



Environment Statistics(71)

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Joint Questionnaire

on the Environment

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1. GENERAL BACKGROUND

Statistics about various environmental topics are collected in order to provide reliable background information for development, implementation and monitoring of environmental policies.



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2. THE ACQUIS

The OECD/Eurostat Joint Questionnaire (JQ) is a voluntary reporting exercise based on a gentlemen's agreement. The following domains are expected to be reported to Eurostat: Inland Waters, Wildlife, Waste, Noise, Land use and Environmental Expenditure.



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2. THE ACQUIS

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JQ reporting exercise:

- **Sent out biennially (even years)**
- **Coverage: national territories**
- **Asks for: yearly data**
- **Data validated by Eurostat**
- **Results publicly accessible**



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2. THE ACQUIS

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Daughter Questionnaire:

The Regional Environmental Questionnaire (REQ) is launched less regularly (appr. every 4 years) and collects data at NUTS2 level for a subset of parameters.



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3. MOST PROBLEMATIC ISSUES

Sources for the data to be reported via the JQ are in most cases distributed among various administrations / institutions of the country. In order to work towards successful reporting, these need to communicate well in order to cooperate closely – something not easy to achieve in places!



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4. FUTURE ACQUIS

**The JQ is being revised when necessary.
Revisions are discussed beforehand in Eurostat
and OECD working groups.**

**As it was done for waste statistics, it is planned
to bring some areas under legal cover in the
mid-term.**



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5. SPECIFIC QUESTIONS

Both Croatia and Turkey do already participate in the JQ reporting exercise, but the response rates are far from excellent, with still many gaps in the tables.

What do you intend to do in order to improve the situation?