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Environmental taxes 2019

Energy and transport taxes paid decreased by 4.5 per cent in 2019

The revenue of environmental taxes fell in 2019 by slightly over 4.5 per cent to EUR 6.5 billion. The share of environmental taxes of the total tax revenue was still under seven per cent. Environmental taxes paid by manufacturing fell by eight per cent from the previous year. The fall particularly concerned energy taxes paid by manufacturing. Environmental taxes paid by households remained on level with 2018. Households paid slightly over one-half of the entire revenue of environmental taxes.



Environmental taxes by tax category and share of total tax revenue in 2010 to 2019

The share of environmental taxes of the total tax revenue was 6.6 per cent. The share decreased slightly from the previous year but was still 5.9 per cent above the EU average. Around EUR 4.3 billion, or two-thirds of all environmental taxes, were generated from energy taxes on electricity and fuels. Energy taxes also include strategic stockpile fees and emissions trading. Another significant tax group was transport taxes, which are collected especially as vehicle and car taxes. Transport taxes amounted to EUR 2.1 billion, or nearly one-third of environmental taxes.

The revenue of both energy and transport taxes decreased by around 4.5 per cent from 2018 to 2019. The fall in energy taxes was particularly due to decreased use of electricity and fossil fuels. The fall was

particularly visible in the industries of energy supply and manufacturing. In transport taxation, the focus has shifted from car taxation towards in-use vehicle tax and the car tax has been lowered gradually. In 2019, first registrations of motor vehicles slowed down from the lively year before, which partially lowered the revenue of motor vehicle tax.

In addition, EUR 28 million in emission taxes were collected in 2019. The emission taxes comprise waste tax, excise duty on beverage containers, oil waste duty and oil damage duty. The revenue of emission taxes decreased by EUR 10 million from 2018. The revenue has reduced especially due to the decrease in landfill disposal of waste. In 2019, the revenue of waste taxes was only EUR three million. Currently, as much as half of all emission taxes is collected through excise duties on beverage containers.



Environmental taxes by industry and tax type in 2019, EUR million

In 2019, households paid slightly over 1.6 million in both energy and transport taxes. Households' share of the annual revenue of energy taxes was around 40 per cent and that of transport taxes 75 per cent. Other significant payers of energy taxes are manufacturing, energy supply, transport and storage, and other services. In addition to households, transport taxes were paid particularly by transportation and storage and other services. All resource taxes were directed at households, while emission taxes were paid mainly by manufacturing.

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