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# Classification of Environmental Functions

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## *Comments Form*

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**Question 1: Do you have any comments on the proposed structure of the Classification of Environmental Functions?**

We welcome the integration of CEPA and CReMA. While the research and development category seems quite detailed, it allows each level two category to be combined with their respective level one category.

**Question 2. Do you have any comments on the explanatory notes and on the heading reference?**

The explanatory notes are very well-structured and comprehensive. We like the *It includes* and *It excludes* approach.

If no CEF reference is provided after an *It excludes* example, does that mean that it is excluded from the whole classification e.g. climate change adaptation?

We support the inclusion of Smart meters as they facilitate differential pricing to lower peak demand. This can reduce the need to use a power plant during the peak consumption period and should increase the proportion of electricity generated from renewable energy. Smart meters provide actual readings (as opposed to estimated or customer) and hence will improve the quality of the meter readings data.

We are not sure whether septic tanks or domestic waste water treatment systems is the best terminology?

On page 25 section 4.2 are green spaces along roads classified under CEF 5.1?

Sand and gravel is an important component of non-metallic minerals but I am not sure if it is mentioned explicitly in any of the documents.

**Question 3. Do you have any other comments on the Classification of Environmental Functions?**

Annex 1 is very useful.

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