



Environmental Accounts Country report: Norway
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In 1997, Statistics Norway started the NOREEA-project (The *NOR*wegian *E*conomic and *E*nvironmental Accounts Project), which has received financing from Eurostat and the Ministry of the Environment. This is primarily a joint project between the Division for National Accounts and the Division for Environmental Statistics. Statistics for environmental protection investment and current expenditures in the manufacturing industries is a joint project between the Division for Environmental Statistics and the Division for Energy and Industrial Production Statistics.

Established Environmental and Economic Accounts areas:

- Hybrid accounts/NAMEA – air emissions. Annual publications incl. diagrams showing decoupling (1990-2003) http://www.ssb.no/english/subjects/09/01/nrmiljo_en/
- Industries' environmental protection investments and current expenditures Annual publications (2000-2002) http://www.ssb.no/english/subjects/01/06/20/miljokostind_en/
- Solid waste accounts (using a modified material flow approach, by fractions) Annual publications (1995-2005*) http://www.ssb.no/english/subjects/01/05/40/avfregno_en/
- Environmental taxes in Norway (1991-2004) <http://www.ssb.no/english/magazine/>
Taxes by industry is to be established in the near future.

Recent studies and work in progress in 2006:

- Statistics Norway's first material flow calculations for domestic material consumption (DMC) and domestic material input (DMI) and physical trade balance (PTB) are part of a project in 2006.
- In 2006 we will be developing statistics for the environment industry in Norway. Determining the population of enterprises to be included and then making estimates for turnover and employment.
- Developing statistics for central government environmental protection expenditure according to CEPA definitions (2001, 2002).
- Extend the Norwegian NAMEA for air emissions to include energy use.
- In the waste accounts, waste is characterised by material and product type, source of origin (sector) and type of treatment/disposal. So far, accounts have been prepared for paper and cardboard, glass, [wet organic material](#), metals, [plastics](#), [textiles](#), wood, concrete, bricks, sludge and hazardous waste. Accounts for rubber, polluted and clean masses (including soil and gravel) are at the planning stage.
- Information on the supply and use of water in different industrial sectors in Norway has been scarce. To improve this situation, Statistics Norway carried out a survey of water supply and use in the manufacturing industries in 2000. Reporting to the OECD/Eurostat joint questionnaire for water resources is improving slowly.
- In 2005, a committee headed by Statistics Norway presented a proposal for a national set of indicators for sustainable development (<http://www.ssb.no/english/magazine/art-2005-03-02-01-en.html>). The committee of state secretaries approved these indicators with only some small revisions. The revised list and the sustainable development strategy are being discussed in an internet hearing. This work is being led by the Ministry of Finance (Norwegian only): http://odin.dep.no/fin/norsk/tema/norsk_ekonomi/21/indikator/bn.html

Environmental Statistics on Statistics Norway's website:

- Environmental statistics – overview: http://www.ssb.no/english/subjects/01/miljo_en/
- Natural Resources and the Environment 2005: http://www.ssb.no/english/subjects/01/sa_nrm/

Oslo City Group for Energy on Statistics Norway's website:

Statistics Norway leads the newly established city group on energy. Website for this group is: <http://www.ssb.no/ocg/>