

Overview of production, sharing and use of UNECE environmental indicators in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus

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Summary and information sources

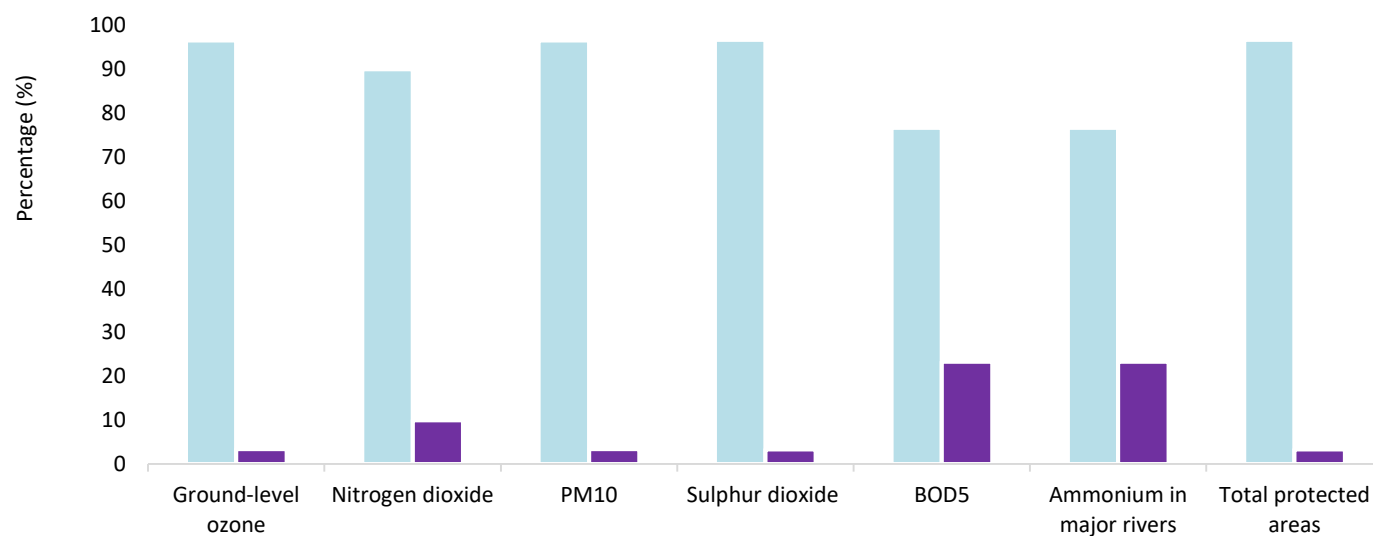
- Desk study on the status of production, sharing and use of the UNECE environmental indicators in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus
- Mid-term review report on the establishment of SEIS (ECE/CEP/2019/7) built on the self-assessment questionnaire
- A series of country factsheets with further analysis of the status of SEIS

Main findings and conclusions

- Continued efforts to harmonize relevant data flows and improve the quality of the selected environmental indicators and underpinning data flows since Batumi (2016)
- General consistency between national and UNECE indicators included in the review
- Most of the seven data flows assessed for the mid-term review are being produced at the national level with improved availability and accessibility online
- Wide use of the environmental indicators for national state-of-the-environment assessment and reporting
- Effective institutional and administrative capacities at the local, regional and national levels for the establishment of SEIS

Data accessibility

For the mid-term review, countries were invited to specify, for each data set, whether it was readily available and accessible online for users on any national platform. The results in the figure below indicate that the data flows were readily available and accessible online in 90 per cent of cases, though that proportion dropped to 77 per cent for water-related data flows.



Source: Mid-term review report on the establishment of SEIS (ECE/CEP/2019/7).

- The data flow is readily available and accessible online for users on a national platform [%]
- The data flow is not readily available and accessible online for users on a national platform [%]



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Next steps

- Further efforts needed to have SEIS fully in place by year 2021
- Linkages to other monitoring and assessment processes at regional and global level, including in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as other indicators-based initiatives, e.g. OECD green growth indicators
- Application of the achievement for monitoring and reporting of SDGs
- Synergies between various initiatives supporting SEIS objectives at national, sub-regional and regional level

Gaps to close and experience to share among the countries in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus

	ARM	AZE	BLR	GEO*	MDA	UKR
UNECE environmental indicators online						
Online publication platforms	●	●	●	○	●	
Data content and definitions	●		●	●		○
Metainformation	●	○	●	○	●	○
Visualisation	●	○	●	○	●	○
Assessment in the policy context	○	○	●	○	●	○
Accessibility and content of additional indicators	●		●			●
UNECE and other indicators for policy and assessment						
Use for SDG monitoring and reporting			●	○	○	●
Use for assessing green growth			●	○		○
Use in national environmental policy frameworks			●		●	●
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Use for reporting to MEAs	●		●	●		●
Use in national state-of-the-environment reports	○	○	●	●	●	●
Integration for regional / international assessment				○		

● cutting-edge experience to share; ○ gaps to close; ● both cutting-edge experience and gaps; – not assessed

* At the time of the study, Georgia's indicators were partially off-line due to ongoing administrative reform.



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RECOMMENDATIONS

- Continue work together on the integration and harmonization of environmental data flows, in line with the SEIS principles and taking into account the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA)
- Increase use of indicators for different purposes, including by assessing and promoting the use of UNECE environmental indicators to monitor the achievement of SDGs and green economy
- Focus on supporting the production of modern indicator-based, policy-relevant assessments and increase their relevance for decision-making
- Building on partnerships and relevant national/regional projects

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