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Poland, Ukraine, Byelorussia, Czechia, Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia, Serbia, Slovaka



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Country: **Poland**

Cry of the Earth

- Air pollution is a serious problem because of emissions from burning low-quality coal in homes and from coal-fired power plants.
- need to diversify energy mix
- electricity from fossil fuels-79% (2016 est.)
- forest damage form acid rain
- water pollution from industrial and municipal sources
- disposal of hazardous wastes

Cry of the Poor

- outflow of educated young Poles to other EU member states
- demographic contraction due to emmigration
- persistently fertility rates
- aging of the Solidarity- era baby boom generation
- strict Schengen border rules to restrict illegal immigration and trade along its eastern borders with Belarus and Ukrane
- major illicit producer of synthetic drugs for the international market

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Country: **Ukraine**

Cry of the Earth

- air and water pollution

Commitments

- land degradation
- solid waste management
- biodiversity loss
- deforestation
- electricity from fossil fuels-65% (2016 est.)
- radiation contamination in the northeast from 1986 Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant

Cry of the Poor

- The economy contracted nearly 15% in 2009, among the worst downturns in the world.
- GDP decline of 17% because of Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014, military conflict in the eastern part of the country, and trade war with Russia
- corruption
- loss of major portion Ukraine's heavy industry in Donbas
- ongoing violence
- inflation rate 14.4% (2017 est.)
- internationally displaced persons -1.5 million (2019 est.)
- stateless persons- 35,650 (2018 est)
- source, transit, and destination country for men, women, and children subjected to forced labor and sex trafficking
- Ukrainian recruiters most often target Ukrainians from rural areas with limited job prospects using fraud, coercion, and debt bondage.
- transshipment point for opiates and other illicit drugs from Africa, Latin America, and Turkey to Europe and Russia

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Country: **Belarus**

Cry of the Earth

- soil pollution from pesticide use
- southern part of the country contaminated with fallout from 1986 nuclear reactor accident at Chernobyl in northern Ukraine
- electricity from fossil fuels- 96% (2016 est.)

Cry of the Poor

- government restrictions on political and civil freedoms- freedom of speech and press, peaceful assembly, and freedom of religion remain in place
- About 80% of industry is state hands.
- Country's agricultural base is largely dependent on government subsidies.

- State-owned entities account for 70-75% of GDP.
- State banks make up 75% of the banking sector
- nearly three-fold devaluation of the Belarusian ruble in 2011
- Devaluation of the Russian ruble in 2014 triggered a near 40% devaluation of the Belarusian ruble.
- Source, transit, and destination country for women, men, and children subjected to sex trafficking and forced labor
- More victims are exploited within Belarus than abroad.
- State-sponsored forced labor- Students are forced to do farm labor without pay, and military conscripts are forced to perform unpaid non-military work.
- The government forbids workers in state-owned wood processing factories from leaving their job without their employer's permission.
- Tier 3 rating for not fully complying with minimum standards for elimination of trafficking in persons
- inadequate government efforts to repeal state-sponsored forced labor policies and domestic trafficking
- transshipment point for illicit drugs to and via Russia and to the Baltics and Western Europe
- few investigations or prosecutions for money-laundering activities

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Country: **Czech Republic**

Cry of the Earth

- Air and water pollution present health risks in areas of northwest Bohemia and in northern Moravia and Ostrava.
- acid rain damaging forests
- land pollution caused by industry, mining, and agriculture
- electricity from fossil fuels-60% (2016 est.)

Cry of the Poor

- Its dependence on exports makes economic growth vulnerable. Exports comprise 80% of GDP.
- corruption
- aging population
- shortage of skilled workers
- lagging education system
- funding an unsustainable pension and health care system

- transshipment point for Southwest Asian heroin
- minor transit point for Latin American cocaine to Western Europe
- producer of synthetic drugs
- susceptible to money laundering related to drug trafficking
- organized crime
- significant consumer of ecstasy

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Country: **Slovenia**

Cry of the Earth

- air pollution from road traffic, domestic heating (wood burning), power generation and industry
- water pollution
- biodiversity protection

Cry of the Poor

- NA- Slovenia has one of the highest per capita GDP in Central Europe.
- estimated 505,990 refugee and migrant arrivals (January 2015- February 2020)

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Country: **Croatia**

Cry of the Earth

- air pollution improving but still a concern in urban settings
- surface water pollution in the Danube River Basin
- electricity from fossil fuels 45% (2016 est.)

Cry of the Poor

- youth unemployment 23.7% (2028 est.)
- uneven regional development
- inefficient judiciary
- loss of educated young professionals to other EU countries
- estimated 691,639 refugees and migrant arrivals from January 2015-March 2020

- primarily a transit country along the Balkan route for maritime shipments of South American cocaine bound for western Europe

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Country: **Bosnia**

Cry of the Earth

- air pollution
- deforestation and illegal logging
- inadequate wastewater treatment and flood management facilities
- limited number of sites for disposal of urban waste
- electricity from fossil fuels- 49% (2016 est.)

Cry of the Poor

- land mines left over from the 1992-95 civil conflict are a hazard in some areas.
- transitional economy with limited market reforms
- Economy relies heavily on the export of metals, energy, textiles, and furniture as well as on remittances and foreign aid.
- excessive bureaucracy
- The economy is among the least competitive in the region.
- high unemployment-20.5% (2017 est.)
- approximately 99,000 refugees and internationally displaced persons (2028 est.)
- increasingly a transit point for heroine being trafficked to Western Europe
- highly vulnerable to money laundering
- weak law enforcement
- instances of corruption

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Country: **Servia**

Cry of the Earth

- air pollution around Belgrade and other industrial cities
- water pollution from industrial wastes dumped into the Sava which flows into the Danube
- inadequate management of domestic, industrial, and hazardous waste
- electricity from fossil fuels-65% (2016 est.)

Cry of the Poor

- youth unemployment 29.7% (2018 est.)
- Major economic challenges include stagnant household income, the need for private sector job creation, structural reforms of state-owned companies, strategic public sector reforms.
- inefficient judicial system
- high levels of corruption
- refugees and internationally displaced persons-199,584 (2029 est.)
- estimated 715,627 refugee and migrant arrivals (January 2015-March 2020)
- transshipment point for Southwest Asian heroin moving to western Europe on the Balkan Route
- economy vulnerable to money laundering

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Country: **Slovakia**

Cry of the Earth

- Air pollution and acid rain present health risks and damage forests.
- land erosion caused by agricultural and mining practices
- water pollution

Cry of the Poor

- shortages in qualified labor force
- persistent corruption
- inadequate judiciary
- slow transition to an innovation-based economy
- high cost of energy
- transshipment point for Southwest Asian heroin bound for Western Europe
- producer of synthetic drugs for regional market
- consumer of ecstasy