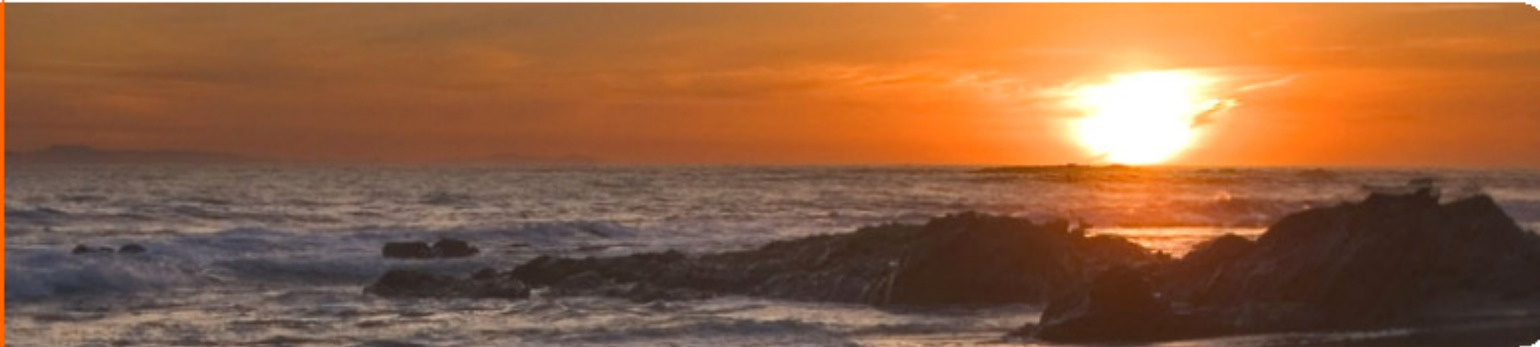


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# **EU natural resource policies: The need to consider global aspects**

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## Natural resources: current trends

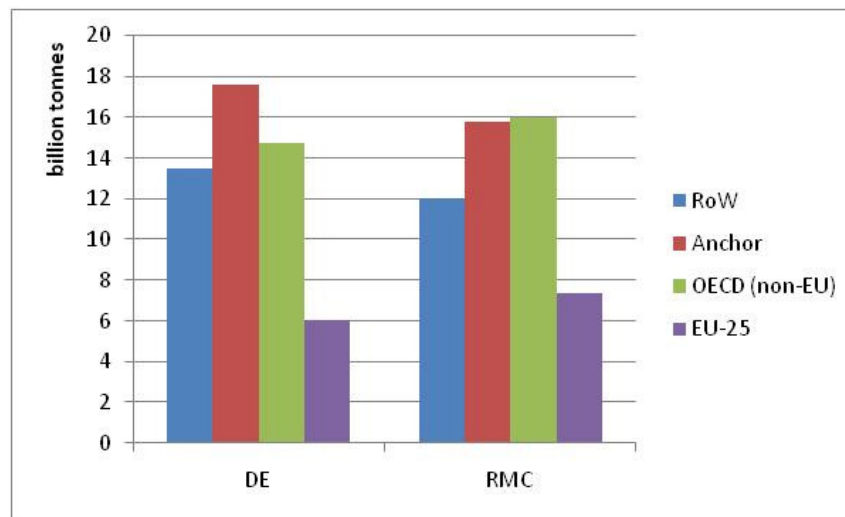
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- Sharply rising prices for energy & raw materials
- Increasing competition over natural resources  
 EU trade strategy „Global Europe“ (2006)  
*“More than ever, Europe needs to import to export. Tackling restrictions on access to resources such as energy, metals and scrap, primary raw materials including certain agricultural materials, hides and skins must be a high priority.”*
- Outsourcing of resource-intensive stages of production processes

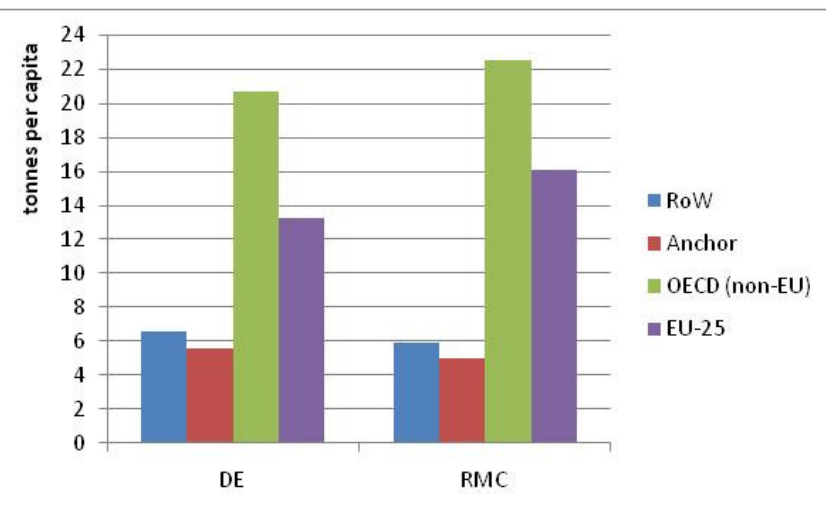
# Extraction/Production versus Consumption

## Material Extraction vs. Material Consumption in 4 World Regions (2000)

Absolute numbers



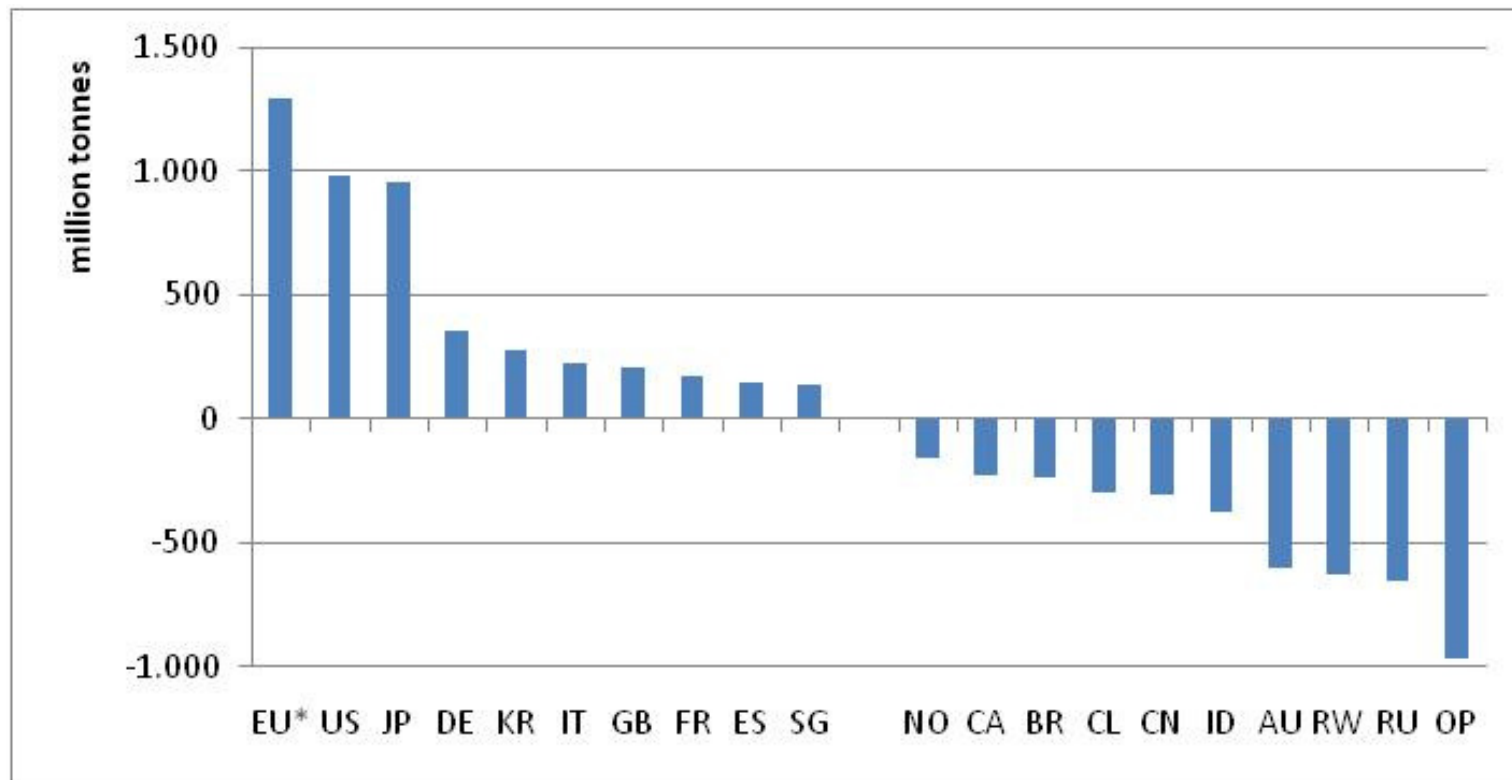
Per capita



DE ... Domestic Extraction; RMC ... Raw Material Consumption

# Net-importers vs. Net-exporters

Materials embodied in international trade (2000)

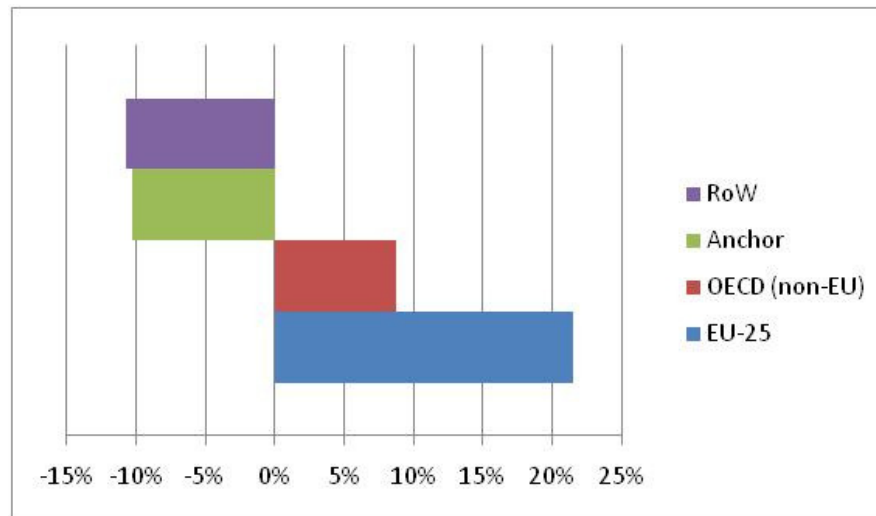


\* For illustrative purposes we included the region EU-25 (EU\*) in this country ranking.

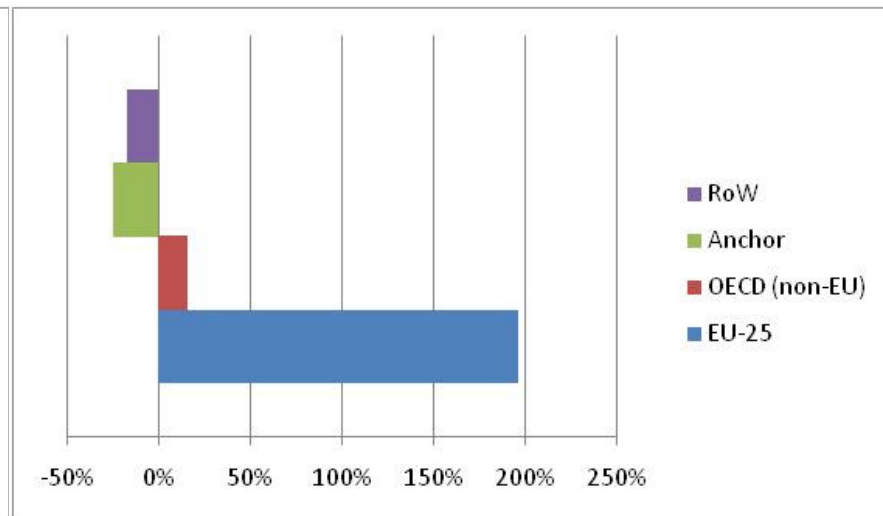
# Dependence on resource imports

## Net-Imports / Net-Exports as Percentage of Domestic Extraction (2000)

All materials



Metal ores



## Policy implications

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- EU SDS; EU Resource Strategy; EU Action Plan on SCP: consideration of global perspectives
- But: conflicting interests with EU economic, trade and development policies
- Resource productivity as major opportunity
- Integrated / systemic policies → role model

**The end .... Thank you!**

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