



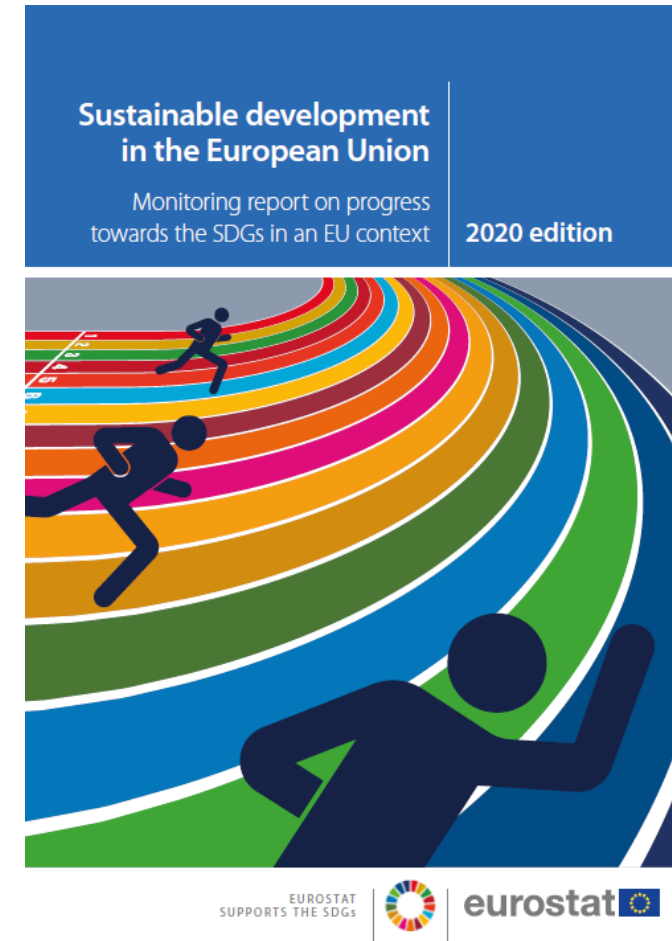
Needs and targets at EU-level (Eurostat perspective)

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Eurostat's needs (on biodiversity and ecosystems)

- Data meeting quality requirements:
 - **based on solid methods**
 - **regular, ideally frequent and timely**
 - **consistent time series**
 - **comparable across countries**
 - **complete for all Member States**
- When some of the above cannot be (occasionally) met:
 - solid methods for **gap-filling and estimation**



SEEA Ecosystem Accounting standard

- The System of Environmental-Economic Accounting—Ecosystem Accounting was [adopted at the UN level](#) in March 2021 as:
 - the **first international statistical standard to measure ecosystems, their condition and services** (chapters 1-7)
 - as **internationally recognised statistical principles and recommendations on monetary accounts and valuation** of ecosystem services and assets (chapters 8-11)
- Further work to focus on implementation
- In parallel, work on guidelines continues:
 1. Biophysical modelling
 2. Valuation
 3. Scenario analysis

Eurostat's plans (on biodiversity and ecosystems)

- Since several years, important efforts by Eurostat to **establish a regular and timely production of ecosystem accounts for the EU. :**
 - EU-level estimates (follow-up phase of **INCA project** with JRC, ENV, RTD and EEA)
 - **Proposed legislation on ecosystem accounts**, to be reported by Member States - amendment to [*Regulation \(EU\) No 691/2011 on European environmental economic accounts*](#)
 - Supported by guidelines, tools, courses and grants for countries
- **good quality data to support EU Biodiversity strategy for 2030 and its actions and the management of natural capital.**

How EuropaBON can support us and ecosystem accounting

- Outcomes of EuropaBON need to lead to **regularly collected** and **timely** data on **key variables that describe the extent and condition of ecosystems** and which are **comparable across countries and time**.
- To directly support future ecosystem accounts: ensure **close collaboration with MS/EU authorities developing ecosystem** accounts to assist them and to understand concrete data needs for the accounts.
- Contribute to guidance and good practices being developed at different levels: data strategies and planning, data collection methods, data treatment, compilation of accounts, estimation procedures, communication of results....

Thank you



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