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Environmental-Economic Accounting Activities in Countries

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Summary of responses

- Thank you to those who responded
- In this presentation, quick summary of responses
- Compilation of responses to be forwarded to all (eventually)

Current/completed activities in countries

- Much work is going on in multiple areas
 - air emissions (Canada, China, EU, Korea)
 - Energy flows/assets (Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, UK)
 - environmental taxes (EU)
 - environmental protection expenditure (Eurostat, Korea, Mexico)
 - EGSS (Eurostat, Korea)
 - Forests (China, France, Estonia, Italy, Mexico, Norway, UK)
 - Fishery (Estonia)
 - Land use (Germany, Norway, UK)
 - material flows (EU)
 - Water (Canada, China, France, Germany, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, UK)
 - Waste (France, Mexico, Norway)



Planned activities in countries

- Accounts
 - environmental protection expenditure, energy accounts and EGSS mandatory within EU
 - Development strategy and long term plans being developed in Korea
 - Embodied energy—Germany (continuation of past work)
 - Water (Ireland)
 - UK—a number of accounts including carbon, farmland and land cover
 - Ecosystem accounting (Netherlands)
 - Naural resource stock accounts, Emission accounts and ecosystem accounting (Canada)
- Methodology
 - environmental subsidies, resource management expenditure, forest and water accounts (Eurostat)
 - National wealth (Norway)
 - Ecosystem accounting (Norway)
 - Valuation (USA)



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Current/recent collaborations

- Eurostat grants
 - Estonia-Italy (air emissions), Estonia-Norway (environmental taxes), Estonia-Norway (env. taxes and air emissions)
- Destatis and Turkstats—training of staff
- Stat Canada and NBS of China on environment statistics
- Collaboration between Mexico and ECLAC, Honduras, Dominican Republic
- Norway and various countries working on data supporting the environmental accounts
- WAVES
- Sweden—over a dozen projects over the last decade in developing countries
- Denmark and Bhutan
- CREEA Project—details to come during the session on forest accounts
- Netherlands and China (environmental accounting), Baltic States (water); Netherlands and UK (study visits); Netherlands and Vietnam (water)

Planned collaborations

- Eurostat grants
- Mexico working with Peru and Chile
- Nordic initiative on promotion and use of EEA
- Close collaboration through already existing mechanisms such as UNCEEA, LG, OECD etc



Other observations

- Strong desire to learn from what other have done
- Collaboration with other agencies in a country is key
- Need for training and sharing experiences, especially in developing countries
- Numerous publications in the context of green growth