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| <i>Statement provided by:</i> Germany | |
| <i>Statement:</i> Germany supports the jointly planned opinion of the European Statistical System (ESS) on the SEEA. Nevertheless, we would like to use this opportunity to supplement our own national statement: Germany welcomes overall the activities in statistics to present greenhouse gas emissions, their drivers and sinks as well as impacts of climate change in a more user-oriented statistical way in the future. This must be done on the basis of the tables of the existing SEEA CF and the SEEA EA adopted last year. UNSD is already working on a number of issues regarding the further development of environmental economic reporting. These include proposals regarding satellite and thematic accounts of the SEEA CF/EA on such as Ocean Economy, Circular Economy, Carbon, Resources, etc. These are relevant developments that should necessarily have the SEEA CF/EA and its methods and definitions as a basis. Therefore, from a statistical point of view, we support these plans to occupy those topics with SEEA. However, we must also be careful that the necessary foundations can be laid for the further development of these satellite and thematic accounts in the SEEA CF and especially in the EA. Therefore, we propose with higher priority to first clarify the still unresolved fundamental methodological issues (e.g., the valuation of ecosystem services in the SEEA EA) before tackling further thematic accounts." | |
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