

# Two sides of German emissions progress

Despite its powerful green lobby and world-leading renewable energy technology, Germany is Europe's biggest emitter of greenhouse gases, dependent on energy-intensive industry and addicted to gas-guzzling cars



**Chancellor Angela Merkel** threatened to boycott talks unless U.S. and China set real targets



**Former East Germany**  
Worst polluting and inefficient factories now gone

▶ **World average**

**CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per person**

4.4 tonnes ▲

**9.2 tonnes**

752 tonnes ▼

**Per \$million GDP**

**390 tonnes**

**ENERGY-RELATED EMISSIONS**

Billion tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>

**1990: 0.95bn tonnes**  
(12.0t per capita)

**2007: 0.76bn tonnes**

Other

Residential

Transport

Industry

Power

Share of world emissions

2.8%

Share of population: 1.2%

**Cumulative emissions since 1890 – 76bn tonnes**

1990

1995

2000

2005

Sources: EU, IEA

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