

**SEEA Central Framework update  
Guidance Note:  
Issue C.3 “Extending the scope of environmental activities”**

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# Background

- Scoping note C3 (June 16<sup>th</sup> 2025)
- SEEA-CF §4.1
- SEEA CF defines the **scope of environmental activities** as economic activities whose primary purpose is to reduce or eliminate pressures on the environment (environmental protection activities) or to make more efficient use of natural resources (resource management activities)
- ...recognized that there are a few **other economic activities** that are related to the environment which may be of particular interest for policy and analytical purposes (see sect. 4.2).
- SEEA research agenda: topics such as climate change, circular economy etc.
- Scoping note considers 4 topics named in global consultation: climate change, environmental disaster management, extraction industries, PEDS => starting point for the guidance note



# SEEA CF – extend the scope

- Extension: examine the possible relevant economic activities and transactions beyond the current scope of EP and RM
- Identify « environmental activities » that should be included – set of criteria
- Environmental purpose remains
- Scoping note's proposal of 3 different groups:
  - Activities that are 'environmentally friendly' (area A)
  - Activities that are 'environmentally related' (area B)
  - Activities that are potential environmentally harmful (area C)
- Focus in C3 on extending SEEA scope of environmental activities
- In C4 other SEEA extensions based on secondary purpose



# SEEA CF – current scope and extension

- Activities that are environmentally friendly and/or support environmental sustainability
- Includes provisions for specific transactions that are environmentally neutral/unfriendly



- A.** Activities driven by environment safeguard - ‘environmentally friendly’
- B.** Activities not driven by environment but not harmful for the environment – ‘environmentally related’
- C.** Activities with negative return on the environment – ‘potential environmentally harmful’

# Guidance note SEEA CF scope

Area A environmental friendly

Area B environmentally related

Area C potential environmentally harmful

2 questions in the Guidance Note:

1. how to categorise extended activities
2. how to operationalise the environmental domain/topics



# 1. how to categorise extended activities

A. Environmental friendly	B. Environment related	C potential environmentally harmful
Environmental purpose §4.12 – 4.13	Link to environment ≠ Environmental purpose Impact on the environment? Specific statistical framework	Instruments linked to activities detrimental for the environment ≠ Environmental purpose
Environmental protection and resource management Climate change mitigation Circular economy	Climate change adaptation Disaster risk reduction Sustainable tourism Bioeconomy	Environmental taxes* PEDS**

Possible overlap: example climate change mitigation, climate change adaptation (renewable energy and flood resistant infrastructure construction)

\* Currently as addendum in sEEA CF

\*\* Guidance notes C6 and C7



# 2. How to operationalise

## 2-step approach

1. definition of environmental domain
2. List of activities and products

## 1. Definition

Detailed guidance – borderline cases

## 2. List of activities and products

indicative (no 'ready to use')

country customisation

part of ...

## Environmental purpose as based on

- Technical nature
- Intention, motivation or presumed effect
- Legislation

## Link to and define

SNA transactions

Classifications (CEP, ISIC, CPC...)

Accounting framework



# SEEA CF scope: operationalise


<i>Each environmental domain</i>	Definition	List of activities and products	CEP	Other classifications	SNA Transactions/ variables
Area A environmental friendly	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Output, investment, employment...
Area B environmentally related	Yes	Not always	Yes and No	Yes	Depends
Area C potential environmentally harmful	Yes	?	No	Yes	Taxes, subsidies



# Example with C2 integrated framework approach

Production account

Expenditure account

		Corporations		Govt	HH	RoW
		Env. GS producers	Non producers			
Intermediate consumption	CEP 0101					
Final consumption	CEP 0102...					
						
GFCF, transfers...						

# Expenditure account – one environmental domain example

Economic measure = Intermediate consumption	Corporations EGS producers	Gov	...		
CEP 0101 reduction and control of GHG					
CEP 0102 reduction and control of other air pollutants					
CEP 0201 energy from renewable sources					
CEP 0202 energy savings and management					
CEP 0301 wastewater management					
CEP 0302 water savings and management of natural water resources					
CEP 0401 waste management					
CEP 0402					
CEP ....					
Low carbon transport infrastructure					
...					



# Environmental protection

Economic measure = Intermediate consumption	Corporations EGS producers	Gov	...		
CEP 0101 reduction and control of GHG					
CEP 0102 reduction and control of other air pollutants					
<del>CEP 0201 energy from renewable sources</del>					
<del>CEP 0202 energy savings and management</del>					
CEP 0301 wastewater management					
<del>CEP 0302 water savings and management of natural water resources</del>					
CEP 0401 waste management					
<del>CEP 0402 material recovery and savings</del>					
CEP ....					
Low carbon transport infrastructure					
...					



# Climate change mitigation

Economic measure = Intermediate consumption	Corporations EGS producers	Gov	...		
CEP 0101 reduction and control of GHG					
CEP 0102 reduction and control of other air pollutants					
CEP 0201 energy from renewable sources					
CEP 0202 energy savings and management					
<del>CEP 0301 wastewater management</del>					
<del>CEP 0302 water savings and management of natural water resources</del>					
<del>CEP 0401 waste management</del>					
CEP 0402 material recovery and savings					
....					
Low carbon transport infrastructure					
n.e.c. for climate change mitigation					



# Next steps and questions to the group

Comments from the SEEA CF task team (wiki)

Comments from London Group by **October 2<sup>nd</sup>** at the latest to Estat

Draft 2 of guidance note by mid October

1. Recognise the scope as 3 main areas A, B, C
2. Agree on operationalisation steps
3. Operationalise area B with secondary environmental purpose or other socio-economic criteria?
4. Criteria for Area C Potential environmentally harmful (beyond “purpose”)?



# Thank you



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