Iceland Air Quality Policies

This document is based on research that UNEP conducted in 2015, in response to Resolution 7 of the UNEA 1. It describes countrylevel policies that impact air quality. Triple question marks (???) indicate that information for the section couldn't be found.

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Iceland Air Quality Policy Matrix			
Goals	Status	Current Policies & Programmes	
GENERAL OVERVIEW	Overall situation with respect to air quality in	National Ambient air quality standards: exist	
	the country, including key air quality challenges:	National Air Quality Policy: ???	
	• Air quality in Iceland is in general clean and less polluted than the air in more densely populated countries in Europe and North	Air Quality legislation / programmes: ??? Other: ???	
	America.This is partly as a result of low population		
	 density in the country, Clean power sources of geothermal energy and hydropower also contribute to good air quality. 		
	• Air pollution outside of the Reykjavik area is generally not considered a problem in Iceland, except in isolated instances where there is polluting industry such as odour pollution from fishmeal plants		
	• WHO estimates that outdoor air pollution causes <100 premature deaths annually ¹		
	Air quality monitoring system:		
	• Air quality is measured by a national air quality monitoring network.		

¹ WHO, 'WHO | Country Profiles of Environmental Burden of Disease', *WHO*, 2008 ">http://www.who.int/quantifying_ehimpacts/national/countryprofile/en/#T>.

REDUCE	• Industries that have the potential to impact air	Emission regulations for industries: ???
EMISSIONS FROM INDUSTRIES	 Air pollution from industrial installations emanates from the following; fish processing; aluminium smelting, ferrosilicon production, tourism among others 	 Small installation's emissions regulated: (Yes/No) ??? Renewable energy investment promoted: The Icelandic National Renewable Energy Action Plan (NREAP) was published in year 2012 in accordance with Directive 2009/28/EC which outlines the strategy for 2020 especially in terms of increasing the share of renewable energy in transport.
	 GDP of country: USD 14.59 B in 2013² Industries' share of GDP: 22.9%³ Electricity sources: 4.7% of the installed electricity generating capacity (2.579 million KW in 2010) is generated from fossil fuel, 73% from hydroelectric plants and the rest 22.3% is generated from other renewable sources⁴ Others 	 Energy efficiency incentives: (ex: Subsidies, labelling, rebates etc) ??? Incentives for clean production and installation of pollution prevention technologies: ??? Actions to ensure compliance with regulations: (monitoring, enforcement, fines etc) ??? Other actions at national, sub-national and / or local level to reduce industrial emissions: (can include incentives to move industries to less populated areas here) ??? •
REDUCE EMISSIONS FROM TRANSPORT	 Key transport-related air quality challenges: (ex: vehicle growth, old fleet, dirty fuel, poor public transport etc) The main cause of pollution is increasingly heavy traffic. Use of studded tyres is a major source of Particulate pollution. 	 Vehicle emission limit: (<i>Euro rating</i>) Fuel Sulphur content: (<i>in ppm</i>) Fuel Lead content: All vehicles use lead free gasoline Restriction on used car importation: ??? Actions to expand, improve and promote public transport and mass transit: In the transport plan adopted to the Icelandic Parliament in 2002, sustainable transport is one of the four main goals introduced, and therein the actions to be taken to achieve those

 ² 'Countries of the World - 32 Years of CIA World Fact Books', 2015 < http://www.theodora.com/wfb/#R>.
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 ⁴ 'Countries of the World - 32 Years of CIA World Fact Books'.

		goals are described
		Actions to promote non-motorized transport: (ex: include sidewalks and bike lanes in new road projects, car-free areas etc) ???
REDUCE	Outdoor, open burning: (ex: is it commonly	Legal framework: (ex: is burning banned?) ???
EMISSIONS FROM OPEN BURNING: OUTDOOR	done? burning what kinds of wastes? etc) ???	Actions to prevent open burning of municipal waste and / or agricultural waste: ???
REDUCE	Dominant fuels used for cooking and space	Indoor air pollution regulated: (Yes / No) ???
EMISSIONS FROM OPEN BURNING: INDOOR	heating: ??? Impact: ???	Promotion of non-grid / grid electrification: ???
		Promotion of cleaner cooking fuels and clean cook stoves: ???
		Other actions to reduce indoor biomass burning, or to reduce its emissions: ???



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