

European environmental economic accounts: new modules

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The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety adopted the report by Elena Oana ANTONESCU (EPP, RO) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) No 691/2011 on European environmental economic accounts.

The committee recommended that Parliament's position adopted at first reading following the ordinary legislative procedure should amend the Commission proposal as follows:

Accessible data: Members considered that it is important that data on environmental economic activity are made available in a comprehensible and accessible form and published together with conventional economic data such as GDP. Environmental protection activities include all activities and actions which have as their main purpose the promotion of **good environmental status** (GES).

Data transmission: the report noted that:

- the first reference year is the year **following the year** of entry into force of this Regulation;
- in the first data transmission, Member States shall include annual data from **2014** to the first reference year.

Environmental goods and services sector: 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.

Physical energy flow accounts: statistics shall be transmitted within 21 months of the end of the reference year.