

# An introduction to SEEA-E

System of Environment-Economic Accounting for Energy

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# System of Environment-Economic Accounting for Energy

• It is a conceptual framework for **organizing** information on energy and on the economy with the concepts, definitions and classifications of the System of National Accounts (SNA).

# SEEA- E consists of the following:

Asset accounts

• Flow accounts

• Hybrid accounts

- Asset account: physical and monetary units which describe the <u>stocks</u> at the beginning and end of the accounting year and the <u>changes</u>.
- Flow account: physical and monetary units which describe <u>energy flows</u>, in physical and monetary units, from the <u>extraction</u> from the environment, thru to <u>supply</u> and use within the economy.
- **Hybrid accounts:** link physical and monetary data by juxtaposing <u>supply and use tables</u> in physical and monetary units in order to facilitate the analysis of the <u>linkages</u> between the physical and monetary information.

# Main differences between energy balances and energy accounts is geographical coverage.

### Energy balance

- The reference territory is **national territory**.
- Statistics are compiled for units physically located on the territory.
- Units physically located **outside** the territory are considered as part of the **rest of the world.**

# **Energy accounts**

- Geographic coverage based on all institutional units that are resident of a particular national economy – independent of where they are located.
- Units that are **not resident** units are considered to be part of the **rest of the world** and out of scope.

The use of the territory or residence principle leads to differences in:

- Imports
- Exports
- Use
- International bunkers
- etc.

# Differences in definitions "supply"

• In energy balance:

Total energy supply=

- + Primary energy production
- + Import of primary and secondary energy
- Export of primary and secondary energy
- International (aviation and marine) bunker
- Stock changes

# Differences in definitions "supply"

- In energy account:
- *Supply* is defined as: Output of products by economic activities +imports
- **Supply table shows:** the extraction ,the production and imports of energy product.
- **Use table shows:** total intermediate use of energy by industries ,private consumption of households, export and inventory changes.

# Differences in definitions: "final consumption"

#### • In energy balance:

#### • Final consumption refers to:

The use of fuel, electricity and heat delivered to final consumers of energy for both their energy and non-energy uses.

• It essentially excludes the use of energy products in the energy industries and by other energy producers as input into transformation and energy industry own- use.

# Differences in definitions "final consumption"

- In the energy accounts
- Is the **use** of goods and services by individual households or the community to satisfy their individual or collective needs or wants.
- However, when the goods and services are used as inputs to the production process by economic units, this is referred to as "intermediate consumption".

## Differences in presentation

- In energy balance: doesn't follow exactly the ISIC classification, like transportation.
- In energy account: follow the ISIC classifications

# Adjustment for the compilation of energy account

- Energy statistics and energy balances can be used as a data source for the compilation of the physical supply and use tables of the SEEA-E.
- Adjustments on imports/exports.
- Other adjustments for geographical coverage.

### **Energy indicators**

- Useful tool to summarize information and monitor trends.
- The choice of the set of indicators compiled by a country depends on the national circumstances and priorities, sustainability and development criteria and objectives, as well as data availability.
- These indicators are organized in three dimensions: **social**, **economic and environment**.

# **Energy indicators**

- Categorized in 3 dimensions:
- Social,
- Economic,
- Environment.

#### Some energy indicators related to social dimension:

Energy indicator	components
Share of households (or population) without electricity or commercial energy	-Households (or population) without electricity or commercial energy
Share of household income spent on fuel and electricity	<ul> <li>-Household income spent on fuel and electricity</li> <li>- Household income (total and poorest 20% of population)</li> </ul>
Household energy use for each income group and corresponding fuel mix	<ul> <li>Energy use per household for each income group (quintiles)</li> <li>Household income for each income group (quintiles)</li> <li>Corresponding fuel mix for each income group (quintiles)</li> </ul>
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#### Some indicators related to economic dimension:

Energy indicator	components
Energy use per capita	<ul> <li>Energy use (total primary energy supply, total final consumption and electricity use)</li> <li>Total population</li> </ul>
Energy use per unit of GDP	<ul> <li>Energy use (total primary energy supply, total final consumption and electricity use)</li> <li>GDP</li> </ul>
Industrial energy intensities	<ul> <li>Energy use in industrial sector and by manufacturing</li> <li>branch</li> <li>Corresponding value added</li> </ul>
Renewable energy share in energy and electricity	<ul> <li>Primary energy supply, final consumption and electricity generation and generating capacity by renewable energy</li> <li>Total primary energy supply, total final consumption, total electricity generation and total generating capacity</li> </ul>

# Some indicators related to environment dimension:

Energy indicator	components
GHG emissions from energy	– GHG emissions from
production and use per capita	energy production and
and per unit of GDP	use
	– Population and GDP
Air pollutant emissions from	-Air pollutant emissions
energy systems	
Ratio of solid waste generation	-Amount of solid waste
to units of energy produced	<ul> <li>Energy produced</li> </ul>

### Resources

 UNSD, 2016, International Recommendations for Energy Statistics (IRES), <u>https://unstats.un.org/UNSD/energy/ires/default.</u> htm