

# 6<sup>th</sup> Joint OECD/UNECE Seminar on SEEA Implementation, 9-11 March 2021

## Session 3: MEASURING CIRCULAR ECONOMY WITH SEEA, AND THE ROLE OF WASTE ACCOUNTS

summary and conclusions:

- only very few statistical offices calculate waste accounts – missing relevance seems not the reason
- structure of the tables for waste accounts is available
- good waste statistics are one but not the only prerequisite
- SEEA CF seems sufficient but SEEA extension/application for waste accounts would be appreciated
- circular economy is more than reuse/recycle
- still scope, key terms and definitions have to be clarified
- harmonization and inclusion of ongoing methodological development with/into SEEA indicated
- measuring the circular economy requires much more than just waste accounts, e.g. integration of additional accounts (MFA, emissions/energy, monetary accounts) and additional information
- sankey diagrams combining MFA and waste accounts one good visualization tool
- indicators for measuring other aspects such as innovation or the social dimension