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# JOINT UNECE-OECD SEMINAR ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SEEA (14-15 OCTOBER 2015)

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## Motivation and purpose of the Seminar

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- Decision of the Conference of European Statisticians following requests of Member States
- Purpose:
  - Share experience and knowledge on SEEA implementation and policy uses
  - Present and discuss the activities of International Organizations
- Target Audience: Producers of environmental-economic accounts





# Sessions

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1. Introduction, setting the scene
2. SEEA Policy uses, analytical tools and indicators
3. SEEA implementation
  - a) Identification of priorities
  - b) Institutional setting and coordination
  - c) Production processes and capacity building
4. Emerging issues (e.g. ecosystem accounting)
5. Conclusions and recommendations for further work





## Main Outcomes – Success Stories

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- 54 countries with SEEA implementation programs
- SEEA progressively used as policy tool
- EU Regulation
- OECD Green Growth Strategy
- World Bank's WAVES Program
- Increased interest in implementation (e.g. in EECCA countries)





## Main Outcomes - Policy Uses

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- SEEA still not used in full capacity: need to further convince policy makers that it offers an ideal measurement framework, fully integrated with NA, for the analysis of interactions between the economy and the environment.
- Importance of:
  - Promoting the SEEA in international policy frameworks (SDGs).
  - Developing a communication strategy (reference to UNCEEA subgroup)
  - Improving the timeliness of data
  - Developing SEEA-compliant databases

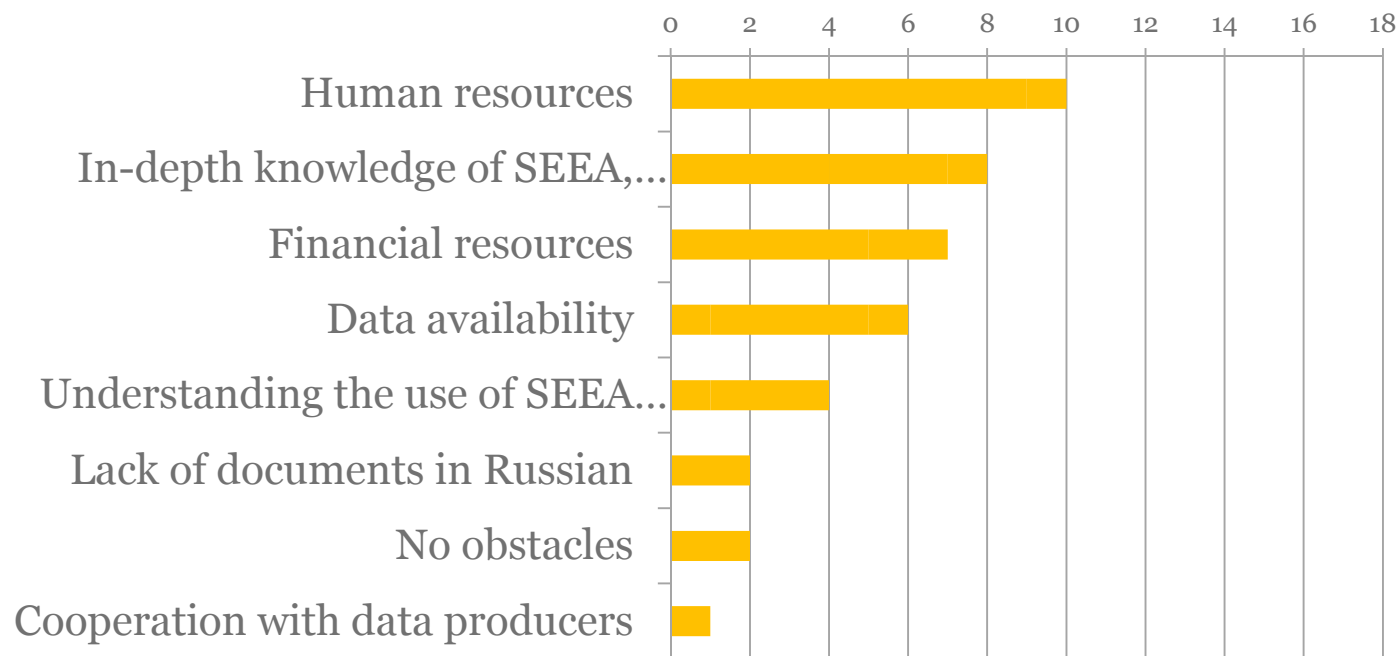




# Main Outcomes – Implementation (1/2)

## Main obstacles for implementation

Human resources are often the bottleneck





## Main Outcomes – Implementation (2/2)

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- Need for NSOs to cooperate with other national agencies/ministries (data suppliers and users)
- International cooperation (e.g. international training programs, bilateral assistance) is also key
- Regional strategy would ensure a common approach
- Request from participants: helpdesk/web forum and centralised, regularly updated database on SEEA implementation initiatives
- JTF on Environmental Statistics and Indicators as platform for EECCA countries





## Conclusions and Recommendations

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- Further exchange of best practices and discussion of particular issues is needed
- Joint UNECE-OECD Seminars to continue
- Regional UNECE implementation strategy
- Existing helpdesk of UNSD to be used and further strengthened
- Inventory of international activities







## Evaluation Survey after the Seminar: Do you have suggestions for future work on SEEA implementation in the ECE region? – Participants Feedback

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- *Continue in the same way.*
- *Conduct such meetings on a regular base*
- *Instead of general presentations on SEEA standards, policy uses etc., country examples in detail would be more useful. For example 1-2 countries from frontrunners of the SEEA implementation can explain their studies in a detailed seminar instead of 20 min presentation.*
- *Working with own data is much more motivating than working on theoretical exercises. Working in small groups of countries is also helpful because methodology discussions can take place during the breaks. Need to have the right people attend courses in order to make progress so having combined meetings and courses may not work so well since it would be different people who would need to attend. A number of the compilation guides need to be translated into Russian*
- *International seminars for individual modules of environment accounts (examples of the best countries practices ). For example, EPEA: the tables, the required data, reporting, users ..;*
- *Methods of analysis of environmental economic accounts and ways of promotion of SEEA.*
- *We need assessment in implementation of SEEA. Covering the topics like what kind of data we have, country situation and etc. We achieve results in implementation of SEEA by learning by doing.*
- *For promotion of SEEA in the ECE region in terms of environmental accounts would be useful to use the Joint Task Force on Environmental Indicators of the UNECE as a platform for discussion ....*





**Thank you for your attention!**

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