

Working Group on Environmental Monitoring and Assessment

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Agenda Item 8. Progress in environmental monitoring and assessment, including institutional and regulatory mechanisms and infrastructure at the national level:

Presentation on major actions taken since the previous meeting, by countries: [Belarus \(Belstat\)](#)



Belstat: Environmental report, analysis or assessment



UNECE

Four new SEIS indicators have been developed in accordance with the [UNECE Guidelines for the Application of Environmental Indicators](#) and published on the Belstat website:

C7. Water losses (for 1990 - 2019)

C9. Drinking water quality (for 2016 - 2019)

F1. Irrigation (for 1990 - 2019)

I3. Waste reuse and recycling (for 2010 - 2019)

<https://www.belstat.gov.by/ofitsialnaya-statistika/makroekonomika-i-okruzhayushchaya-sreda/okruzhayushchaya-sreda/sovместnaya-sistema-ekologicheskoi-informatsii2/>

SEIS Indicators on the Belstat website

A. Air pollution and ozone depletion	3 / 3
B. Climate change	3 / 3
C. Water	12 / 14
D. Biodiversity	3 / 6
E. Land and soil	1 / 2
F. Agriculture	2 / 4
G. Energy	6 / 6
H. Transport	2 / 4
I. Waste	3 / 4

Belstat: Steps taken on digitalization



The main database on the Belstat website – [Interactive business intelligence system for distribution of official statistical information](#) – has been replenished with new indicators on water, air, waste and timber (about 15):

- the new indicators are presented since 2010 by region and other characteristics (depending on the topic)
- today the database works only in Russian
- the English version should be operational in 2021

Today the database includes 18 indicators on environmental statistics and 30 indicators on forest statistics (some of them since 1980)

<http://dataportal.belstat.gov.by/Indicators/Search?rubric=1063065>

Belstat: Methodological changes

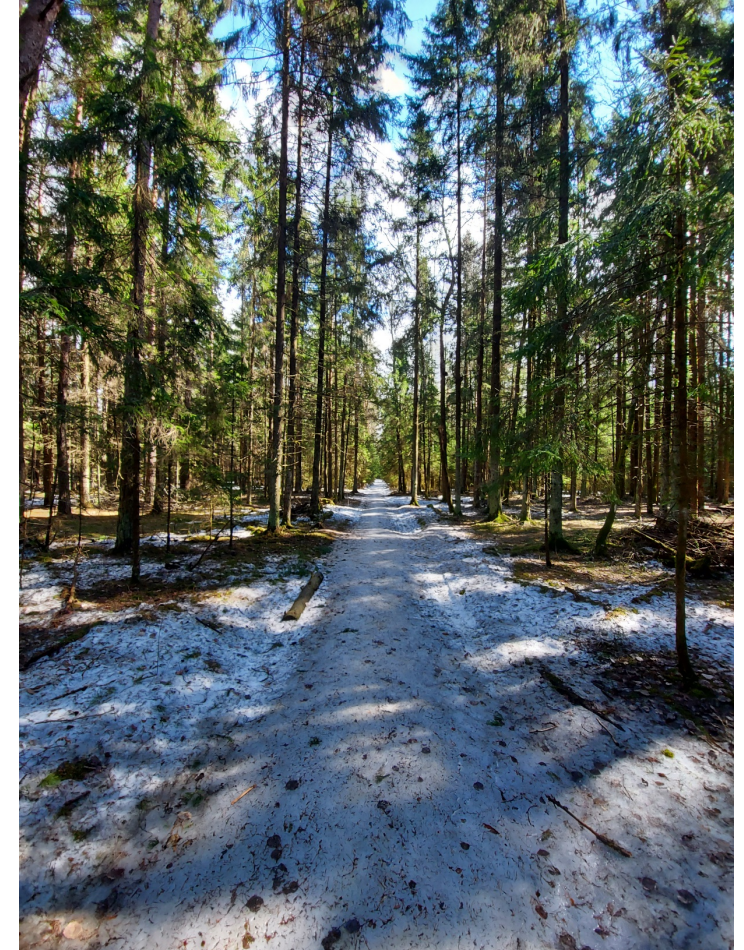


The **methodology on the SEEA-forest** has been developed and approved by Belstat and will be published on the Belstat website in June, 2021

The methodology includes three kinds of accounts:

- asset accounts for forest land in physical terms
- asset accounts for timber in physical terms
- physical flow accounts for timber

In October, 2021, it is planned to publish the **official results (accounts)** on SEEA-forest in Belarus



Belstat: Institutional and regulatory mechanisms



In February 2021, two Interdepartmental Working Groups for the Development of SEDA were established by Belstat:

On SEDA-water:

members: Belstat, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection, the Central Research Institute for the Integrated Use of Water Resources

On SEDA-forest:

members: Belstat, the Ministry of Forestry, Forest Inventory Republican Unitary Enterprise "Belgosles"

Thank you!

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