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## Classification of Environmental Functions

### Global Consultation

#### *Comments Form*

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

Answer: The documents contains 7 different divisions as follows:

1. "Air, Climate and energy" - This to be replaced by "Air quality, climate change and energy"
2. "Wastewater and water resources" – Replace by "Water resources and wastewater management"
3. "Waste, materials recovery and savings" – could be replaced by "Waste management and the circular economy"
4. "soil, surface and groundwater, biodiversity and forest" to be replaced by 4. "Soil Quality" as "groundwater" is part of the division 2 "water resources". Also add new division under 5. "Biodiversity and forest"
5. "Noise and radiation" – replace by "Radiation and hazardous chemicals". Noise to be part of the environment protection.
6. "Research and development" – amend the subsection titles as per above suggestions.
7. "Cross cutting and other activities" – Okay

Add a new division titled "8. Environmental protection"

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

The documents contain the division and subsections description.

1. Air, Climate and energy - This to be replaced by "Air quality, climate change and energy"
2. "Wastewater and water resources" – Replace by "Water resources and wastewater management". Replace 2.2 by 2.1 and vice versa.
3. "Waste, materials recovery and savings" – could be replaced by "Waste management and the circular economy"
  - 3.1 Waste management – replace by" Introduction"
  - 3.2 "Material recovery and saving" – replace by "Waste hierarchy and the circular economy"Subsection 3.2 needs to be rewritten to reflect the title requirement
4. "soil, surface and groundwater, biodiversity and forest" to be replaced by 4. "Soil Quality" as "groundwater" is part of the division 2 "water resources". Also add new division under 5. "Biodiversity and forest"

"Groundwater" is considered part of the "water resources".

Also add new division under 5. "Biodiversity and forest"

Amend the subsection contents and description accordingly.

Move subsections 4.2 and 4.3 under the new division "Biodiversity and forest"
5. "Noise and radiation" – replace by "Radiation and hazardous chemicals". Noise to be part of the environment protection. Amend the section head and subsection accordingly.
6. "Research and development" – amend the title subsections as per above suggestions
7. "Cross-cutting and other activities" – Okay

8. "Borderlines cases" – Noted missing the "Water resources and wastewater Management" part of it.  
Amend titles and sub-titles as per above suggestions.

All materials contents to be amended and updated accordingly.

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

The heading reference in the explanatory notes brief but well described. This piece of notes will provide a good guideline of each division section and sub-sections requirements.