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1. Introduction

This document presents attached two draft technical notes related to environmental goods and services sector (EGSS) and environmental protection expenditure accounts (EPEA). The SEEA technical notes are intended to provide guidance to data producers as regards concepts, data collection, compilation and publication.

The draft technical notes attached were written by Eurostat on the basis of previous drafts prepared by consultants for UNSD. The Eurostat drafts were written back in 2018 and 2019, after the UNCEEA approval of the [integrated framework for environmental activity accounts](#), and were put on hold pending of the revision of the Classification of Environmental Activities (CEA). In EGSS and EPEA, the transactions are disaggregated by their functional purpose using the Classification of Environmental Activities (CEA). The technical notes make reference to the current version of Classification of Environmental Activities (CEA), i.e. the version included in the SEEA Central Framework. Eurostat is currently working to complete the review of the CEA classification, as stated in the SEEA CF research agenda, and the technical notes will be updated as soon as the new version of the CEA classification will be available.

Because the completion of the CEA review will take several months more, it is proposed to advance now the consultation and adoption of the technical notes EGSS and EPEA without further delay, and replace the references to and tables with CEPA & CReMA detail by the upcoming reviewed CEA as soon as possible. The SEEA CF technical committee discussed the draft technical notes attached in its 9 June meeting.

The Committee members are welcome to send written comments and views on the draft technical notes and the way forward **by 8 of July**. Please send your feedback via e-mail to the following addresses: Arturo.De-La-Fuente@ec.europa.eu and s.schenau@cbs.nl