



United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
Working Group on Environmental
Monitoring and Assessment

Reporting to the progress made in Environmental
Monitoring and Assessment at the national level

This questionnaire has been designed to collect information on the results of major actions taken by the countries in environmental monitoring and assessment since the previous meeting of the Working Group (6-7 May 2019). The objective is to evaluate to which extent and how your country progressed in environmental monitoring and assessment, including through using the Shared Environmental Information System (SEIS) and the regular production of quality environmental indicators at the national level. The Working Group could then identify the needs of your country to be addressed in the future to underpin regular reporting and assessments, in accordance with international monitoring and assessment requirements and obligations.

The main aims of the questionnaire are to:

- Determine if the countries regularly produce environmental reports, analyses and assessments, including through using environmental indicators and SEIS
- Ensure that monitoring networks are upgraded or modernized, and that data quality assurance and control mechanisms and data management are in place or improved where needed, in particular for water, air and soil monitoring and data management
- Follow improvements in national environmental policy reflecting all three SEIS pillars (content, infrastructure and cooperation)
- Capture the implementation status of relevant recommendations made in national environmental performance reviews (EPRs)
- Foresee the challenges to be addressed by the Working Group in the years to come regarding institutional, regulatory mechanisms and infrastructure at the national level

If you wish to receive further information, or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on WGESECS@un.org.

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Has your country produced any **environmental report, analysis or assessment** on environmental information and indicators, including via the use of SEIS, since May 2019?

Yes	No
X	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please specify which environmental report, analysis or assessment has been produced and provide the link to the website if available.

Environmental report, analysis or assessment	
1	Environmental protection in the Republic of Belarus, 2019 https://www.belstat.gov.by/upload/iblock/13d/13db9330bb25d88542a51c46765b3419.pdf
2	Water accounts, 2019
3	Environmental protection in the Republic of Belarus, 2020 https://www.belstat.gov.by/upload/iblock/f02/f02bd3e6749df60522dc85491b86fb25.pdf
4	Water accounts, 2020 https://www.belstat.gov.by/en/ofitsialnaya-statistika/macroeconomy-and-environment/okruzhayuschaya-sreda/system-of-environmental-economic-accounting/water-accounts/
5	SEIS indicators https://www.belstat.gov.by/en/ofitsialnaya-statistika/macroeconomy-and-environment/okruzhayuschaya-sreda/the-shared-environmental-information-system/
6	Green growth Indicators https://www.belstat.gov.by/en/ofitsialnaya-statistika/macroeconomy-and-environment/okruzhayuschaya-sreda/green-growth-indicators/

Please note the main changes that have been made to improve the work of national monitoring networks, in particular on air, water and soil.

- The issue is within the competence of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection (you have already received their comments).

Changes
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What types of improvements have been made in your country to enhance data quality assurance, control and data management?

Improvements

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Which improvements in data policy, institutional and regulatory mechanisms and technical solutions have been applied in your country to facilitate and improve data exchange between the parties concerned (ministries of environment, environment agencies and ministries of agriculture, energy, health, industry, transport and water) and with other users, including the public?

Mechanisms and solutions

The data exchange process between Belstat and other ministries is at a high level thanks to the data exchange agreements.

1 https://www.belstat.gov.by/o-belstate_2/pravovye-osnovy-gosudarstvennoi-statistiki-respubl/informatsionnoe-vzaimodeystvie-s-gosudarstvennymi-organami/

2 New environment data are published from year to year. Since 2019 new indicators were developed and added on the Belstat website: SEEA-water (in RU and EN); GGI (in EN); SEIS (E1 in RU and EN)

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Has your country made any changes in data policy within the last year?

Yes	No
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<input type="checkbox"/>	X
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If yes, please specify which changes.

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Please provide a list of activities undertaken by your country to implement the recommendations on environmental monitoring and assessment made in previous national environmental performance reviews (EPRs).

Recommendations

1 Environmental expenditure by CEPA were developed and published.

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What do you think are the main challenges for your country with regard to institutional, regulatory mechanisms and infrastructure at the national level?

Challenges

- 1 SEEA implementation at the national level
 - 2 Development of SEIS indicators (C7-C9, F1, I3 – until the end of 2020)
 - 3 Development of GGI indicators (not all of them were implemented)
 - 4 CC indicators
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Please indicate any other information you think may be relevant. Please also indicate how the Working Group could assist in facilitating environmental monitoring and assessment in your country and region.

Information from this questionnaire has been prepared by Belstat in addition to the information from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of Belarus.