



Training and capacity building for environmental accounts in the EU

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Key challenges

- Eurostat produces for EU policy makers, general public etc. Need detailed data sets as well as indicators. For general public need wide set of dissemination tools.
- Policy makers not always aware especially of analytical possibilities.
- Production in countries – main challenges relate to staff:
 - **Staff cuts (economic crisis)**
 - **Staff turnover (and loss of expertise)**
 - **Lack of national and environmental accounting knowledge**
 - **National networks needed - links to and cooperation with key users and data owners)**

What we do at EU level

- Lunchtime presentations to policy makers
- Annual hearings with policy makers (strategic meetings to discuss needs and plans)
- Use of modern dissemination tools (videos, interactive maps and charts, several products targeted at different audiences – this we do mainly for indicators)
 - **focus on indicators from accounts**
- Need to produce more attractive products (go further in analysing data, not just produce data sets)
 - **analyse the data and demonstrate the uses**

What we can do to help countries

- To help newcomers
 - **Make sure a good set of handbooks is available (costly)**
 - **Offer training courses (30 countries not quite enough demand – but open to others)**
 - **Country visits for special cases**
 - **Annual Working Group meetings help educate/network**
 - **Thematic workshops in some areas (e.g. waste statistics)**
- Data validation allows dialogue and education
- National best practices
 - **Document the procedures properly**
 - **Request outgoing staff to leave a handover file**
 - **Network with national data owners – agree common approaches in writing**