

## Informative video on the nitrogen cascade

<b>Country:</b> <i>Switzerland</i>	<b>Sector:</b> <i>general public</i>
<b>Type of strategy, policy or measure:</b> <i>information</i>	<b>Level:</b> <i>national</i>
<b>What is the main objective of the strategy, policy or measure? When has it been implemented/or will be implemented?</b> <i>Introductory information of the general public about the nitrogen cascade and effects of nitrogen compounds on health and the environment.</i>	
<b>Background and driving forces:</b> <i>Elevated nitrogen deposition has a negative effect on sensitive ecosystems. Ammonia emissions from agriculture account for about two-thirds, nitrogen oxide emissions from combustion processes to about one-third of the total nitrogen inputs. Moreover, those substances are also important precursors for secondary particulate matter. With the objective of protecting human health and the environment, the Swiss Federal Council intends to reduce ammonia emissions by about 40% and nitrogen oxides by about 50% compared to 2005.</i>	
<b>Description of the strategy, policy or measure:</b> <i>Internet video on the nitrogen cascade and effects of nitrogen compounds on health and the environment as a way to improve the public awareness on the nitrogen issue.</i>	
<b>Costs, Funding and Revenue allocation:</b>	
<b>Effect and impacts on air pollution abatement:</b> <i>Public awareness to improve the acceptance for the necessary abatement measures of nitrogen compounds, with a focus on ammonia.</i>	
<b>References/Further information:</b> <i>Web link to video: <a href="http://www.bafu.admin.ch/luft/00575/11210/index.html?lang=en">http://www.bafu.admin.ch/luft/00575/11210/index.html?lang=en</a></i>	
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<b>Additional comments:</b> <i>This measure is in fulfillment of the obligations concerning public awareness of the 1999 Gothenburg Protocol, and the Batumi Action for Cleaner Air (BACA)</i>	