

Noise in Europe

2017 overview of policy-related data



Austria 

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The Environmental Noise Directive (END) requires EU member states to assess exposure to noise from key transport and industrial sources with two initial reporting phases: 2007 and 2012. Where the recommended thresholds for day and night indicators are exceeded, action plans are to be implemented. This country fiche presents data related to END assessments as reported to EEA by 15th April 2016 for the two key END indicators: L_{den} (day evening and night exposure) and L_{night} (night time exposure). 2012 strategic noise maps reported are presented, as well as HIA calculations for annoyance and sleep disturbance, hospital admissions and mortality. Trends are presented as the change in exposure from 2007 to 2012, for comparable sources only.

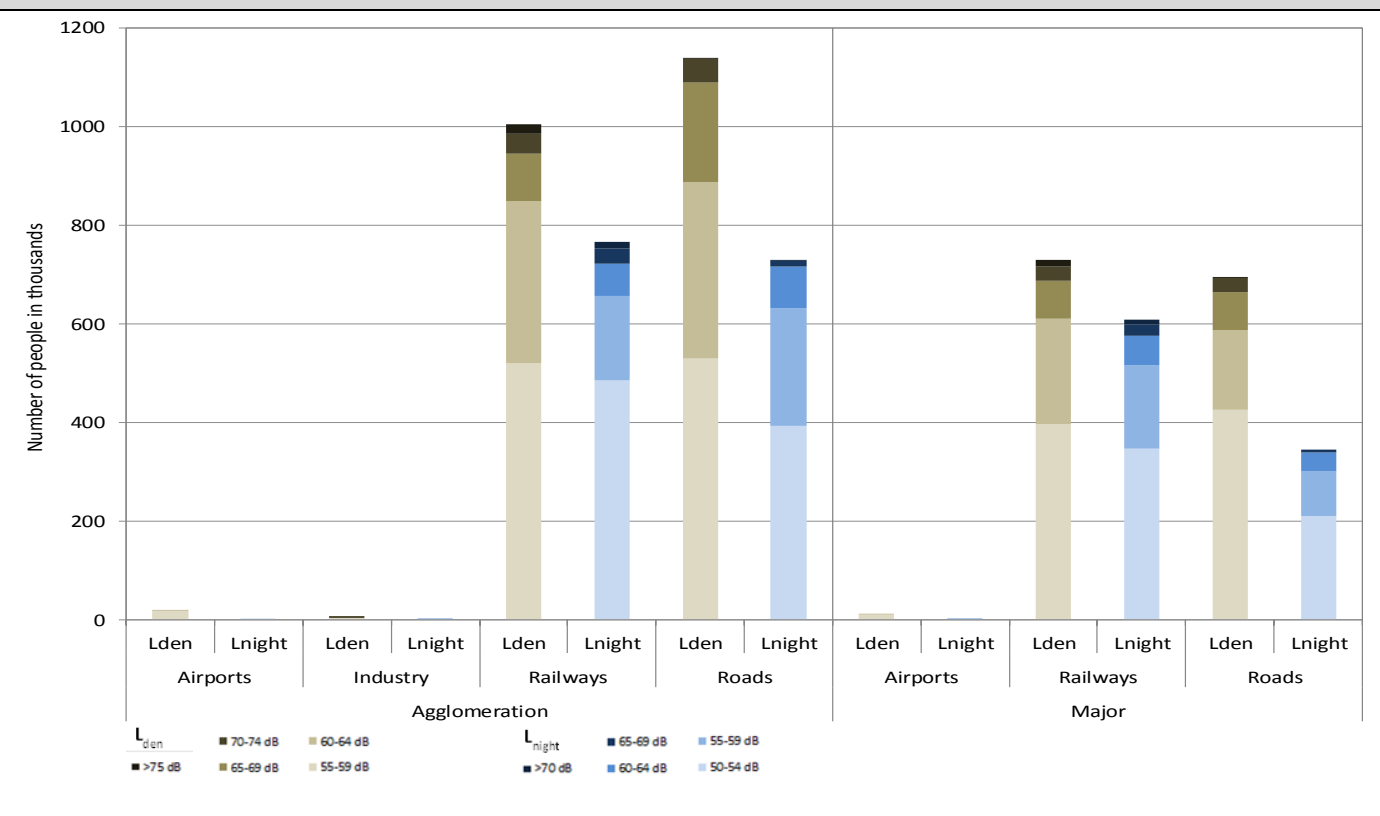


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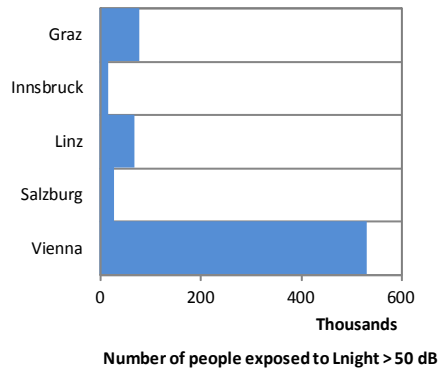
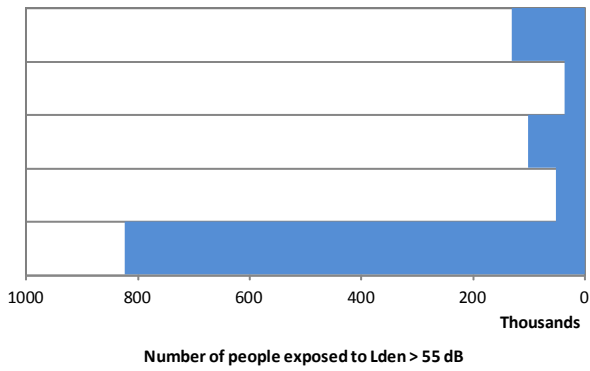
Noise sources covered by this assessment

Agglomerations > 100.000 inhabitants	Graz, Innsbruck, Linz, Salzburg, Vienna 5 agglomerations in total, covering 2.479.111 inhabitants
Major airports > 50.000 movements per year	Vienna International Airport 1 major airports in total
Major roads > 3 million vehicles per year	5311 km in total
Major railways > 30.000 train passages per year	2014 km in total

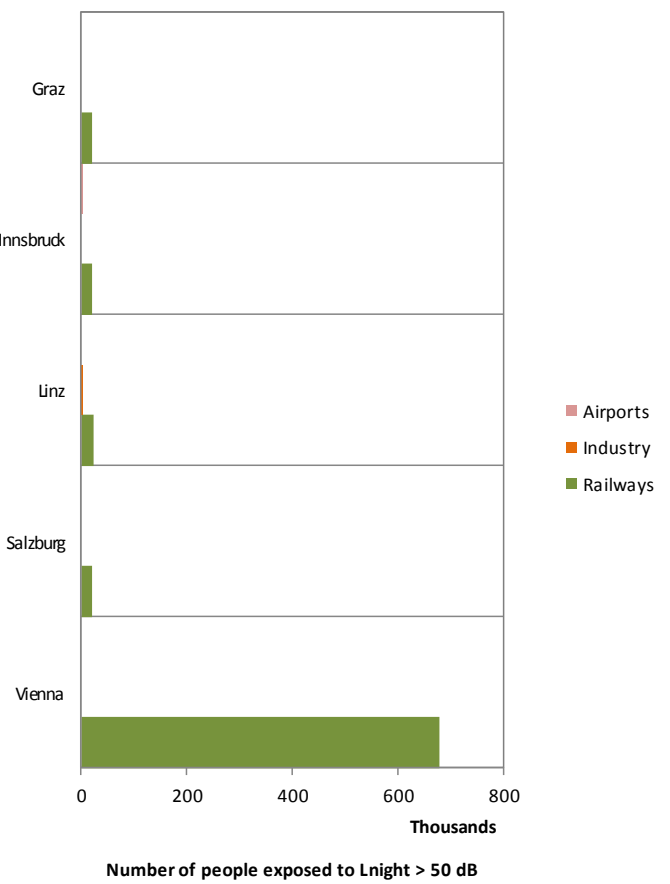
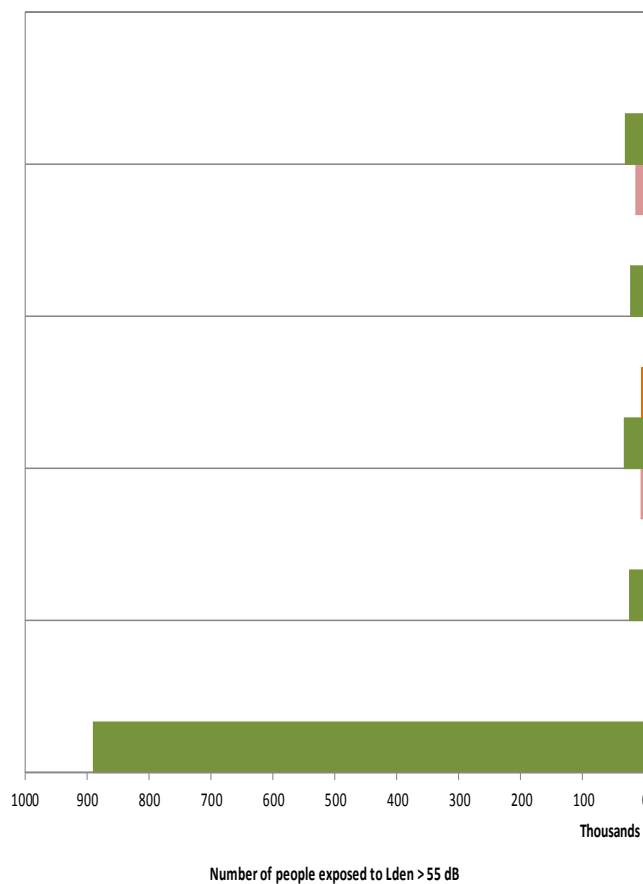
Number of people exposed to different noise bands per L_{den} and L_{night} (2012)



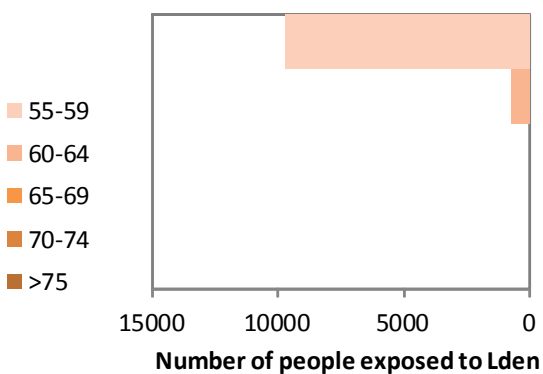
Total number of people exposed to road noise inside agglomerations (2012)



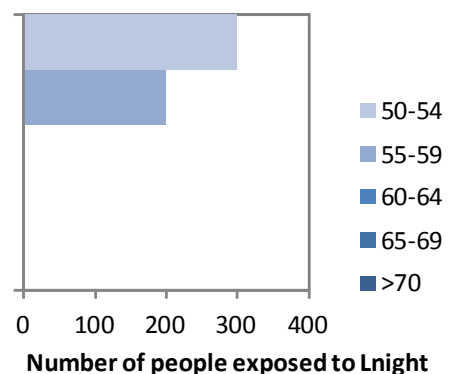
Total number of people exposed to railway, aircraft and industrial noise inside agglomerations (2012)



Total number of people exposed to Major Airports outside agglomerations (2012)

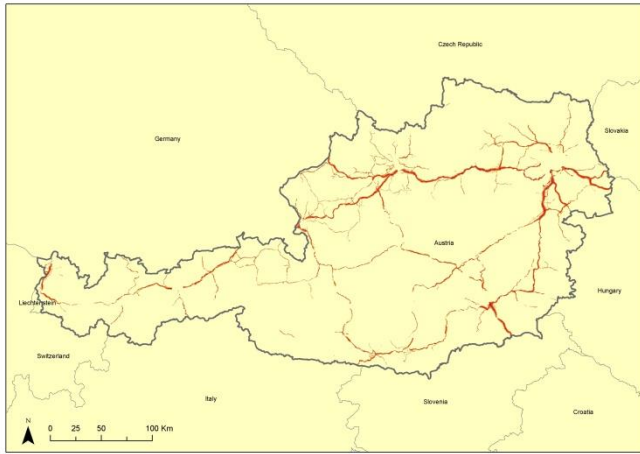


Vienna International Airport

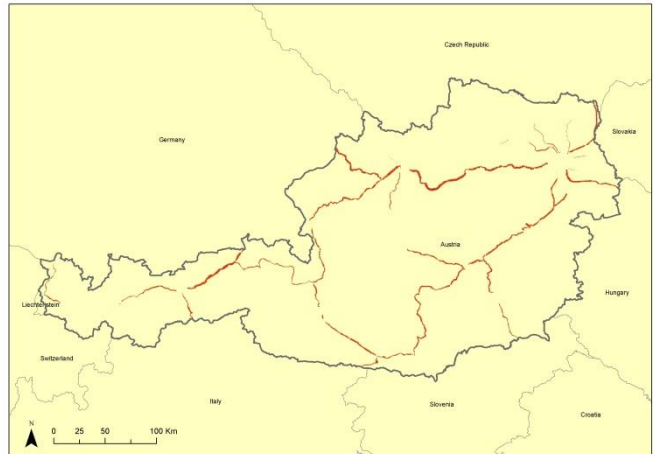


Noise contour maps (2012)

Major roads

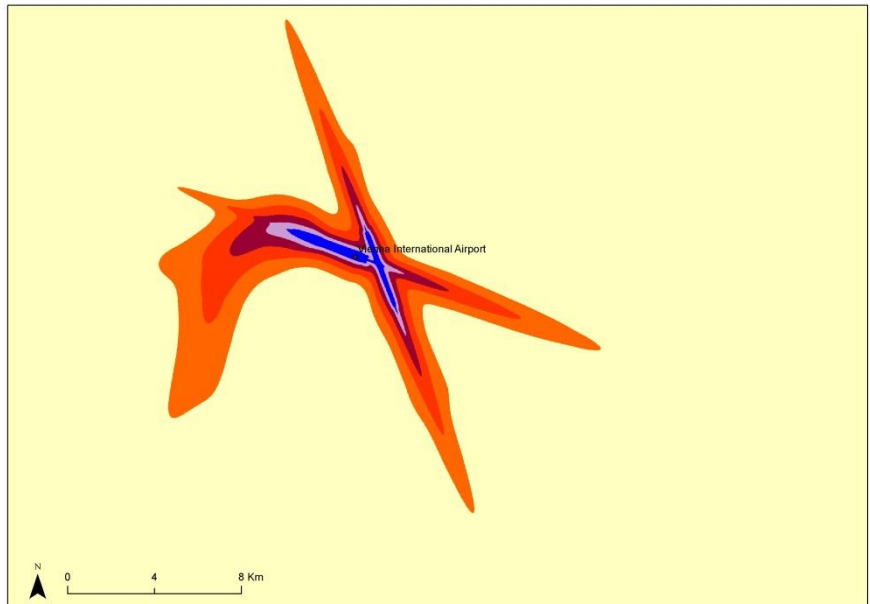
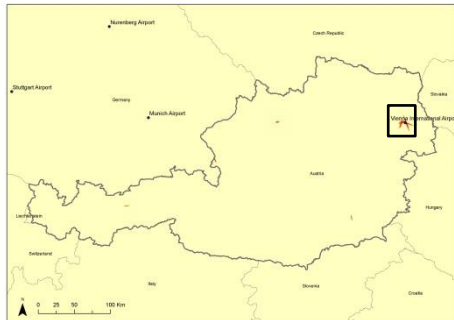


Major railways



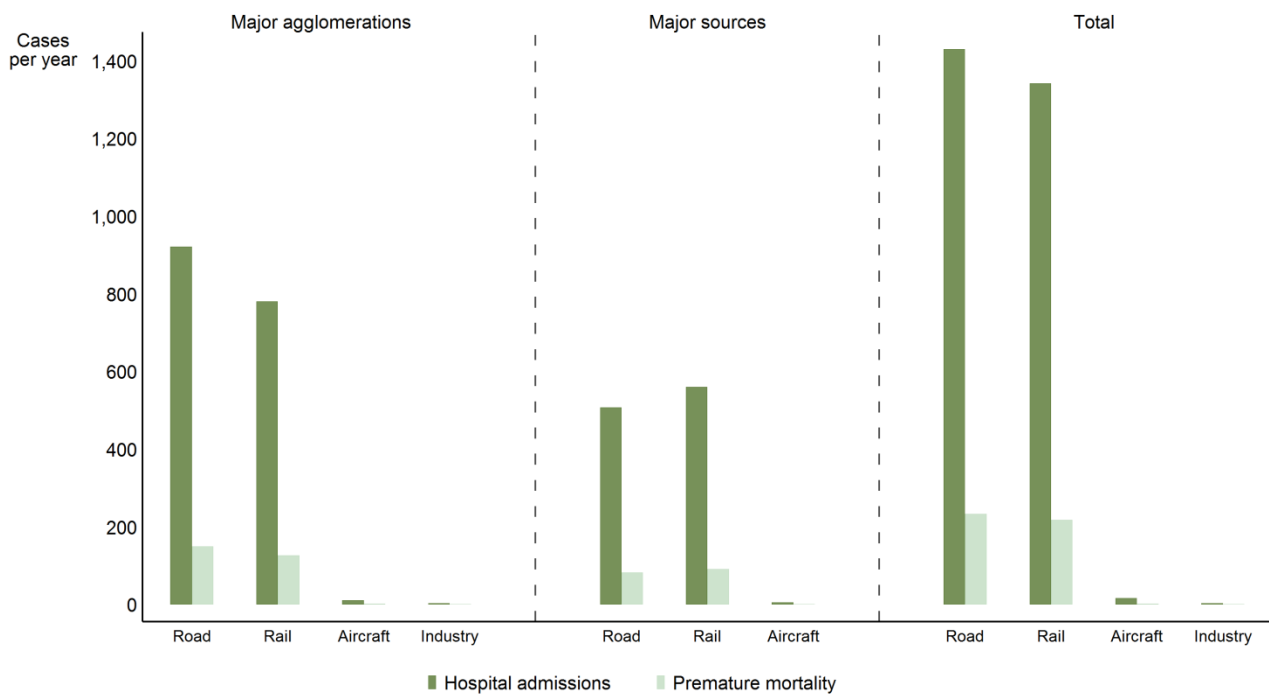
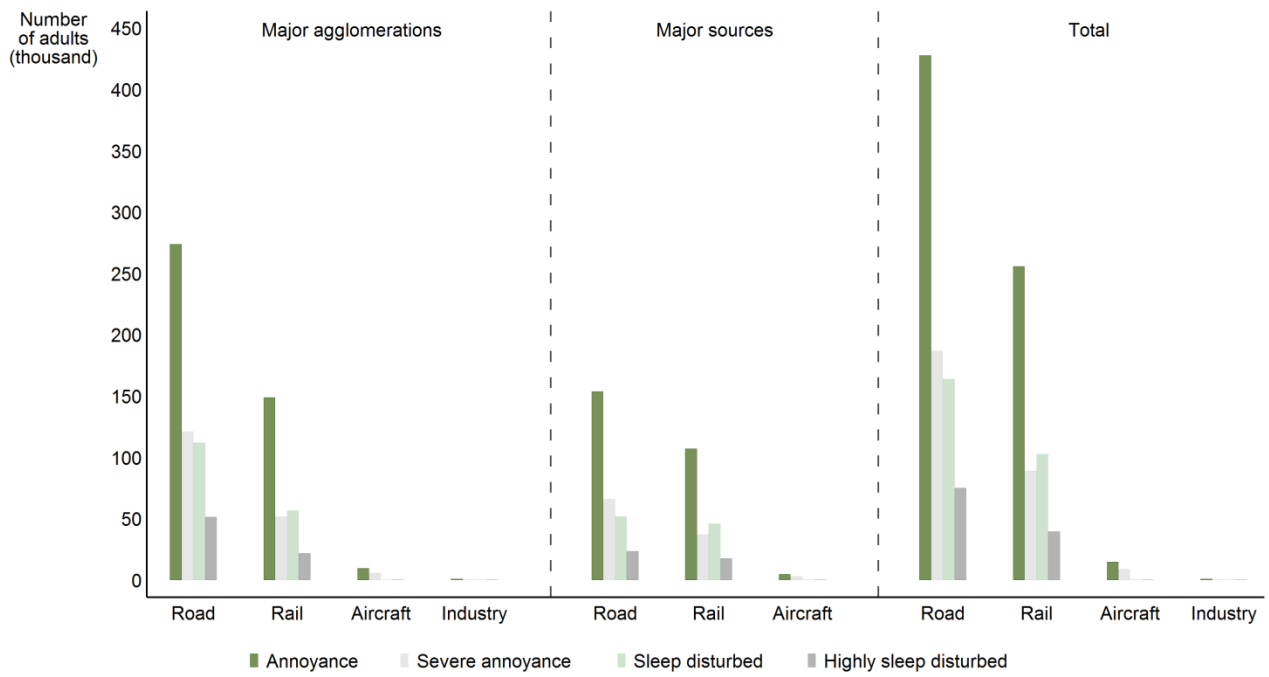
Major airports

Airport	ICAO	Annual traffic
Vienna International Airport	LOWW	224809



Health impact assessment

Annoyance and sleep disturbance



Hospital admissions and mortality

Trends on noise exposure 2007 - 2012

Trends on noise exposure are shown only in those cases where data is available for both implementation rounds:

- For major airports: total number of people exposed to more than 55 dB Lden and to more than 50 dB Lnight outside agglomerations.
- For agglomerations: percentage of population exposed to more than 55 dB Lden and to more than 50 dB Lnight due to different noise sources.

Major airports:

	L _{den}		L _{night}	
	First Round	Second Round	First Round	Second Round
Vienna International Airport	8800	10400	500	500

Agglomerations:

Air (values in %)	L _{den}		L _{night}	
	First Round	Second Round	First Round	Second Round
Vienna	0	0	0	0

Industry (values in %)	L _{den}		L _{night}	
	First Round	Second Round	First Round	Second Round
Vienna	0	0	0	0

	Decrease in population exposed
	No change
	Increase in population exposed

Railway (values in %)	L _{den}		L _{night}	
	First Round	Second Round	First Round	Second Round
Vienna	18	51	15.7	39.1

Road (values in %)	L _{den}		L _{night}	
	First Round	Second Round	First Round	Second Round
Vienna	76	47	46	31

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