

### **Citizens use the European Pollutant Emission Register!**

The European Pollutant Emission Register (EPER) is a European-wide register of industrial emissions to air and water. It contains data reported by about 12,000 large and medium-sized industrial facilities in EU Member States and Norway.

Among the target groups of the EPER are interested citizens who can find out about the emissions from industrial facilities in their neighbourhood and make comparisons with facilities in other towns or other European countries. This empowers people to ask serious questions and engage in discussions about reducing these emissions.

A recent evaluation of the EPER shows that the register has actually succeeded in attracting interested citizens, as this target group accounts for around one third of all visits to the EPER website. Other important target groups are companies, scientists, environmental authorities and policy makers. The total number of visits is up to 70,000 per month.

To access the EPER or download the full evaluation report, visit the EPER website which is hosted by the European Environment Agency (EEA) at:

**<http://www.eper.ec.europa.eu/eper/>**



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