Status of CH₄ reporting Under the UNFCCC, and other international legislation



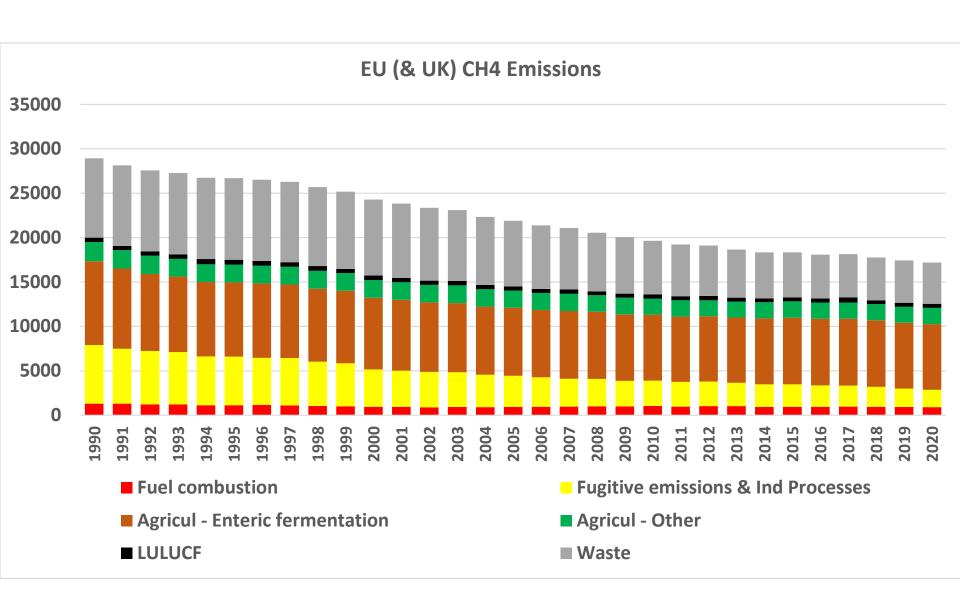
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UNFCCC Annex I countries

- Annual CH₄ emissions reported in detail, with a long timeseries
- "CRF" source structure very similar to "NFR"
 - Detailed activity data
 - Agriculture and fugitive sources map to NFR
- But some important differences
 - Land us change & forestry (sinks) in CRF @
 - Geographies can differ
 - Different components for aviation & shipping



Which are the Annex I countries in the CLRTAP?

- EU Member States (also E-PRTR, IED...)
- EFTA 4
- Canada and the USA
- Belarus, Russian Federation, Türkiye, the UK, Ukraine

So the Western part of the Convention's geographic coverage has good data availability.



UNFCCC non-Annex I countries

- A GHG emissions inventory every 4 years "to the extent its capacities permit" (National Communication)
- GHG inventory updated every 2 years (Biennial Update Report).
- Emission estimates are several years old
- No / limited timeseries
- Source detail varies from country to country 88



Emission projections and mitigation strategies

- Some countries report projection and control strategies in detail... other not so much!
- Many plans target CO₂, and some do not clearly show impacts on CH₄.

It would be possible (but time consuming) to compile data on national plans for use in scenario work.

No CH₄ emission maps.

The availability of CH₄ data: Key considerations



- 1. If the modelers do not need detailed source resolution... then CH₄ emissions data are readily available.
- 2. There are limited years and detail from non-Annex I countries.
- 3. Projections and national plans somewhat time consuming to compile for all CLRTAP Parties.