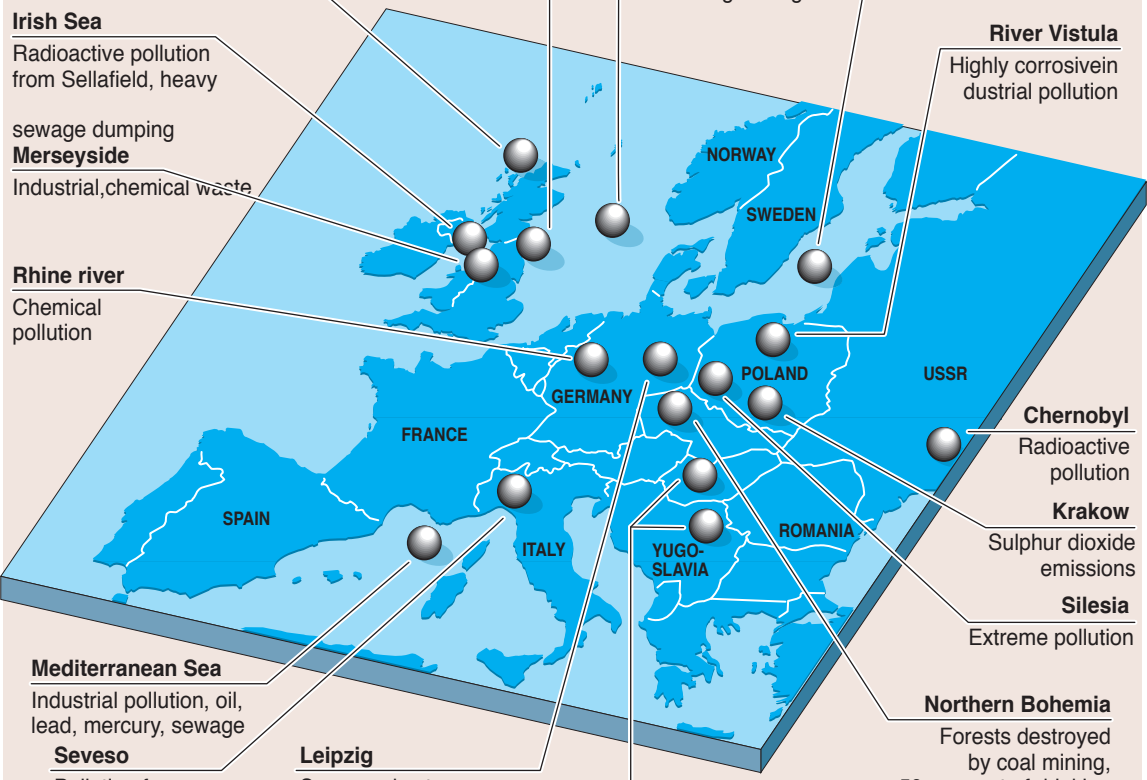
Sites of chronic pollution around Europe



Gruinard Island
Contaminated since 1941 with anthrax

Teesside
Industrial and chemical waste

North Sea
Industrial, chemical waste including heavy metals, oil and sewage sludge

Baltic Sea
Industrial waste including PCBs from Poland, eastern Germany and Lithuania

Irish Sea
Radioactive pollution from Sellafield, heavy

sewage dumping

Merseyside
Industrial,chemical waste

River Vistula
Highly corrosivein dustrial pollution

Rhine river
Chemical pollution

Chernobyl
Radioactive pollution

Krakow
Sulphur dioxide emissions

Silesia
Extreme pollution

Mediterranean Sea
Industrial pollution, oil, lead, mercury, sewage

Northern Bohemia
Forests destroyed by coal mining, 50 per cent of drinking water polluted

Seveso
Pollution from dioxins in top soilfollowing chemical accident in 1976

Leipzig
Smog and extreme sulphur dioxide emissions. Life expectancy six years less than national average

River Danube
Chemical, industrial waste. Nitrogen run-off from agrochemicals

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