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Environmental Statistics

2018

2018 environmental state developments present contradictory signs

Positive aspects

- Normal year in climatic terms (temperature and precipitation);
- Improvement of bathing water quality;
- Improvement of air quality and decrease of inhalable particle concentration;
- Decrease of primary energy consumption and increase of electricity production from renewable sources;
- Fewer fires and burnt area, reinforced patrols and more preventive actions;
- Reinforcement of the allocation of Environmental Funds under the PT 2020.

Negative aspects

- Decreased resource productivity;
- More cars in circulation and increasing average age.

Positive / Negative Aspects

- Increased deviation from 2020 target for waste landfilling ; increase in relative and absolute terms of waste recycling;
 - Increased rate of waste preparation for reuse and recycling and decreased efficiency of waste management.
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The 2018 edition of [Environmental Statistics](#) is now published. This publication is organized into seven chapters covering the main sectors of the environmental information system. In addition to this information, a set of additional data is available on the Official Statistics Portugal website (www.ine.pt).