

AREA B1 - SEEA CENTRAL FRAMEWORK, 2018

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Progress on the SEEA CF research agenda

- **14 research topics** are currently listed on the SEEA CF research agenda
- **Three outcome papers** have been prepared and are ready for approval by UNCEEA: 1) integrated framework for environmental activity accounts (Eurostat), 2) Economy wide material flow accounts (ISTAT), and 3) Global DSDs for data exchange for SDMX (Eurostat).
- Two topics added, two topics dropped
- **This year work will commence** on a) the revision of the classification for environmental activities (CEA)/ definition of resource management, and b) fossil fuel subsidies
- for 5 issues it is not clear when work will start because there is **no topic lead**



PROPOSED PROCESS FOR FINALISING SEEA CF RESEARCH TOPICS

- Preparation issue paper by topic lead
- Review of SEEA CF TC
- Submission to UNCEEA for approval
- Global consultation (?) → Only for topics that propose a significant change with respect to the SEEA CF; UNCEEA decides
- After approval by the UNCEEA/ global consultation the outcome papers is published on the SEEA website



PRIORITIZATION OF THE WORKPLAN

Criteria for prioritization:

- (International) implementation priorities
- Critical for SDG's
- Work already underway
- Critical for climate change statistics
- Agency is willing to lead the work (topic lead)



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	international implementation priority	relevant for SDGs	Relvant for climate change	Work underway	Topic lead	Priority
A: Conceptual issues						
1. Development of classifications						
--> 1a: environmental activities	X		X	X	X	high
--> 1b: residuals	X	X				medium
2. Definition of resource management and structure of the resource management expenditure accounts	X		X	X	X	high
3. Integrated framework for environmental activity	X		X	X	X	high
4. Losses						low
5. Linkages and overlaps between SEEA CF and SEEA EEA		X		X		medium
6. Fossil fuel subsidies by industry as part of climate		X	X	X	X	high
7. LULUCF and SEEA			X	X	X	high
B: Implementation issues						
1. Implementation issues related to classifications						
2. Approaches to the measurement of adapted goods	X			X	X	medium
3. Economy wide material flow accounts	X	X		X	X	high
4. Input output techniques			X		X	medium
5. Global DSDs for data exchange for SDMX	X	X	X	X	X	high
6. Recording of fishery related activities in the PSUTs and asset accounts						low
7. Resource material equivalentents	X			X		medium



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If we apply these criteria, the most important consequences for the work plan would be :

- Issues A4 (losses) and B6 (fishery issues) have low priority and should be **removed** from the research agenda.
- For issues A1 (residuals), A5 (linkages with SEEA EEA), B7 (resource material equivalents) **either a lead topic needs to be identified** or these issues also should be given a low priority and **removed** from the research agenda.



Revision of the SEEA CF

Like all international standards, the SEEA should be revised on a regular basis

- New user demands
- Incorporate outcomes from the SEEA CF research agenda
- Alignment with SEEA EEA
- Alignment with SNA revision

Key questions :

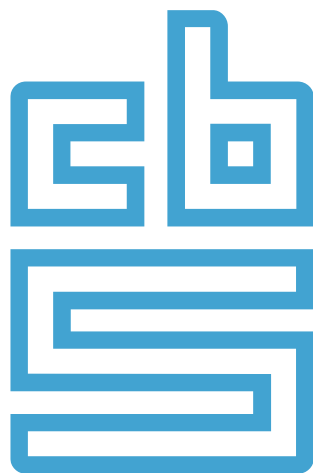
- a) Should the SEEA CF be revised in 5-6 years' time or not, and if yes
- b) What steps should be undertaken to initiate this process ?



Questions to the UNCEEA

1. Does the UNCEEA agree with the proposed process for finalisation of research issues and in particular for the paper on integrated framework, which represents a major change to the standard.
2. Does the UNCEEA agree with the process of finalization of the paper EW MFA paper by ISTAT?
3. Does the UNCEEA agree to reprioritise the research issues based on the new list of criteria and the consequences this has for the work plan ?
4. Should the SEEA CF be revised in 5-6 years' time or not, and if yes, what steps should be undertaken to initiate this process ?





Facts that matter