**Germany’s elephant in the room.**

* **Co2 in Germany since nuclear switched off**
* **CO2 per kWh of different energy sources**
* **UK biggest absolute reduction in Co2** <http://www.world-nuclear-news.org/EE-Anti-nuclear-Germany-is-Europes-biggest-GHG-emitter-13111701.html>
* **ElectricityMap.org**
* **Grid watch (UK and France)**

Beware the headlines. That’s nothing new, of course. You may have heard that Germany is in the midst of a great *Energiewende*, or energy transition. The highly-publicised plan would have Germany reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80-95% of 1990 levels and produce 60% of its electricity from renewable energy sources by the year 2050 [1]. An honourable ambition! I hear you cry. Honourable indeed, but behind the glossy PR there lurks a dirty secret.

but there is an elephant in the room, and the elephant happens to spew out *massive* quantities of sooty, sulphurous, carcinogenic pollution.

[1] [*The Energy of the Future: Fourth "Energy Transition" Monitoring Report — Summary*](https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/EN/Publikationen/vierter-monitoring-bericht-energie-der-zukunft-kurzfassung.pdf) (PDF). Berlin, Germany: Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi). November 2015. Retrieved 2017-11-18.