

Methodological notes

1. Data source:

- annual statistical survey on the Environmental protection expenditure.
- administrative sources — NIS — Table 11 SEC 2010 — COFOG

2. The statistical survey is carried out as sample survey on unspecialized producers of environmental protection services and as exhaustive survey for the specialised producers and general government units. The units belonging to NACE Rev. 2 sections “Agriculture” and “Hotels and restaurants” are not subject to this survey. Data were collected from 15.225 producers of environmental protection services.

The aggregation of data at national level takes into account the risk of double registration which may occur both in the case of cumulation of costs of users of environmental protection services with those of their producers, respectively inclusion in the total costs of the ones incurred by producers performing environmental protection services, as well as the expenditure incurred by users for the purchase of these services. In this sense, in order to avoid double entry **in the calculation of total expenditures at national level, investments, current internal expenditures and other public administration expenditures (subsidies granted, transfers) are included, excluding external current expenditures.**

3. Concepts and definitions:

- the **environmental protection expenditure** reflects environmental financing flows and include payments for economic activities aimed at the production of specific services to prevent, reduce or combat damage to the environment. They are grouped under: investments and current expenditure, which in turn include internal current expenditure (wages and social contributions, the consumption of raw materials, fuels, energy, water and other auxiliary materials, R & D, training, information, environmental management) and external current expenditure (for environmental protection services bought from third parties and the environment related taxes paid).

- Net (new) **investments** made represent expenditure incurred in the reference year. Expenditures incurred for construction, installation and assembly works, for the purchase of equipment, means of transport, other expenditure for the creation of new fixed assets for development, modernization, reconstruction the existing ones, as well as the value of the services related to the transfer of ownership of the existing fixed assets and of the lands taken over with payment from other units (notary fees, commissions, transport expenses, loading-unloading, etc.), for environmental protection.

- **specialized producers** are units that carry out environmental protection activities as their main activity, and which can be found in CANE Rev. 2 divisions: 37; 38; 39 and class: 4677

- **unspecialized producers** are units that carry out environmental protection activities as a secondary activity or ancillary to the main activity which can be found in CANE Rev. 2 divisions: 02; 05-36; 41; 42; 43; 49; 50; 51; 71; 72 and class: 7490.

- **general government** consists of all local and central government units which are producing or funding non-market environmental protection services intended for individual and collective consumption.

- **environmental domains** relate to specific activities for environmental protection, namely: protection of ambient air and climate, wastewater management, waste management, protection and remediation of soil, groundwater and surface water, protection of biodiversity and landscapes, other environmental protection activities (noise and vibration abatement, environmental research and development, overall management of the environment, training, etc.).

4. Symbols used: “-” not applicable