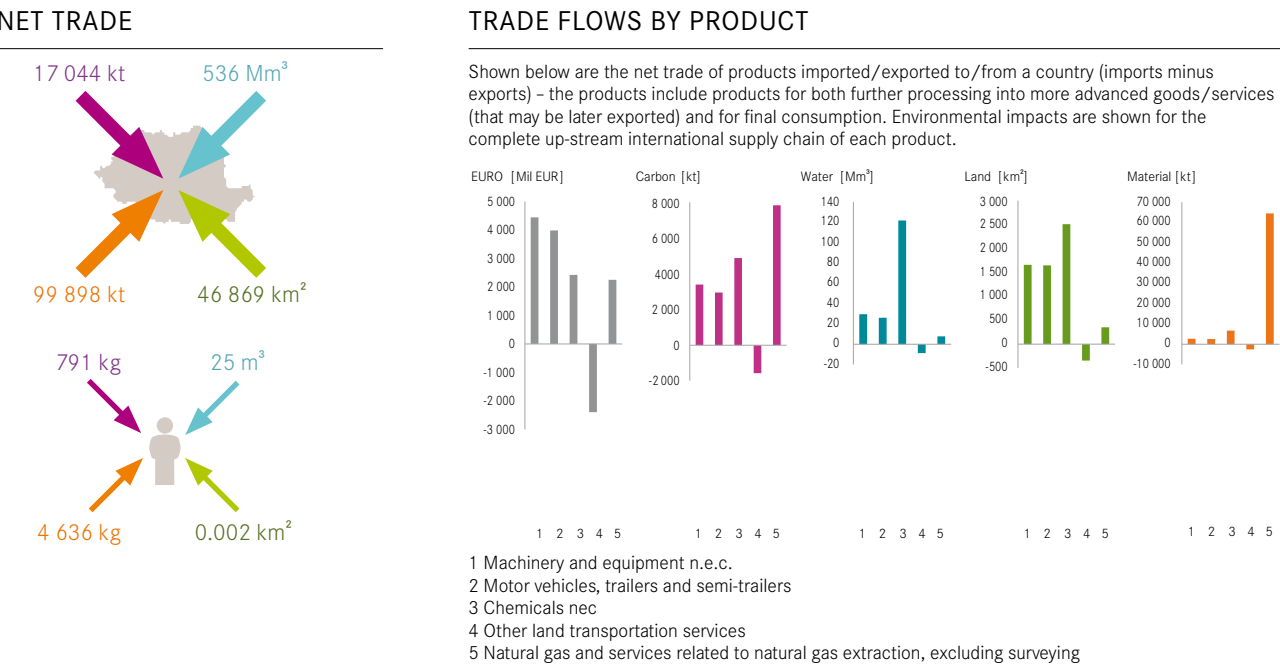
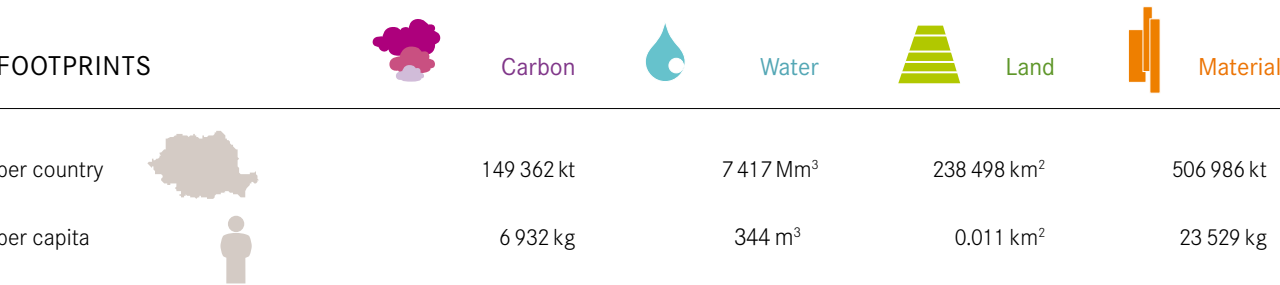
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Resource footprints per € GDP	1.299 kt/Mil €	0.016 Mm ³ /Mil €	1.299 km ² /Mil €	1.771 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	1.85	0.53	0.80	1.46		
Contribution to global total	1.06 %	0.31 %	0.46 %	0.84 %	0.76 %	0.57 %
World total	37.97 Gt	1 660 560 Mm ³	88 031 435 km ²	65 627 314 kt	40 744 556 Mil €	6 638 184 044
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Portugal has the lowest GDP per capita in Western Europe. Its relatively low level of affluence results in low carbon, land and material footprint per capita. However, being one of the warmest countries in Europe, with significant irrigation requirements for agriculture, Portugal has a high water footprint per capita. Almost half the demand for electricity in Portugal is met by renewable energy sources. As a consequence, the Portuguese economy is fairly efficient in terms of GHG emissions per GDP.



KEY INDICATORS	Carbon	Water	Land	Material	GDP	Population
Resource footprints per € GDP	0.632 kt/Mil €	0.034 Mm ³ /Mil €	1.244 km ² /Mil €	1.332 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	1.76	2.14	1.50	2.15		
Contribution to global total	0.28 %	0.34 %	0.24 %	0.34 %	0.42 %	0.16 %
World total	37.97 Gt	1 660 560 Mm ³	88 031 435 km ²	65 627 314 kt	40 744 556 Mil €	6 638 184 044
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Romania joined the EU in 2007. The per capita GDP of Romania is half the EU average. Accordingly, the carbon, water and land footprints of Romania are relatively low and around the global average. However, given the GDP figure, Romania has a high material footprint. Like other East European countries, the Romanian economy requires a huge amount of GHG emissions to generate its GDP. Despite its moderate GDP per capita, Romania is a net importer of carbon, water, land and material embodied in its traded products.



Slovakia

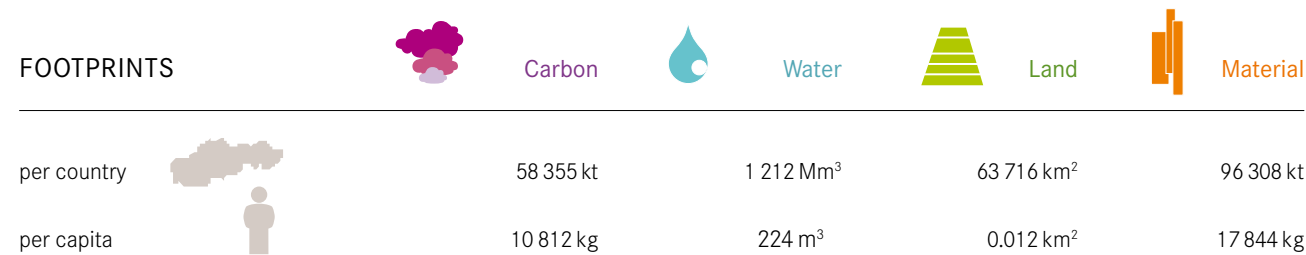
Population: 5 397 318

Land area: 49 030 km²

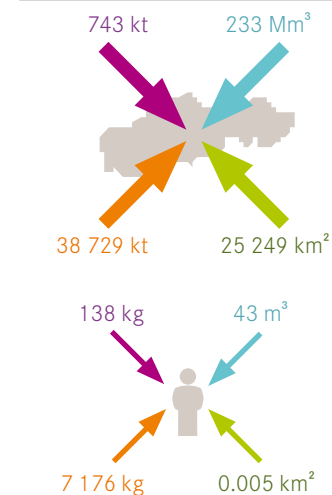
GDP: 61 371 Mil. €

As in the case of most other EU countries, Slovakia is a net importer of GHG emissions, water and land use, as well as material embodied in traded products. However, the land and water use footprint of Slovakia are considerably below the global average. With regard to all upstream requirements, carbon emissions embodied in crude petroleum and retail trade services are the main sources of imported GHG emissions. Material extraction embodied in crude petroleum contributes significantly to the total material footprint of Slovakia.

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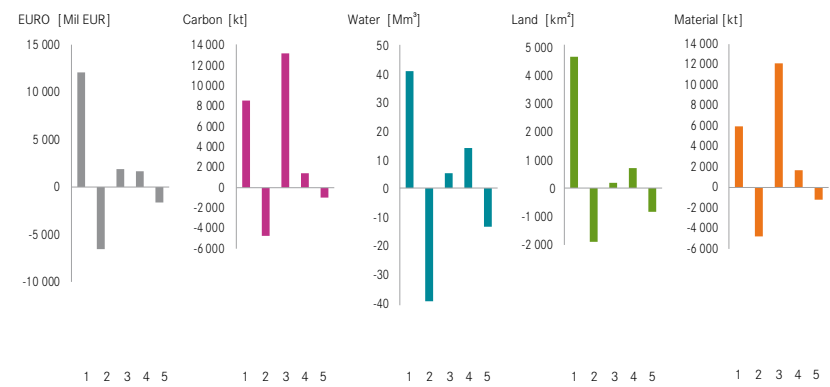


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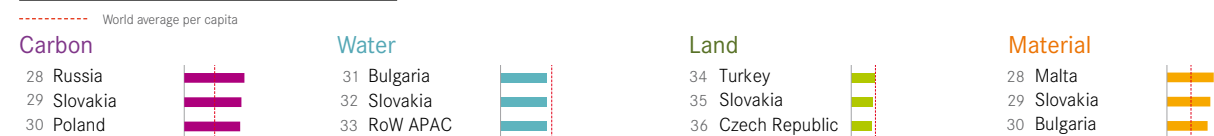
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- 2 Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers
- 3 Crude petroleum and services related to crude oil extraction, excluding surveying
- 4 Medical, precision and optical instruments, watches and clocks
- 5 Wholesale trade and commission trade services, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles

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KEY INDICATORS

Resource footprints per € GDP	0.951 kt/Mil €	0.020 Mm³/Mil €	1.038 km²/Mil €	1.569 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	1.89	0.90	0.89	1.80		
Contribution to global total	0.15 %	0.07%	0.07 %	0.15 %	0.15 %	0.08 %
World total	37.97 Gt	1 660 560 Mm³	88 031 435 km²	65 627 314 kt	40 744 556 Mil €	6 638 184 044
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Slovenia

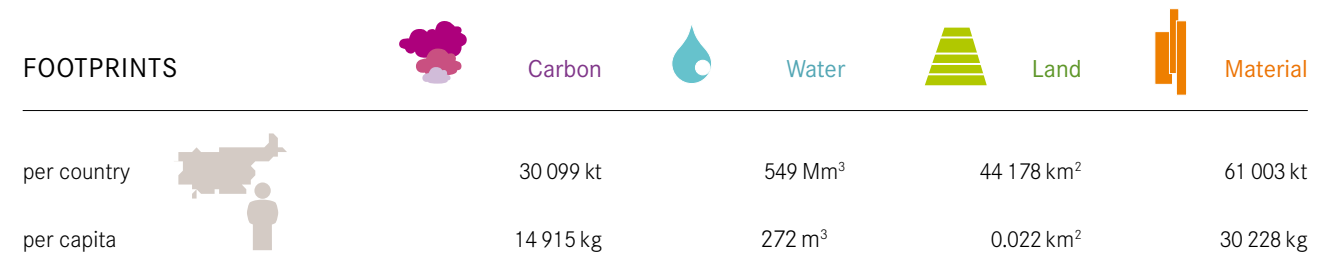
Population: 2 018 122

Land area: 20 270 km²

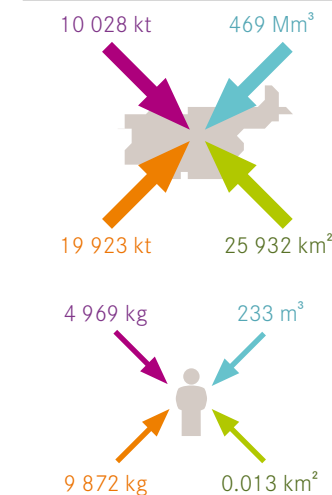
GDP: 34 518 Mil. €

Slovenia has the highest GDP per capita among the East European countries within the EU. This relatively high level of affluence is associated with a high carbon footprint per capita. For GHG, water, land and material embodied in traded products, the imports outweigh exports. Compared to other East European countries, the Slovenian economy is reasonably efficient in terms of emissions and resource use per GDP. Slovenia exhibits a relatively low water footprint per capita, which is slightly above the global average.

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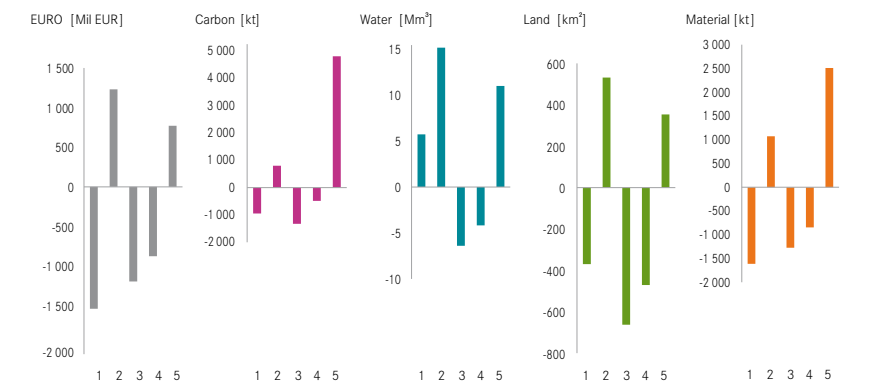


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- 2 Plastics, basic
- 3 Motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers
- 4 Wholesale trade and commission trade services, except of motor vehicles and motorcycles
- 5 Basic iron and steel and of ferro-alloys and first products thereof

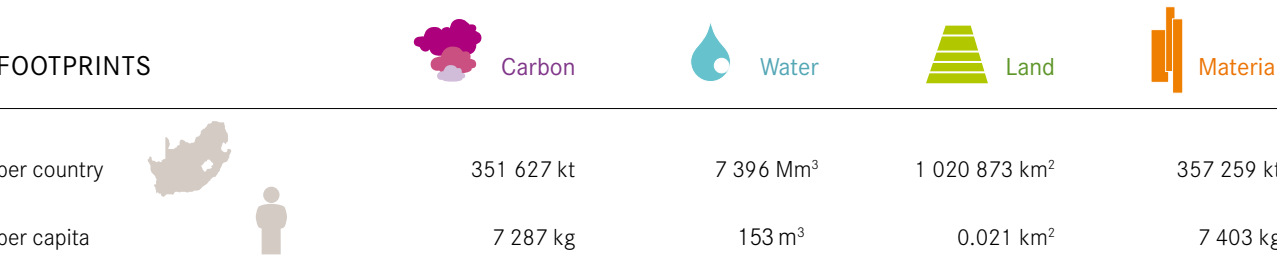
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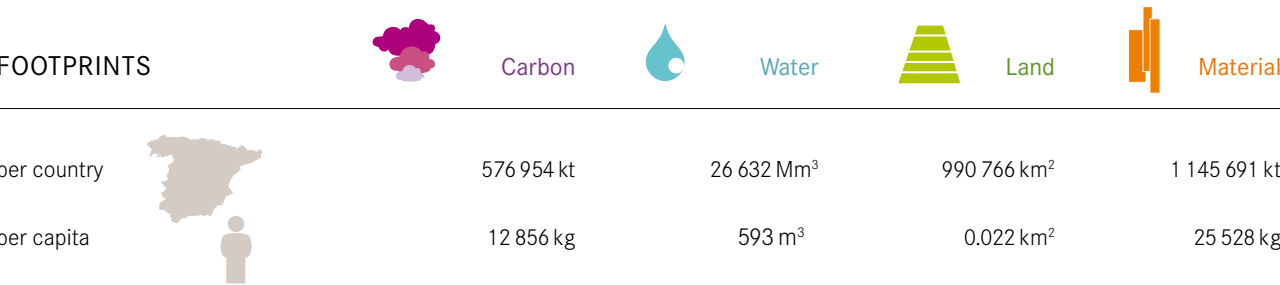
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Resource footprints per € GDP	0.872 kt/Mil €	0.016 Mm³/Mil €	1.280 km²/Mil €	1.767 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	2.61	1.09	1.65	3.06		
Contribution to global total	0.08 %	0.03 %	0.05 %	0.09 %	0.08 %	0.03 %
World total	37.97 Gt	1 660 560 Mm³	88 031 435 km²	65 627 314 kt	40 744 556 Mil €	6 638 184 044
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South Africa exhibits an unusual pattern with a carbon and land footprint above the world average, but a water and material footprint below the world average. South Africa is a net exporter of carbon, water, land and materials embodied in trade, of the order of magnitude of 10 to 20 % of the footprint of its final consumption.



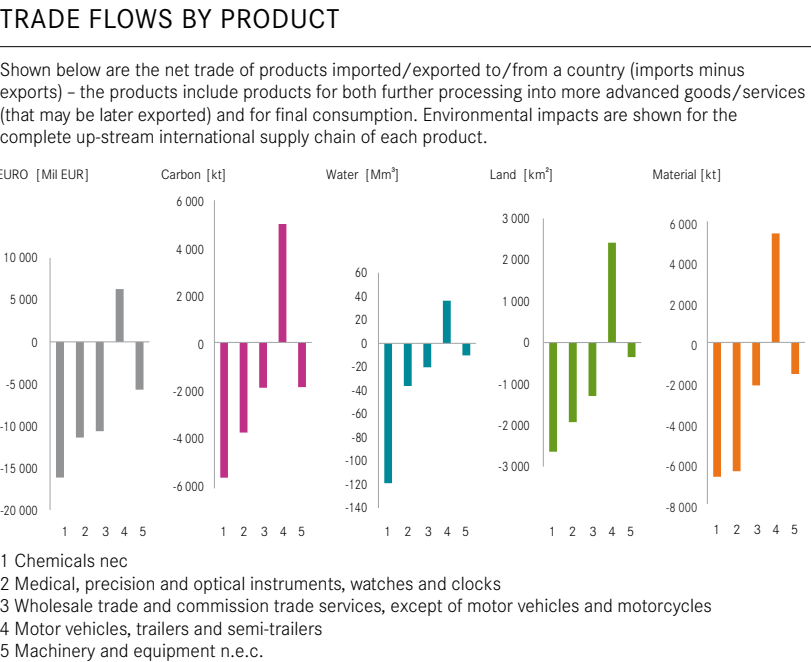
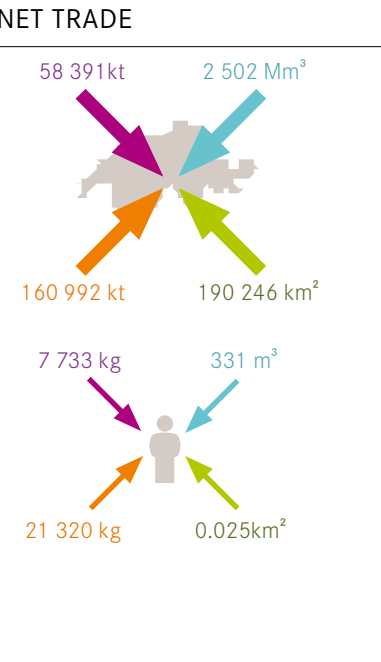
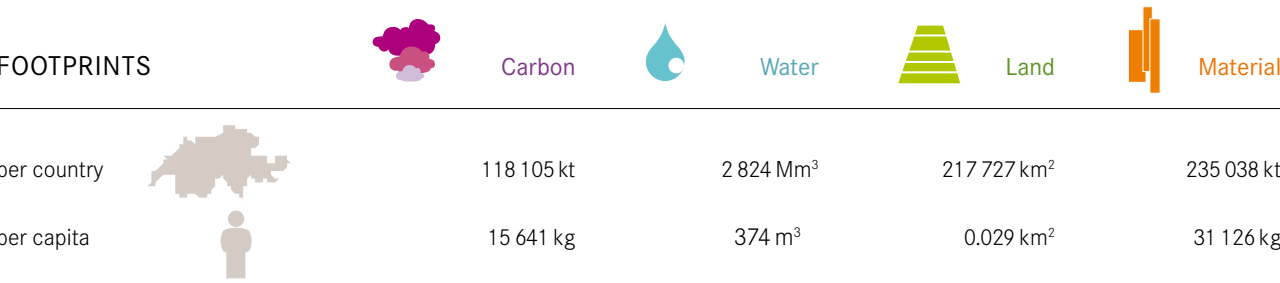
The Spanish economy is the fifth largest of the EU. In absolut numbers, Spain has relatively high environmental footprints. The country is a net importer of environmental footprints. Due to its dry climate, Spain has one of the highest water footprints per capita. The carbon, land and material footprints of Spain are also higher than the world average.



Switzerland

Population: 7 551 117Land area: 41 280 km²GDP: 316 758 Mil. €

Switzerland is among the top 20 countries in the world with regard to the size of its carbon, water, land and material footprint. All its footprints, with the exception of water, are at least two times the world average. Switzerland is a net importer of carbon, water, land and materials embodied in trade. Almost 50 % of its carbon footprint, some 70 % of its material footprint and 90 % of its land footprint is embodied in imports, reflecting Switzerland’s high population density as well as highly developed service sectors.

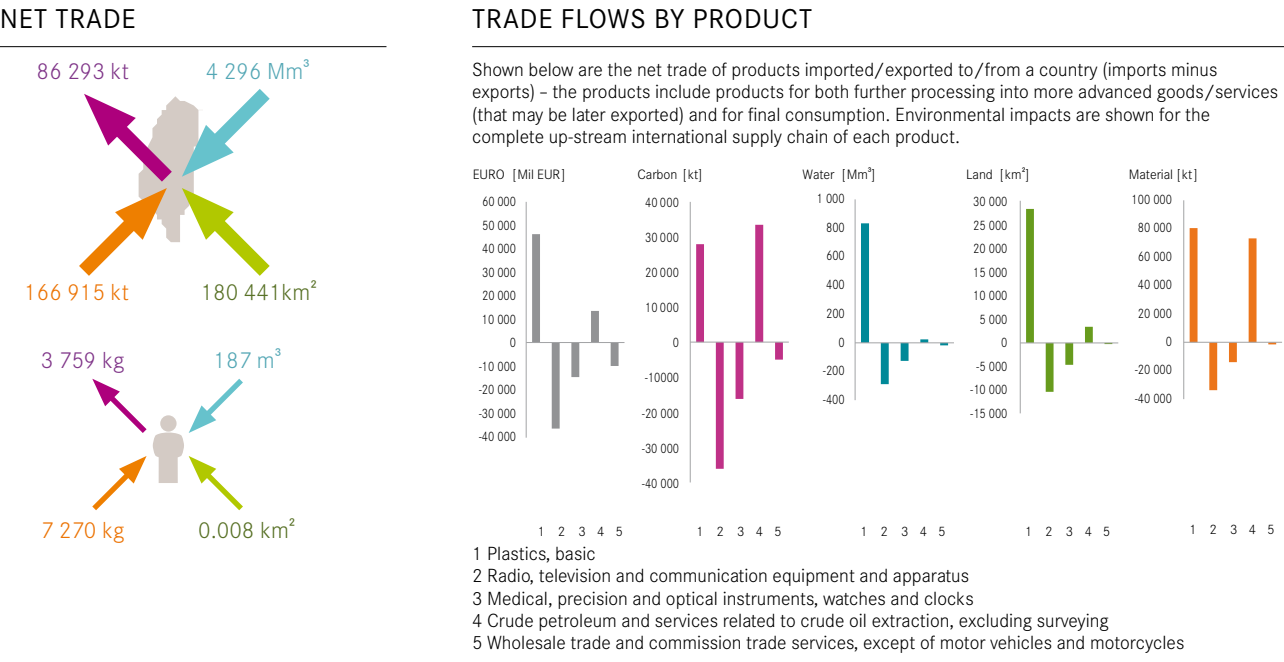
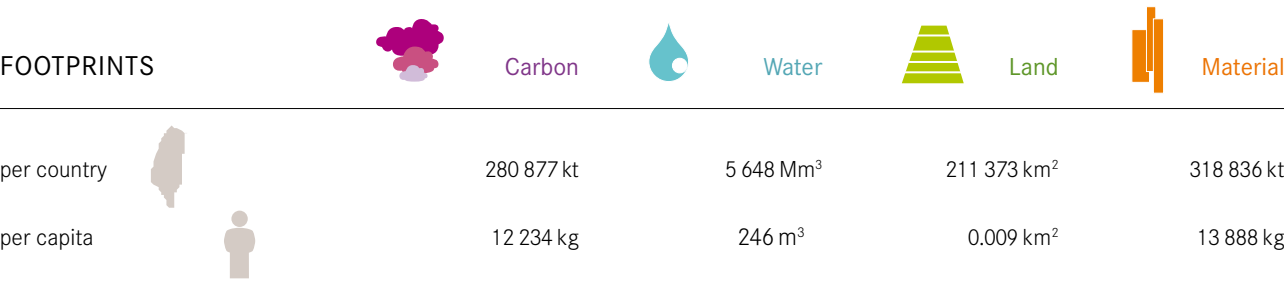


KEY INDICATORS	Carbon	Water	Land	Material	GDP	Population
Resource footprints per € GDP	0.373 kt/Mil €	0.009 Mm³/Mil €	0.687 km²/Mil €	0.742 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	2.73	1.49	2.17	3.15		
Contribution to global total	0.31 %	0.17 %	0.25 %	0.36 %	0.78 %	0.11 %
World total	37.97 Gt	1 660 560 Mm³	88 031 435 km²	65 627 314 kt	40 744 556 Mil €	6 638 184 044
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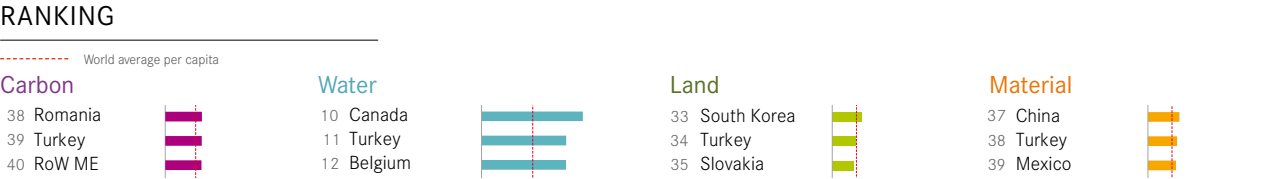
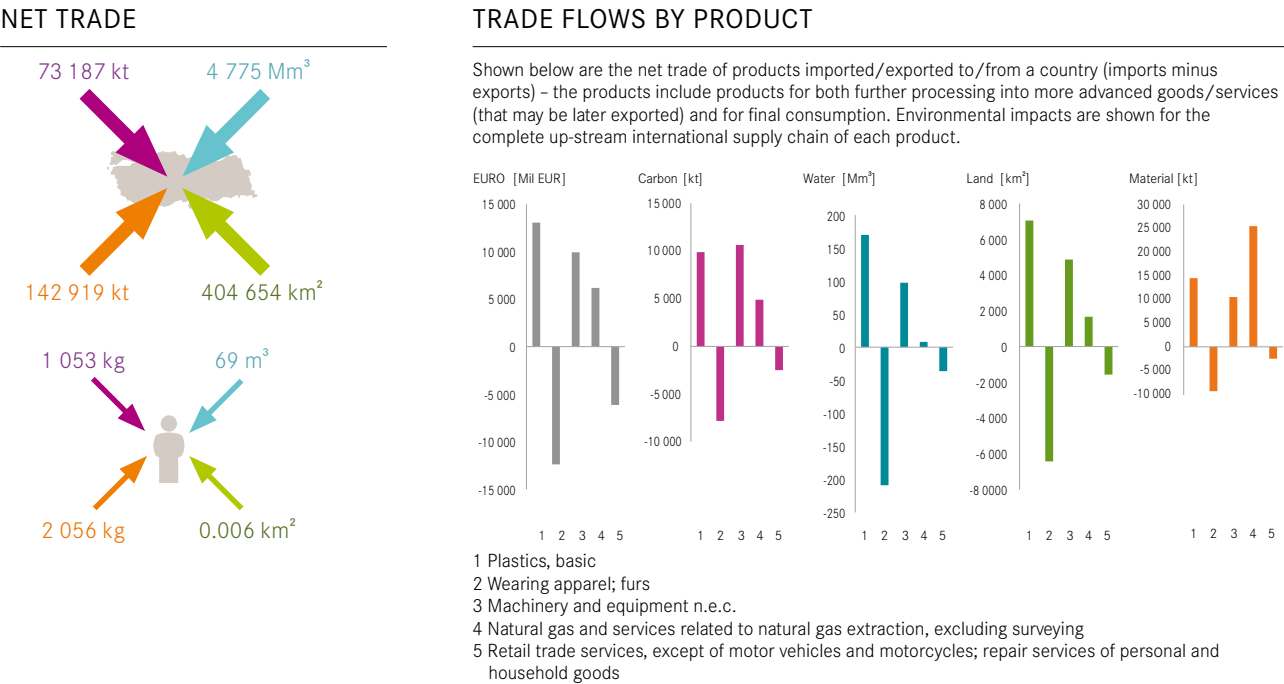
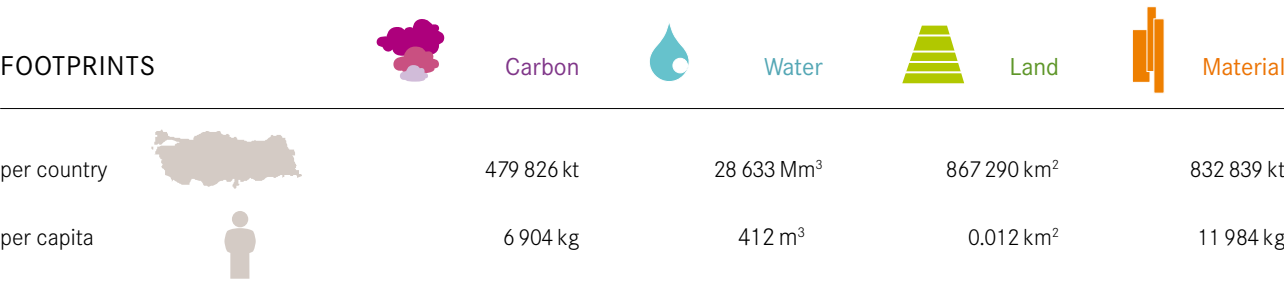
Population: 22 958 000Land area: 36 006 km²GDP: 286 831 Mil. €

Taiwan has a moderate carbon, water, land and material footprint. Its water and land footprint are below the world average. Taiwan is a net importer of water, land and materials embodied in trade on one hand and a net exporter of carbon embodied in trade on the other. As is the case with other densely populated countries, the land use embodied in Taiwan’s imports is in the range of 80 to 90 % of its land footprint.



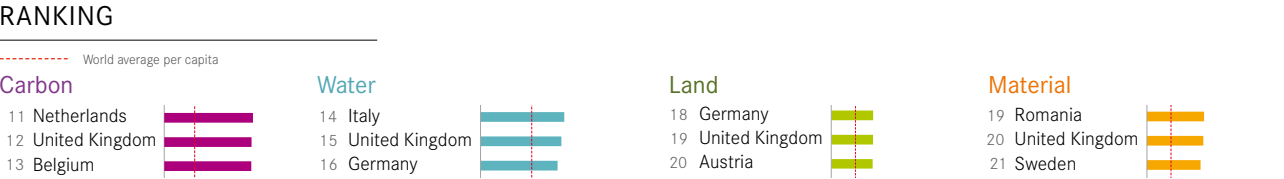
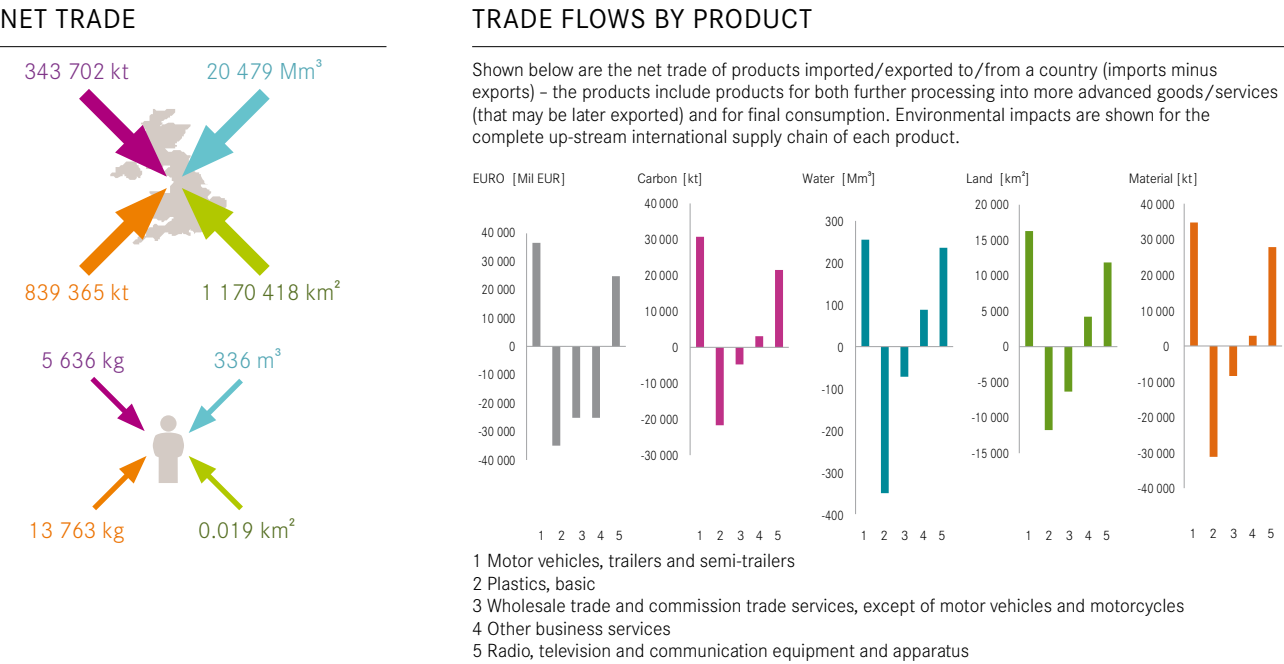
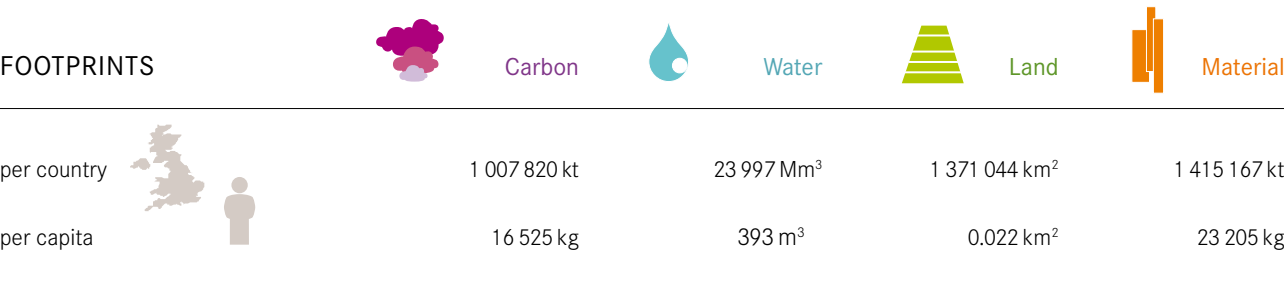
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Resource footprints per € GDP	0.979 kt/Mil €	0.020 Mm³/Mil €	0.737 km²/Mil €	1.112 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	2.14	0.98	0.69	1.40		
Contribution to global total	0.74 %	0.34 %	0.24 %	0.49 %	0.70 %	0.35 %
World total	37.97 Gt	1 660 560 Mm³	88 031 435 km²	65 627 314 kt	40 744 556 Mil €	6 638 184 044
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Turkey has a moderate carbon, land and material footprint, but its water footprint per capita is almost in the top 10. This reflects the significant domestic use of ground water and river water for agriculture. Turkey is a net importer of carbon, water, land and materials embodied in trade. This is particularly for land since land use embodied in imports accounts for just under 50 % of the total footprint.



KEY INDICATORS	Carbon	Water	Land	Material	GDP	Population
Resource footprints per € GDP	1.016 kt/Mil €	0.061 Mm ³ /Mil €	1.837 km ² /Mil €	1.764 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	1.21	1.65	0.94	1.21		
Contribution to global total	1.26 %	1.72 %	0.99 %	1.27 %	1.16 %	1.05 %
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The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland belongs to the group of the largest economies of the EU. Due to its own crude oil reserves, GHG emissions embodied in traded products are dominated by other products. However, the United Kingdom is still a net importer of emissions embodied in products, as well as for embodied water, land and material. Electricity production in the UK is mainly based on fossil fuels. As a consequence, the United Kingdom scores relatively high on the carbon footprint per capita ranking.

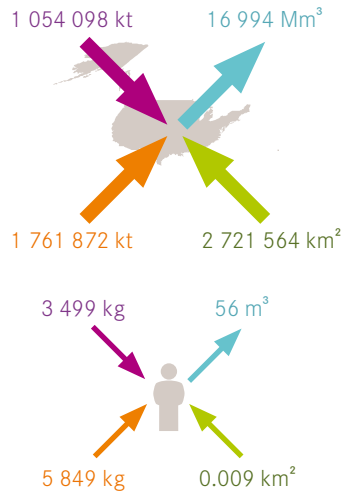


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Resource footprints per € GDP	0.491 kt/Mil €	0.012 Mm ³ /Mil €	0.668 km ² /Mil €	0.690 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	2.89	1.57	1.70	2.35		
Contribution to global total	2.65 %	1.45 %	1.56 %	2.16 %	5.04 %	0.92 %
World total	37.97 Gt	1 660 560 Mm ³	88 031 435 km ²	65 627 314 kt	40 744 556 Mil €	6 638 184 044
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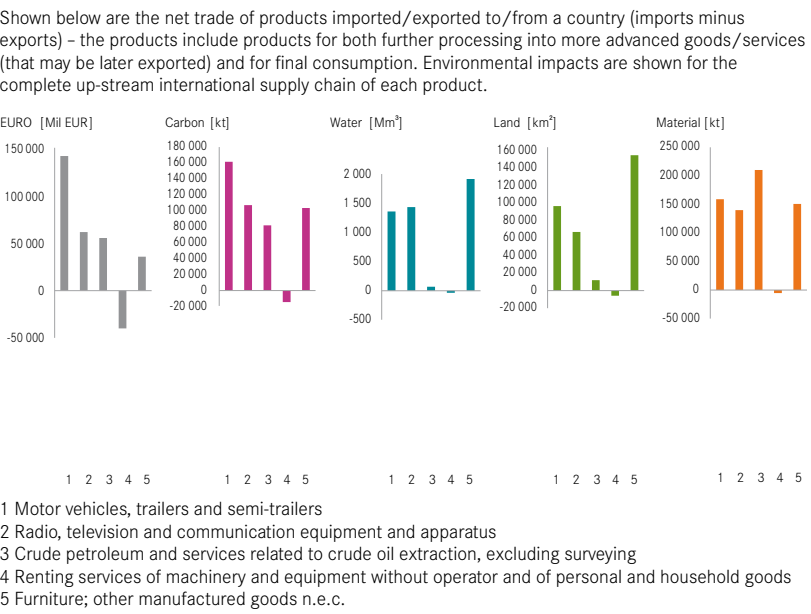
The United States of America (USA) are the world’s largest economy. In absolute terms, the USA also exhibit the largest carbon footprint in the world. In terms of GHG emissions per capita, the country is among the three top countries and is a net importer of GHG, land and material embodied in traded products. However, exports outstrip the imports in the case of embodied water. A predominant part of the electricity production is based on fossil fuels. Consequently, the USA have a high GHG footprint per GDP.

FOOTPRINTS	 Carbon	 Water	 Land	 Material
per country	7 479 646 kt	200 052 Mm³	9 621 440 km²	8 879 099 kt
per capita	24 830 kg	664 m³	0.032 km²	29 476 kg

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KEY INDICATORS

	Carbon	Water	Land	Material	GDP	Population
Resource footprints per € GDP	0.732 kt/Mil €	0.020 Mm³/Mil €	0.942 km²/Mil €	0.870 kt/Mil €		
Per capita footprints relative to world average	4.34	2.65	2.41	2.98		
Contribution to global total	19.70 %	12.05 %	10.93 %	13.53 %	25.06 %	4.54 %
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