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COUNTRY NOTE OF TURKEY

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL-ECONOMIC ACCOUNTING

Turkish Statistical Institute (TurkStat) has initiated studies on environmental statistics in 1990 and it has been working on water, wastewater and waste statistics, air emissions, green house gas emissions, sustainable development indicators, environmental expenditures and environmental accounts up to now.

The works on environmental issues especially on SEEA, environmental accounts, greenhouse gas emissions, climate change and sustainable development are strongly supported by the high level management of TurkStat. This awareness led to the establishment of a new group due to reorganization, named "Environmental Economic Accounts Group" which focuses only to environmental accounts.

TurkStat has been conducting six surveys on environmental employment, revenue and expenditure statistics from

- governmental organizations since 1997
- municipalities since 2001
- private provincial administrations since 2005
- local administration unions for water, sewerage and waste services since 2006
- enterprises since 2007
- organized industrial regions since 2008

Moreover, TurkStat had reported OECD/Eurostat Joint Questionnaire on Environmental Protection Expenditure and Revenues from 2000 up to 2012 by using the data gathered from these surveys.

Within the EU accession period, TurkStat has been studying and reporting on environmental accounts as listed below, which were covered in the EU Environmental Economics Accounts Regulations of 2011 and 2014.

- Material Flow Accounts since 2009
- Air Emission Accounts since 2010
- Environmental Taxes since 2013
- Environmental Protection Expenditure Accounts since 2015

- Environmental Goods and Services Sector since 2015
- Energy Accounts since 2017 (2015 reference year data)