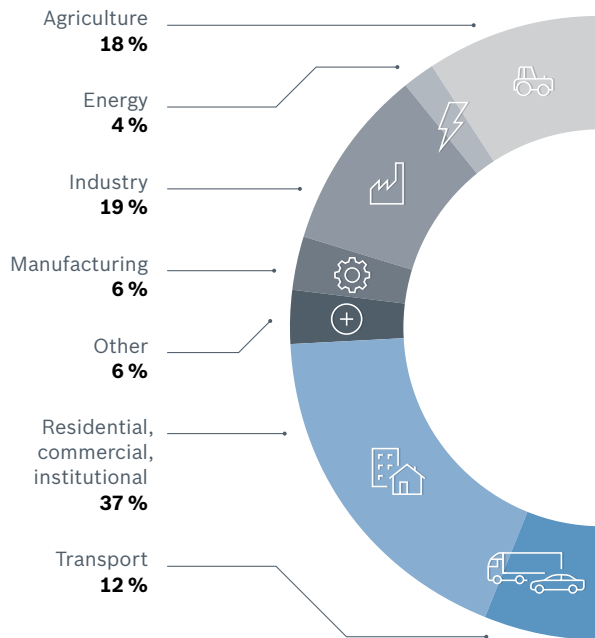


# PM<sub>10</sub> emitters in Europe 2016

## WHAT IS PARTICULATE MATTER (PM)?

Particulate matter consists of a complex mixture of solid and liquid particles and is differentiated according to diameter: PM<sub>10</sub> with a maximum diameter of 10 micrometers (µm), PM<sub>2.5</sub> and ultrafine particles with a diameter of less than 0.1 µm. The main sources of particulate matter are agriculture, industry, power stations, furnaces and heating systems in apartment buildings, as well as motor vehicles in road traffic. A large proportion of the particulate matter in road traffic is not generated during fuel combustion, but is caused by road, tire, and brake abrasion.



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