

Dirty Subsidies

How to track European governments' support for fossil fuel



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Definition

- IMF calculates the gap between the actual prices paid by the consumers for petrol, coal and electricity and how much they "would pay if prices fully reflected supply costs plus the taxes needed to reflect environmental costs and revenue requirements."
- OECD uses the term "fossil fuel support", which includes direct budgetary transfers; tax expenditures that provide a benefit or preference for fossil-fuel production or consumption, either in absolute terms or relative to other activities or products
- EU has delegated task to a Dutch think thank, trinomics, and is not transparent about its definition of fossil fuel subsidues. In public communication, the EU remains vague. The Energy Union regulation states: "When reporting, Member States may choose to base themselves on existing definitions for fossil fuel subsidies used internationally."



Definition

- IE used the OECD definition. It is the support of all kind, what leads to fossil fuel consumption and thus more greenhouse gas emissions.
- The OECD figures were therefor the basis for the estimate of fossil fuel subsides in the EU and the European Economic Area.
- Further research was added by the team.

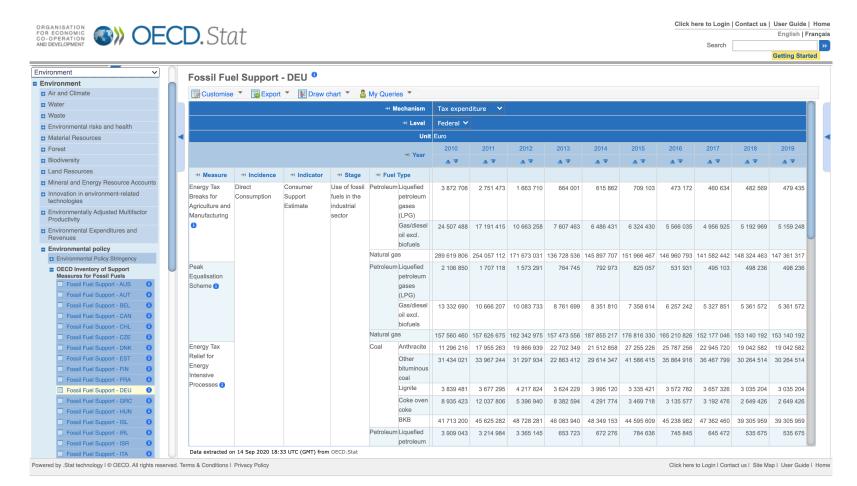


Sources

- OECD
- Climate Action Network
- ETS
- National governments
- Local NGOs; Think Tanks

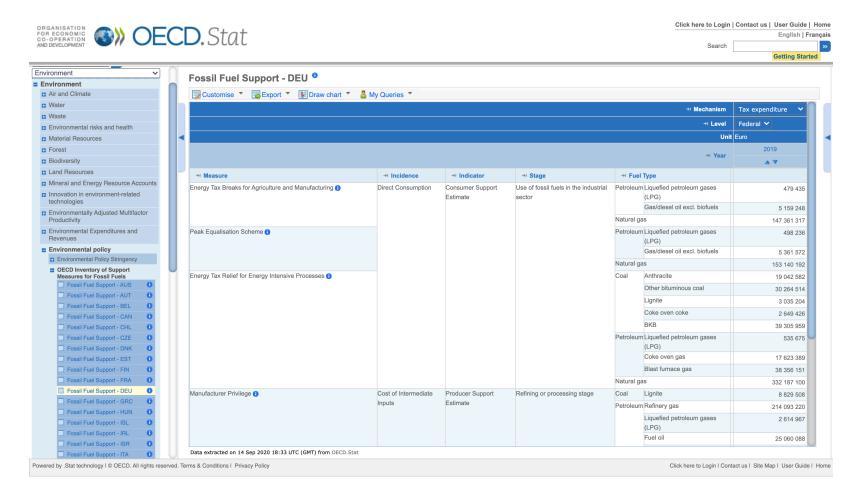


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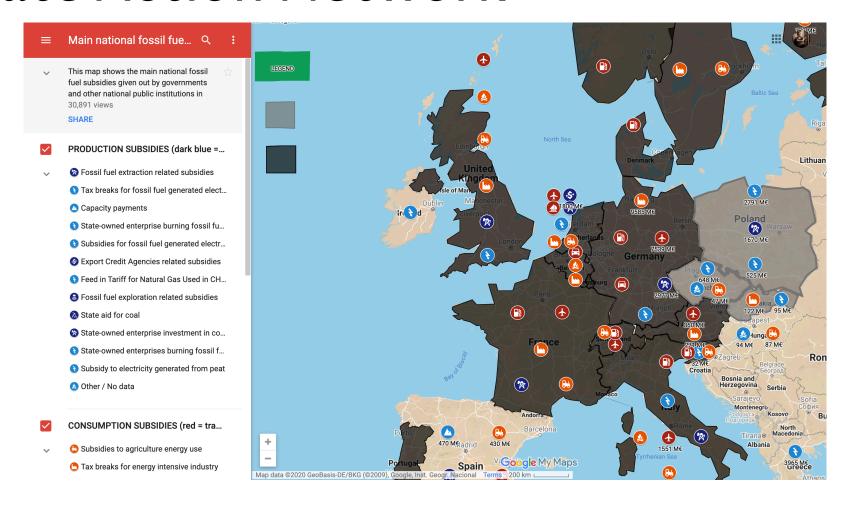


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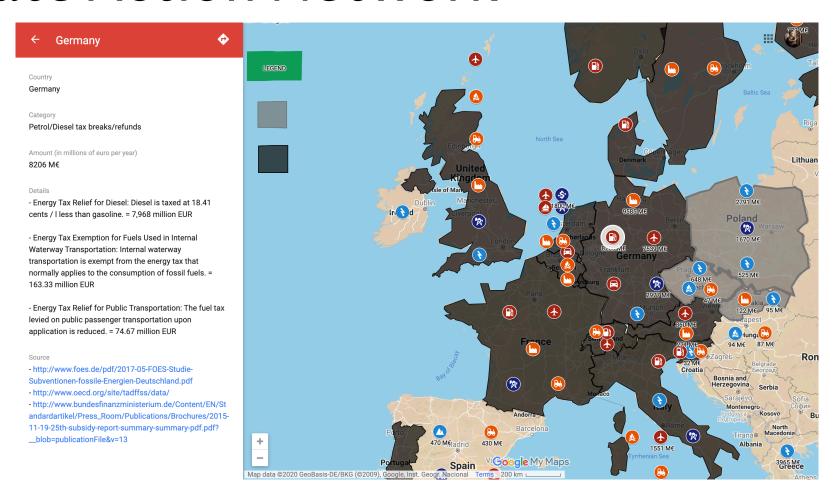


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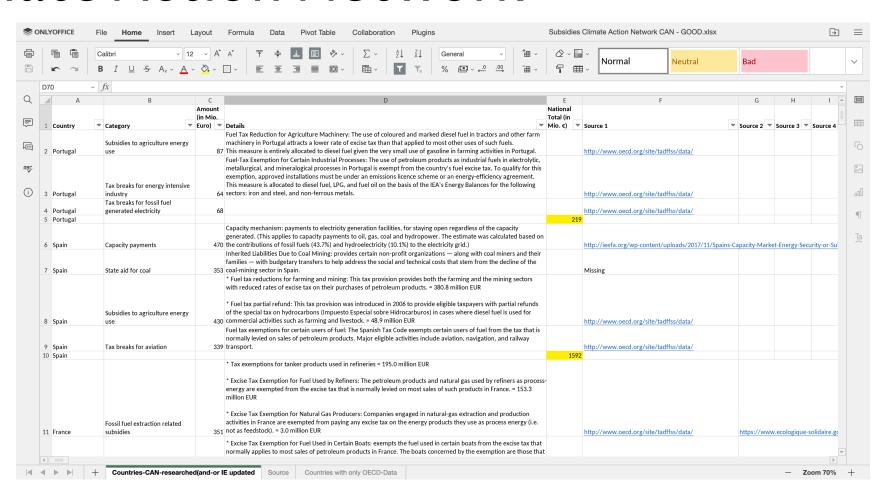


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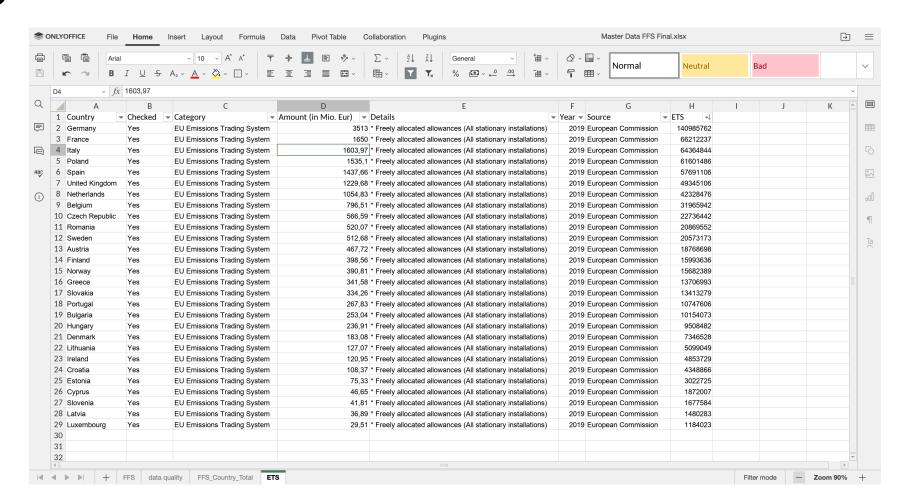


ETS

- ETS: EU states are tempting the companies concerned to stick to obsolete technologies that will sooner or later become worthless as stranded assets
- Total number of Free Emission Allowances per country are publicly available
- We matched this data with the annual average Emission Allowances Price (~24,92€)

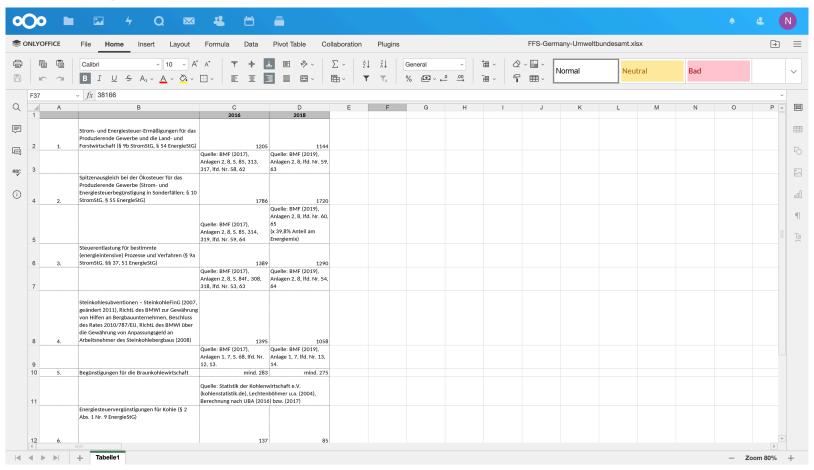


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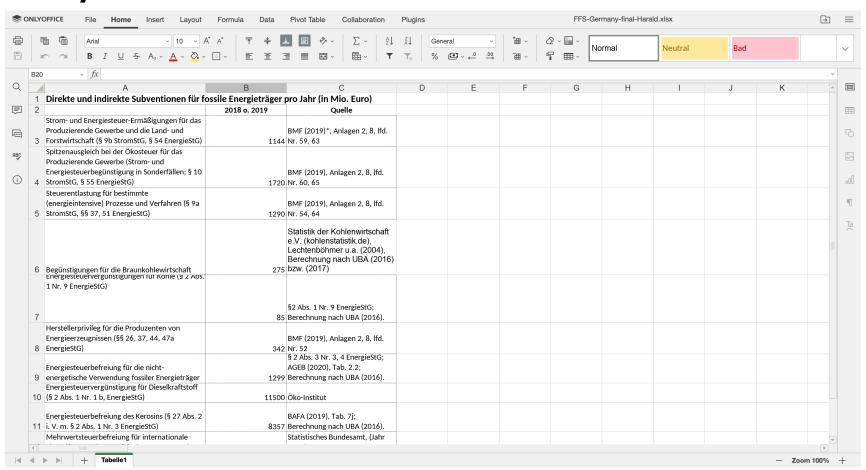
National governments



Source: German Federal Environmental Agency



Country Data



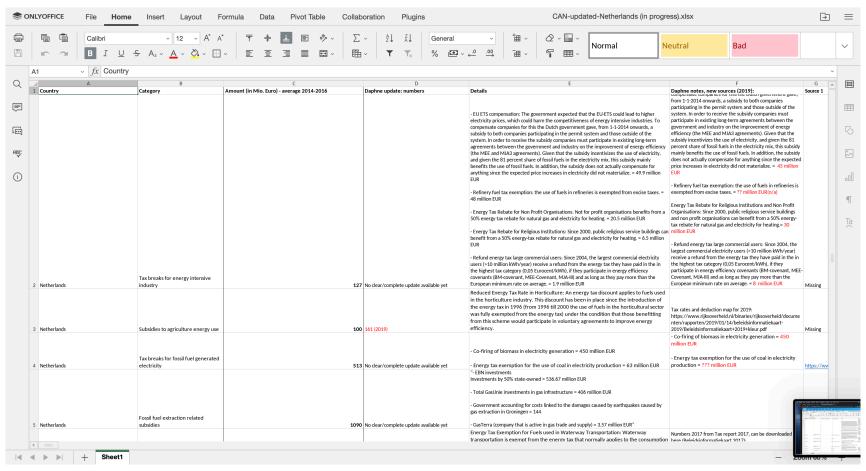


Country Data - Template

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Categories
Capacity payments
Fossil fuel exploration/extraction related subsidies
Other
Petrol/Diesel tax breaks/refunds
State aid for coal
State-owned enterprises burning fossil fuels for electricity production
State-owned enterprises investment in coal, oil and gas production
Subsidies for fossil fuel generated electricity
Subsidies to energy use in agriculture, forestry and fishing
Subsidies to domestic fossil fuel use
Tax breaks for aviation
Tax breaks for combustion engine vehicles
Tax breaks for energy intensive industry
Tax breaks for fossil fuel generated electricity
Tax breaks for shipping
Tax breaks work related car use

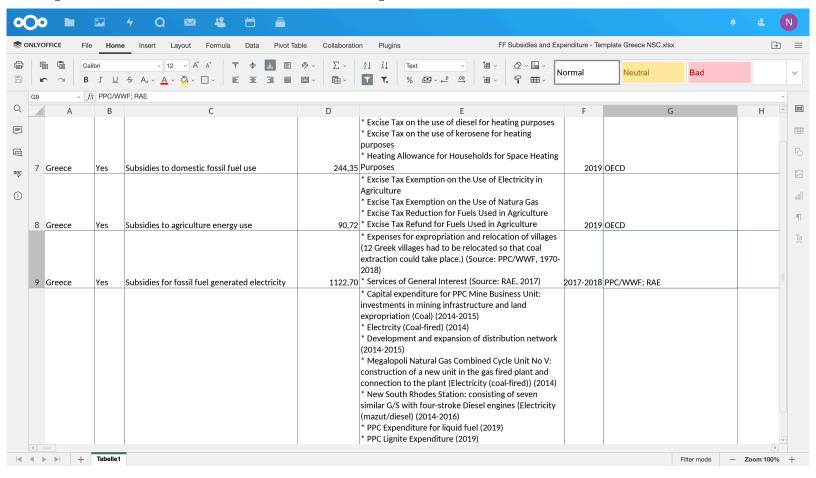


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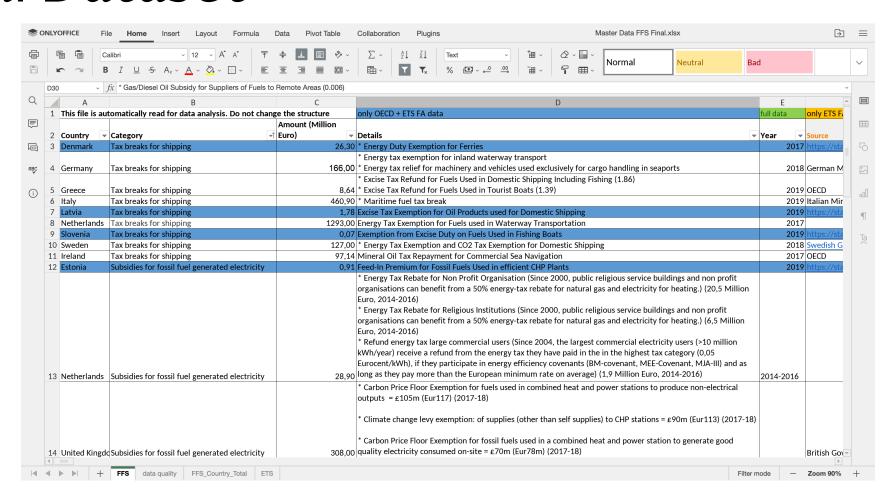


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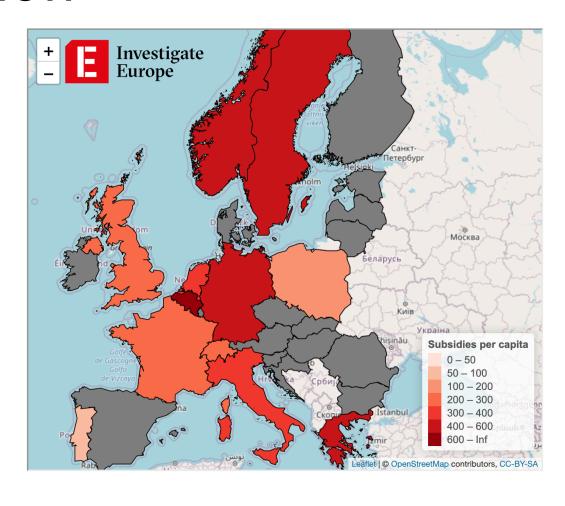


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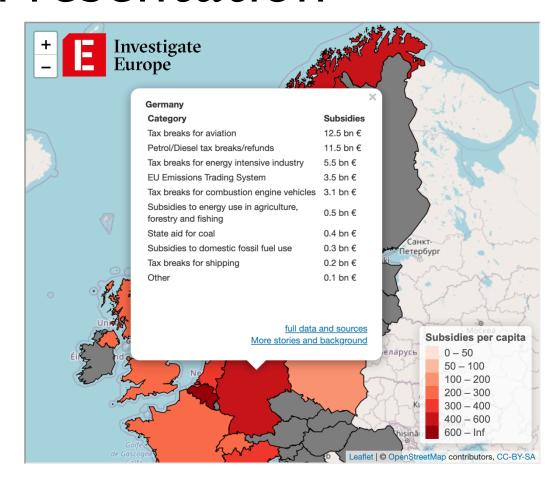


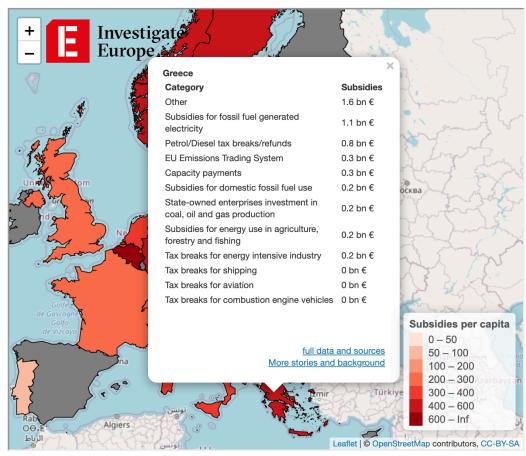
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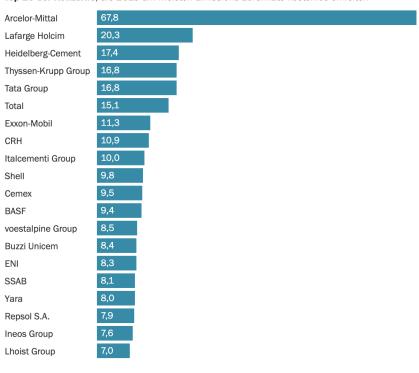




Special Case: ETS

Kostenlose Zertifikate





Grafik: Tagesspiegel/Bartel • Quelle: EU-Kommssion, Sandbag



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Czechia

Denmark

Estonia

Finland

Hungary

Ireland

Latvia

Lithuania

Malta

Romania

Slovakia

Slovenia

Spain



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