Exploring Green Jobs in the UK

The UK has been exploring how best it can support policy makers and analysts in the measurement of green jobs. The paper discusses the challenges in this area, including agreeing a definition and measurement difficulties. It gives an overview of the two measures of green jobs that the Office for National Statistics currently produces, one of which estimates employment in the Environmental Goods and Services Sector, using the SEEA framework.

Questions for LG:

1. How can we balance data needs with statistical soundness (data quality) and the practicalities of data collection? [Based on your experiences]

2. How can we account for a ‘green transition’ using SEEA, rather than the binary ‘green job’ concept?

3. In which other ways do/could participants try to measure ‘green jobs’? [i.e., non-SEEA approaches, or extensions/adaptations of SEEA guidance.] For example, a ‘green’ marker on occupational classifications that show that the specific job could be ‘green’.

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