The need for better statistics for climate change policies

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Greenhouse gas emission data: more timely and more spatial data needed



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EEA annual report on GHG trends and projections in Europe





Greenhouse gas emission trends and projections in Europe 2006











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Kyoto targets in European countries



Greenhouse gas emission data: the need for more transparency



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NAMEA versus Kyoto Protocol GHG inventories

NAMEA

Measures emissions caused by country's residents and industry in other countries and discounts emissions caused by foreign visits and business to the country

Includes international aviation and maritime in totals Focus is on understanding production and especially consumption patterns inside and outside country

Kyoto Protocol GHG inventories and accounting Measures emissions within national boundaries International aviation and maritime not included in totals, but as memo item Full Kyoto accounting combines GHG inventory data

with data on use of Kyoto mechanisms (CDM, JI) and carbon sinks

Focus is on understanding progress to Kyoto targets



EU Emission Trading Scheme is changing needs



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Need for data on Kyoto mechanism projects



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Projected use of Kyoto mechanisms (CDM, JI) by 12 EU MS is about 2.5% of -8% target (107.5 Mt)

Member State	Planned use of Kyoto mechanisms by government to meet its burden sharing target	Projected emission reduction 2008–12 [Million tonnes CO ₂ - equivalents per year]	Allocated Budget [EUR million]
Austria	Yes	9.0	319
Belgium	Yes	7.0	104
Denmark	Yes	4.2	152
Finland	Yes	2.4	120
Germany	No	-	23
Ireland	Yes	2.4	290
Italy	Yes	19.0	170
Luxembourg	Yes	4.7	300
Netherlands	Yes	20.0	693
Portugal	Yes	5.8	354
Spain	Yes	31.8	310
Sweden	Yes	(1.2) ^a	25
EU-15	Yes	107.5	2 860
Slovenia	Yes	< 0.6	-

Vulnerability and adaptation data needs



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Precipitation projected to increase in northern, decrease in southern Europe; more frequent droughts and floods likely



Source: PESETA project, PRUDENCE; IPCC SRES A2 high emission scenario (change 2071-2100 relative to 1961-1990) UN Conference on Climate Change and Official Statistics 14-16 April 2008



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Data Integration & Information Management

From stand-alone data to integration

The Rhine Catchment

Area: ca. 180,000 km²
Countries Switzerland, Austria, France. Luxembourg, Germany, Netherlands
Hydrological Characteristics
Alpine Rhine mainly nival & glacial regime
Floods in late spring / early summer
middle + lower Rhine mainly

middle + lower Rhine mainly pluvial regime

Floods in winter and spring



Ecosystem accounting can help climate change vulnerability assessments



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Extensive forests of the Dinaric Alps, Slovenia Photo: E Habic

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Conclusions



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