



Joint OECD/UNECE Seminar on the Implementation of SEEA

SEEA Implemented Activities and Plans in Georgia



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Geneva, Switzerland



Outline

- Why Environmental Economic Accounting in Georgia?
- International Cooperation for Environmental Economic Accounting
- SEEA Activities in cooperation with EEA
- SEEA Activities in cooperation with UN, OECD, etc
- SEEA Activities in cooperation with Statistics Sweden
- Activities of Georgia for SEEA development – progress and future plans



System of
Environmental
Economic
Accounting

Why Environmental Economic Accounting in Georgia

- Tool for sustainable management of the environment contributing to social and economic development
- Environmental economic accounting is one of the prioritized areas for Georgia within environment statistics

**Better
Planning**

**Better
Monitoring**

**Better
Reporting**

**Sustainability of
Results**

**Better Governance
and Development**

**Compliance with
EU standards**

Cooperation for Environmental Economic Accounting



Seminars/trainings



Shared Environmental Information System principles and practices in the Eastern Partnership countries



Institutional Capacity Building Project of the National Statistics Office of Georgia

SEEA Activities in cooperation with EEA

- **ENI SEIS Project (2016-2020)**
Shared Environmental Information System principles and practices in the Eastern Partnership countries (Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Moldova, Belarus, Ukraine)
- **Vocational Training on Environmental Accounting, 1st cycle**
28 August-1 September, 2107, Montpellier, France
 - ✓ Build capacities in facilitating the implementation of the SEEA in the region
 - ✓ SEEA Central Framework & SEEA Experimental Ecosystem Accounting
 - ✓ Practical approaches and perspectives to integrating environmental accounting
 - ✓ Land cover account, remote sensing, processing & use of satellites data
 - ✓ Accounting for ecosystem biodiversity, carbon and water
 - ✓ Discovery of data and concepts, pre-processing, and mapping



SEEA Activities in cooperation with UN, OECD, etc.

- 1st E-learning Course on SEEA Central Framework
UN ECOSOC Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP) - 9 October-10 November 2017
- Online Training Program on SEEA
UNECE/UNSD, 9 November-15 December, 2017
- Regional Training Workshop on SEEA
UNECE/UNSD, Minsk, Belarus, 5-18 January 2018
- Seminars/courses/trainings/online platforms

Goals:

- Supporting to build capacities in environmental accounting
- Sharing regional and national experience



SEEA Activities in cooperation with Statistics Sweden

- Project - **Institutional Capacity Building Project of the National Statistics Office of Georgia (2015-2018)**



- **Training on SEEA** and sharing Swedish experience (5-8 September, 2017)
- Goal – identify priorities, areas of work to start, elaborate a roadmap
- Issues discussed:
 - SEEA in Sweden
 - SEEA in line with EU standards and international processes
 - Economy-wide material flow accounts
 - Environmentally related taxes
 - Air emission and energy flow accounts
 - Environmental protection expenditure accounts
 - Water accounts
- Recommendations for next steps
- Roadmap for SEEA development

Outputs	Completed (Yes/No)
Selection of prioritized EEA	Yes
Assessment of data availability for producing selected EEA	Yes
Assessment of future needs for fulfilling data gaps	Yes
Methodology guidelines are highlighted	Yes
Strategy/work plan produced	Yes
Staff trained on EEA	Yes



Key Stakeholders



- Overall responsibility for SEEA development
- Production and publishing the statistics produced according to SEEA

- Ensuring availability of expert knowledge in specific areas
- Assist Geostat in SEEA development



Activities of Georgia within SEEA CF and SEEA EEA

Air Emission Accounts
Environmental Related Taxes
Material Flow Accounts

3 Prioritized Areas
within SEEA

All 3 modules are
under EU regulation
691/2011 on
European
Environmental
Accounts

3 stars – best score
2 stars – medium score
1 or none – bad score

List of Priorities

Module	Data availability	National user needs	International reporting	Competence required	Time required for pilot	Total
Air emission accounts	***	***	***	***	***	15
Env. Taxes	**	***	***	***	***	14
MFA	***	**	***	***	**	13
Water accounts	**2019	***	-	***	**	10
PEFA	***	*	***	**	*	10
Of which survey	-	***	***	**	*	9
EPEA	*	***	***	*	*	9
EGSS	-	*	***	*	*	6

Plans for SEEA Development

-  evaluate guidelines & methodological aid available for possible areas & do initial check of data availability
-  Assessment of data availability for producing selected EEA
-  Final selection of the area(s) of SEEA development
-  Discuss the communication plan and formats for publishing
-  Compile pilot statistics and formats for publishing for the chosen area(s) within SEEA
-  Short-term mission from Statistics Sweden
-  Evaluate pilot statistics outcome, discuss methodology used, publications planned & discuss user needs and communication plans





Thank You!

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