Revenue from environmentally related taxes in United Kingdom¹

As a share of GDP, United Kingdom has the 13th highest environmentally related tax revenue among 34 OECD and 5 partner economies. In 2014, environmentally related tax revenues were at 2.25% of GDP, compared to 2.0% on average among the 39 countries.

In United Kingdom, taxes on energy represented 73% of total environmentally related tax revenue, compared to 70% on average among the 39 countries.

Taxes on energy use in United Kingdom²

The OECD’s Taxing Energy Use (2015) publication compares taxes on energy use (excise and carbon taxes) across 34 OECD and 7 partner economies. The chart below shows average tax rates, expressed in EUR per GJ, by sector across all fuels and the economy-wide average. The bubble size represents the weight of the sector in total energy use.

- United Kingdom has higher average tax rates on transport fuels (19.44 EUR/GJ) than on fuels used for heating and process purposes (0.53 EUR/GJ) or electricity generation (0.7 EUR/GJ);
- United Kingdom has the 8th highest tax rate on energy on an economy-wide basis, at EUR 4.59 per GJ, compared with EUR 2.7 per GJ on a simple-average basis across the 34 OECD and 7 partner economies.

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¹Data from OECD.Stat include all OECD countries (except Latvia) and Argentina, Brazil, China, India and South Africa. Please see OECD.Stat for country specific notes.

²Data from Taxing Energy Use are for 2012 and include all OECD countries (except Latvia) and Argentina, Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Russia and South Africa.
Effective carbon rates in United Kingdom

The OECD’s Effective Carbon Rates (2016) publication presents the combined price signal on CO₂ emissions from taxes on energy and emissions trading systems (ETS), or the effective carbon rate (ECR). The charts below show shares of CO₂ emissions subject to different price ranges, for road, non-road and all emissions from energy use. EUR 30 is a conservative estimate of the climate damage from one tonne of CO₂ emissions.

In United Kingdom, 17% of carbon emissions from energy use face no price signal at all; 82% face a price at or above EUR 5 per tonne of CO₂; and 29% face a price at or above EUR 30 per tonne of CO₂. This compares to a zero price for 60% of emissions across all countries, a price at or above EUR 5 per tonne for 30% and at or above EUR 30 per tonne for 10% of emissions.

Excluding road use, 22% of carbon emissions from energy use in United Kingdom face no price signal at all; 77% face a price at or above EUR 5 per tonne of CO₂; and 8% face a price at or above EUR 30 per tonne of CO₂. This compares to a zero price for 70% of emissions across all countries, a price at or above EUR 5 per tonne for 19% and at or above EUR 30 per tonne for 4% of emissions.

Distribution of Effective Carbon Rates (ECR) on CO₂ emissions from energy use in United Kingdom

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