



Conference on
Environmental Accounts for Policy Makers

Bruxelles 1 October 2008

Preliminary Program

Speakers and chairs still to be confirmed

- 8:30-9:30 **Registration and welcome coffee**
- Opening speech** by *Walter Radermacher, General Director, Eurostat*
General introduction on what national and international statistical offices can do to improve our measures on progress
- Opening speech** by *Timo Mäkelä, Director, DG Environment*
- Session 1 Environmental Accounts – state of play**
- Introduction to Environmental Accounts: Description of the SEEA, what is it, what can it be used for? Short presentation of the study on "Environmental Accounts – state of play": an overview of the work on environmental accounts in 27 European countries. *Speaker: Mr Gilles Decand, Head of Unit Environmental Statistics and Accounts, Eurostat*
- Session 2 Use of Environmental Accounts for Policy purposes – the European experience**
Chair: Cesare Costantino, Research Director, ISTAT, IT
- EEA of draft report on Environmental impacts of European consumption and production patterns. *Speaker: Mr Pawel Kazmierczyk, Sustainable consumption and production, EEA*
- 11:00-11:15 *Coffee break*
- Presentations on the use of the German Environmental Accounts for policy purposes. *Speaker: Mr Michael Kuhn, Head of Unit Environmental Accounts, Destatis*
- What can be done with data from Environmental Accounts, with examples from environmental-economic studies of the European countries. *Speaker: Viveka Palm, Environmental Accounts, SCB, Sweden*
- 12:30-14:00 *Lunch*



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Session 3 **Use of Environmental Accounts for Policy purposes – going beyond GDP**
Chair: Ms Alessandra Alfieri, Chief of Environmental-Economic Accounting and Statistics Section, UNSD

- The Dutch experience: The Netherlands in a Sustainable World.
Speaker: Frank Dietz, Head of National Policy Assessment and Sustainability, Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency.

- Italian experience: the potential of a whole set of environmental accounts has been assessed – also the Ministry of Economy used preliminary estimates in order to initiate assessments within the National Strategic Reference Framework set up for spending the EU 2007-2013 Structural Funds. *Speaker: Mrs. Paola Casavola, Direttore, MISE -Dipartimento per le politiche di sviluppo e coesione, Direzione generale Studi e Statistiche*

- Presentation on the plans for use of French Environmental Accounts for policy purposes. *Speaker: Mr Michel David, Head of Department, Ifen (SOeS - Meeddat)*

15:30-16:00 *Coffee break*

Session 4 **Discussion: What are the needs of policy makers?**
Moderator: Mr Pieter Everaers, Director, Eurostat

Session 5 **Wrap-up by Mr Pieter Everaers, Director, Eurostat**

The conference is expected to end at 17:00

Following the conference, the participants are invited for a cocktail



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