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EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL IN THE NETHERLANDS

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Abstract

The European Green Deal (EGD) launched by the Commission in 2020 covers an ambitious program for the transition towards a decarbonised, circular and sustainable EU economy, minimizing the negative impact on the planet. The program defines a wide range of interwoven action plans and legislative proposals in various policy areas: Climate, Nature and Environment, Energy, Building(s), Agriculture, Industry, Mobility, Finance and Innovation.

In its implementation at the national and regional level the Dutch government is highly committed to the goals set out by the EGD, targeting for 2030 at around a 60% decrease of carbon dioxide and 50% circularity, as an intermediate step towards a zero emission level and full circularity in 2050. The urgency of accelerating the green transition has become even more pronounced in the context of the political need to reduce energy (and other critical raw materials) dependencies that negatively impact European and national security.

In order to support policy makers and other stakeholders involved in the transition, Statistics Netherlands is establishing a green deal statistical action plan, covering actions/developments for the short and medium term as well as a longer term wish-list. It builds upon the European EGD action plan recently endorsed by the European Statistical System, and will include as well EGD related indicators recommended by the international communities such as the climate change-related UNSD/UNECE indicator sets and the (new) G20 Data Gaps Initiative. It will furthermore cover data needs at the national and regional level for which an in-depth consultation will be conducted at for instance ministries, economic and environmental planning agencies, central bank, investors and industrial federations.

In parallel to establishing a statistical action plan/long list, Statistics Netherlands will also develop a Green Deal Dashboard based on already existing statistics, in close collaboration with aforementioned public and private stakeholders. To enhance its overall responsiveness to new data demands Statistics Netherlands is undertaking a number of initiatives, like:

- intensifying collaboration internally (cross-departments of environmental, social and economic statistics) and externally with other data producers;
- cooperating with research institutes and other National Statistical Institutes for sharing experiences and best practices;

- various measures of financial support;
- and “last but not least” the development of an efficient, integrated production platform away from the stove-pipes, freeing resources and enabling a better re-use of existing data for European Green Deal and other purposes.

In the integrated approach the stove-pipes not only refer to standalone statistical processes, but also to institutional issues that need to be solved at a national, European, and global level.

Short abstract

The Dutch government is fully committed to the goals set out by the European Green Deal (EGD) covering an ambitious set interwoven action plans in various policy areas. In order to be as responsive as possible regarding data needs of EGD key stakeholders at European, national and regional level, Statistics Netherlands is setting up a dedicated EGD programme. Under this programme we will set up a national statistical EGD Action Plan, organise data-articulation meetings with policymakers and others, disseminate an EGD Dashboard/portal, and intensify our cooperation internally across departments and externally with other data producers and other National Statistical Institutes for sharing experience and best practices.

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