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Summary

Strong economic growth in Slovenia is also resulting in higher pressures on the environment, which is not in line with the concept of sustainable development. The most critical element is transportation, as it is developing in an extremely unsustainable manner. The high energy intensity of the economy is decreasing too slowly, given the substantial lagging behind more developed countries. The situation is especially unfavourable in the manufacturing sector, where intensity even increased in 2003 and in 2005. That is due to the fact that the highest increase in production was achieved by the most emission and energy intensive industries. Use of renewable sources of energy is relatively high due to natural endowments, but in the long term it is not increasing. Pressures on the environment from agriculture are decreasing. Little progress was achieved in the material use of waste.