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The climate challenge - implications for sectoral statistics

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In order to make good targets, policy and follow-up in the climate change area, there is a need for well integrated official statistics.

Here we outline some of the experiences of the integration of sectoral statistics in Sweden, and what challenges lies ahead.



Sectoral statistics

- 1. National accounts: taxes and subsidies
- 2. Environmental statistics: emissions, resources, land use
- 3. Energy statistics
- 4. Transport statistics
- 5. Agricultural statistics
- 6. Trade statistics
- 7. Household statistics
- 8. Company statistics, the business register
- 9. Government statistics: budget
- 10. Environmental protection expenditure and investments
- 11. Social statistics (employment, health, income)



Sectors - Production - Consumption





CO2 tax and CO2 emissions by industry

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Regular publishing

- Energy use per industry and final demand
- Emissions to air
- Environmental taxes and subsidies
- Environmental protection expenditure
- Environmental goods and services

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Climate relevant analyses

- Economic instruments: subsidies to green fuels, to fossil fuels, energy taxes, green tax reforms (changing tax from employment to energy)
- IO-analyses: decoupling & decomposition analysis
- Household and public consumption
- Environmental goods and services
- Modelling environment/economy

Internal and external drivers for finding the environmental edge on sectoral statistics



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 Accounting + Environmental management policy. The departments are obliged to identify how data can be linked to environmental data demands from the user side.

• Government investigations, the need for data from authorities, research institutes and universities.



Users advisory group

•The environmental accounts advisory group meet 2-4 times a year.

•It consists of people from the department of finance, department of industry and the department of environment, the Swedish EPA, chemicals authority, Swentec and research and NGOs

•Advice on future priorities from a user perspective, follow-up yearly work plans.

Environmental goods and services: Abatement opportunities

- World market for sustainable energy, i.e. solar power, wind power, hydro power, biogas, district heating, energy efficiency measures, estimated to 165 DEM or 800 billion SEK per year until 2015 (Source: VDEW, the German society for electricity production).
- Environment goods and services database founded on the business register.

Environmental taxes and subsidies – percent of total







New developments: Energy subsidy types

- Direct transfers (to producers, households)
- Public R&D
- Preferential tax treatments
- Loans
- Trade restrictions
- Price controls
- Infrastructure
- Source: Energy subsidies. Lessons learned in assessing their impact and designing policy reforms. UNEP 2004.

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Four climate change and basic statistics challenges



- 2. Engage more with users. Explanations of underlying factors. Knowledge about integrated analysis must be strengthened. Requires new types of expertise in staff. Increased quality through internal cooperation.
- 3. Include social effects into the dominating environmental economic perspective. Needs investigation.
- Keep a good balance between the demand for detailed data and the protection of individual and company data.

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Agenda for future action

- International transport is not covered in CO2- protocol. Should be included in future international inventory of emissions.
- Energy taxes and subsidies No regular reporting to the international bodies. SNA reporting and energy reporting. Could become a standard reporting item.
- Dialogue with users to assess data needs and analyses needs. A 'new' user group: the modelers of environmental -economic instruments
- Internal work: organization and harmonized classification across sectoral statistics.
- Human resources and financial resources to be found and allocated.
- Coordination of international actions to increase availability of data