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Report

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European environmental economic accounts

Proposal for a regulation (COM(2013)0247 – C7-0120/2013 – 2013/0130(COD))

Amendment 1

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) Decision No xxx of the European Parliament and of the Council of xxx 2013 laying down the Seventh Community Environment Action Programme¹ provides that sound information on the key trends, pressures and drivers for environmental change is essential for the development of effective policy, its implementation, and the empowerment of citizens more generally. Instruments should be developed with a view to enhancing public awareness of the environmental effects of economic activity.

¹ OJL ...

Amendment

(1) Decision No .../... /EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of xxx 2013 laying down the Seventh Community Environment Action Programme⁺ provides that sound information on the key trends, pressures and drivers for environmental change is essential for the development of effective policy, its implementation, and the empowerment of citizens more generally. Instruments should be developed with a view to enhancing public awareness of the environmental effects of economic activity. ***It is important that such data are made available in a comprehensible and accessible form and published together with conventional economic data such as GDP.***

⁺ OJ: Please insert the title and reference number of ...

Amendment 2

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1

Regulation (EU) No 691/2011

Article 2 – point 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) 'environmental protection expenditure' means the economic resources devoted by resident units to environmental protection. Environmental protection **includes** all activities and actions which have as their main purpose the prevention, reduction and elimination of pollution as well as any other degradation of the environment. This includes measures taken in order to restore the environment after it has been degraded. Activities which, while beneficial to the environment, primarily satisfy technical needs or the internal requirements for hygiene or security of an enterprise or other institution are excluded;

Amendment

(4) 'environmental protection expenditure' means the economic resources devoted by resident units to environmental protection **activities**. Environmental protection **activities include** all activities and actions which have as their main purpose the ***promotion of good environmental status (GES), and the*** prevention, reduction and/or elimination of pollution as well as any other degradation of the environment. This ***also*** includes ***all*** measures taken in order to restore the environment after it has been degraded. Activities which, while beneficial to the environment, primarily satisfy technical needs or the internal requirements for hygiene or ***safety and*** security of an enterprise or other institution are excluded;

Amendment 3

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1

Regulation (EU) No 691/2011

Article 2 – point 5

Text proposed by the Commission

(5) 'environmental goods and services sector' means those production activities of a national economy that generate environmental products. Environmental products are products that have been produced for the purpose of environmental protection and resource management. Resource management includes the preservation, maintenance and enhancement of the stock of natural resources and hence safeguarding against depletion;

Amendment

(5) 'environmental goods and services sector' means those production activities of a national economy that generate environmental products (***environmental goods and services***). Environmental products are products that have been produced for the purpose of environmental protection ***as defined in the second sentence of point (4)*** and resource management. Resource management includes the preservation, maintenance and enhancement of the stock of natural resources and hence safeguarding against

depletion;

Amendment 4

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1 – point 1

Regulation (EU) No 691/2011

Article 2 – point 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) 'physical energy flow accounts' means consistent compilations of the physical energy flows into national economies, the flows within the economy and the outputs to other economies or to the environment.

Amendment

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Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation

Annex

Regulation (EU) No 691/2011

Annex IV – section 1 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Environmental protection expenditure accounts present data, in a way that is ***fully*** compatible with the data reported under ESA, on the expenditure for environmental protection, i.e. the economic resources devoted by resident units to environmental protection. The accounts allow compiling the national expenditure for environmental protection (EP) which is defined as the sum of uses of EP services by resident units, gross fixed capital formation (GFCF) for EP activities, and transfers for EP which are not a counterpart of previous items, less financing by the rest of the world.

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Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation

Annex

Regulation (EU) No 691/2011

Annex IV – section 3 – fourth indent

Text proposed by the Commission

– **VAT** and other taxes less subsidies on products on environmental protection services,

Amendment

– **Value-added tax (VAT)** and other taxes less subsidies on products on environmental protection services,

Amendment 7

Proposal for a regulation

Annex

Regulation (EU) No 691/2011

Annex IV – Section 4 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. In order to meet user needs for complete and timely datasets, the Commission (Eurostat) shall produce, as soon as sufficient country data becomes available, estimates for the EU-**27** totals for the main aggregates of this module. The Commission (Eurostat) shall, wherever possible, produce and publish estimates for data that have not been transmitted by Member States within the deadline specified in point 2.

Amendment

3. In order to meet user needs for complete and timely datasets, the Commission (Eurostat) shall produce, as soon as sufficient country data becomes available, estimates for the EU-**28** totals for the main aggregates of this module. The Commission (Eurostat) shall, wherever possible, produce and publish estimates for data that have not been transmitted by Member States within the deadline specified in point 2.

Amendment 8

Proposal for a regulation

Annex

Regulation (EU) No 691/2011

Annex IV – Section 4 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The first reference year is the year **in which this Regulation enters** into force.

Amendment

4. The first reference year is the year **following the year of entry** into force of **this Regulation**.

Amendment 9

Proposal for a regulation

Annex

Regulation (EU) No 691/2011

Annex IV – Section 4 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. In the first data transmission, Member States shall include annual data from **2013** to the first reference year.

Amendment

5. In the first data transmission, Member States shall include annual data from **2014** to the first reference year.

Amendment 10

Proposal for a regulation

Annex

Regulation (EU) No 691/2011

Annex V – section 1 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Accounts for environmental goods and services should be drawn up using existing information obtained from national accounts, structural business statistics, business registers and other sources.

Amendment 11

Proposal for a regulation

Annex

Regulation (EU) No 691/2011

Annex V – Section 4 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 12

Proposal for a regulation

Annex

Regulation (EU) No 691/2011

Annex V – Section 4 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The first reference year is the year in **which this Regulation enters** into force.

Amendment

4. The first reference year is the year **following the year of entry** into force **of this Regulation**.

Amendment 13

Proposal for a regulation

Annex

Regulation (EU) No 691/2011

Annex V – Section 4 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. In the first data transmission, Member States shall include annual data from **2013** to the first reference year.

Amendment

5. In the first data transmission, Member States shall include annual data from **2014** to the first reference year.

Amendment 14

Proposal for a regulation

Annex

Regulation (EU) No 691/2011

Annex VI – section 4 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Statistics shall be transmitted within **18** months of the end of the reference year.

Amendment

2. Statistics shall be transmitted within **21** months of the end of the reference year.

Amendment 15

Proposal for a regulation

Annex

Regulation (EU) No 691/2011

Annex VI – Section 4 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment 16

Proposal for a regulation

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Regulation (EU) No 691/2011

Annex VI – Section 4 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

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Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation

Annex

Regulation (EU) No 691/2011

Annex VI – Section 4 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. In the first data transmission, Member States shall include annual data from **2013** to the first reference year.

Amendment

5. In the first data transmission, Member States shall include annual data from **2014** to the first reference year.

Amendment 18

Proposal for a regulation

Annex

Regulation (EU) No 691/2011

Annex VI – section 5 – point 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. For the characteristics referred to in Section 3, the following data shall be reported:

Amendment

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Amendment 19

Proposal for a regulation

Annex

Regulation (EU) No 691/2011

Annex VI – section 5 – point 1 – first indent

Text proposed by the Commission

– Supply table for energy flows ***in physical units***. This table records the supply of natural energy inputs, energy products, and energy residuals (row-wise) by origin, i.e. ‘supplier’ (column-wise).

Amendment

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Amendment 20

Proposal for a regulation

Annex

Regulation (EU) No 691/2011

Annex VI – section 5 – point 5 – second indent

Text proposed by the Commission

– Energy products are grouped according to the classification of products by activity (***CPA***) and the classification used in European energy statistics.

Amendment

– Energy products are grouped according to the classification of products by activity and the classification used in European energy statistics.

Amendment 21

Proposal for a regulation

Annex

Regulation (EU) No 691/2011

Annex VI – section 5 – point 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. The ‘bridge’ from the residence principle indicator to the territory based indicator is presented for the entire national economy (no breakdown by industries) and is obtained as follows:

total energy use by resident units

– energy use by resident units abroad

+ energy use by non-residents on the territory

= gross inland energy consumption (territory based)

Amendment

6. The ‘bridge’ from the residence principle indicator to the territory based indicator is presented for the entire national economy (no breakdown by industries) and is obtained as follows:

total energy use by resident units

– energy use by resident units abroad

+ energy use by non-residents on the territory

+ ***statistical differences***

= gross inland energy consumption (territory based)