

31st Meeting of the London Group on Environmental Accounting

Call for Papers and Participation

The 31st meeting of the London Group on Environmental Accounting will be hosted by Statistics Estonia from **22 to 25 September 2025 in Tallinn, Estonia**.

The main focus of the 31st London Group meeting will be to discuss issues related to the update of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting – Central Framework (SEEA CF) which was mandated by the UN Statistical Commission in 2024 and for which the [list of issues](#) was finalized in March 2025.¹

The London Group is supporting the update process by conducting research into selected issues and providing a forum for further discussion on the broader set of issues. The London Group discussion will feed back into the work of the task teams established under the UNCEEA Technical Committee on the SEEA Central Framework to carry out the update. At the annual meeting the London Group will also discuss topics related to SEEA Ecosystem Accounting.

Thus, the meeting is organized around the following two broad set of topics:

I. Issues related to the update of the SEEA Central Framework

For these issues, the guidance notes that are being developed as part of the update of the SEEA Central Framework will be presented for discussion. A number of issues (* marked with an asterisk) for which guidance notes have been prepared and [previously](#) discussed by the London Group will be discussed as updated versions.

Experts interested in contributing to the drafting of the guidance notes, please contact seea@destatis.de. Additionally, experts can submit abstracts for contributed papers related to any of these issues that can help to advancing the discussion.

- B3. Treatment of carbon flows in the SEEA Central Framework*
- C5. Climate change mitigation and adaptation expenditures*
- Issues in environmental taxes and subsidies, in particular*
 - C6. Inclusion of potentially environmentally damaging subsidies/related transfers
 - C7. Elaborating environmental tax abatements
 - Part of A9. Treatment of emission trading systems (ETS)
- Treatment of water in the SEEA Central Framework, in particular*
 - D4. Consideration of water as a produced asset (e.g. water in artificial reservoirs)
- A3. Update of information on environmentally extended input-output tables (EE-IOT)*
- Other issues for the update of the SEEA Central Framework (TBD)

II. Topics related to the SEEA Ecosystem Accounting

Experts are invited to submit abstracts for contributed papers on the following topics related to SEEA Ecosystem Accounting (SEEA EA):

- Accounting for ecosystem services, in particular monetary service accounts
- Links between SEEA EA, SEEA CF and SNA
- Topics related to the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF), in particular indicators A.2 and B.1 and related to the methods for aggregating ecosystem services accounts in biophysical terms

¹ The update of the SEEA Central Framework is carried out under the auspices of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting (UNCEEA). More information on the update of the SEEA Central Framework is available at: <https://seea.un.org/content/update-seea-central-framework>

The London Group Bureau issues the following **call for papers and participation** for the 31st London Group meeting:

- Environmental-economic accounting experts interested in contributing to the discussion related to issues related to the SEEA CF update issues and other topics related to the SEEA are invited to express their interest in participating in the meeting by sending an email to seea@destatis.de by **Monday, 28 April 2025**.
- If you would like to submit a paper for a presentation or poster session related to any of the topics mentioned above, you may answer this call by submitting an abstract to seea@destatis.de by **Monday, 28 April 2025**. Abstracts should be no more than 300 words and must clearly outline the content of the paper.

Notifications of acceptance will be sent out by Friday, 16 May 2025.

The meeting will be in person only. Please note that due to limited capacity of the conference venue, the Chair of the London Group together with the London Group Bureau, will decide on the final participation in the London Group meeting and inform the registered people on the acceptance of their participation. Priority will be given to people with accepted papers.