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| <i>Statement provided by:</i> Hungary | |
| <i>Statement:</i> This statement is delivered on behalf of the EU and its Member States. The EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland align themselves with the statement. The European Statistical System (ESS) welcomes and appreciates the substantial work carried out under the supervision of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Environmental-Economic Accounting (UNCEEA). The ESS underlines the importance of the UNCEEA engagement in the SNA, ISIC and CPC updates. The ESS welcomes the involvement of the statistical community in the monitoring framework of the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework. The ESS considers that additional efforts are needed for following up properly biodiversity targets and deriving indicators where appropriate, and encourages the focus on biophysical measures. As regards the implementation strategy for the SEEA – Ecosystem Accounting, the ESS welcomes it and also recommends adequately balancing the work between putting into production agreed methodologies and further developing new required methodologies and guidelines, focusing on the physical accounts first. | |
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