



Sustainable development (70)

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Key indicators for European policies

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1. GENERAL BACKGROUND

- International movement – UN conferences
- European Union strategy for sustainable development 2002
- Providing the Commission, other institutions and the public with high quality statistical indicators and analyses for the implementation and follow-up of the above strategy
- Measuring progress in order to:
 - support the SDS review (monitoring)
 - inform the general public



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2. THE ACQUIS

- Communication of Commissioner Almunia on SDI (2005)
- Issue-oriented, multi-level framework derived from SD Strategy and related policies
- European Council (June 2006) – reporting requirement & development of indicators
- Data collected from different statistical domains and external sources: 10 main themes



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3. MOST PROBLEMATIC ISSUES

- List of indicators could change with reviewed strategy
- Not all indicators based on official statistics, quality problems
- Request for composite indicators



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4. FUTURE ACQUIS

- Regular review of strategy could indirectly affect the acquis in terms of need for data