

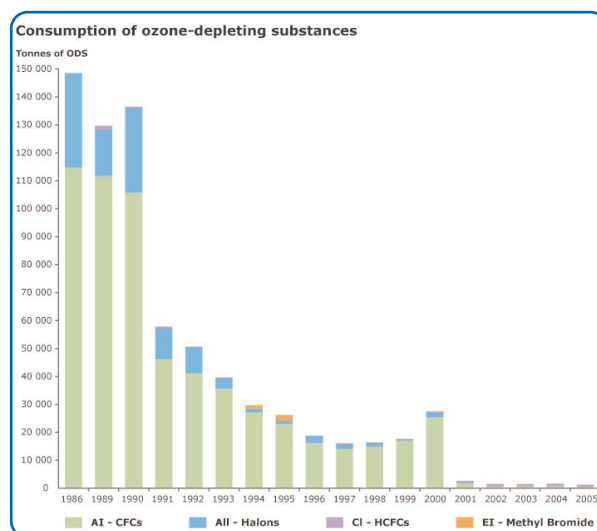


EECCA Indicators Compendium

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Background

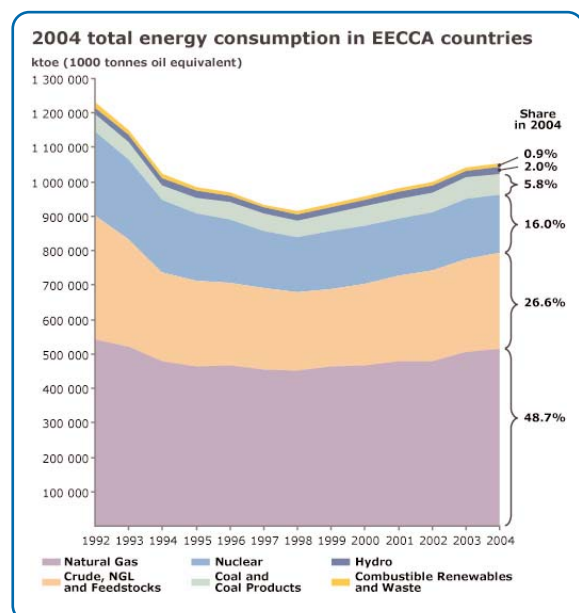
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Project Development

Using the endorsed guide and based on the trial compendium prepared in 2003, UNEP is expected to produce an extended compendium containing 15 indicators from the EECCA core set and covering as far as possible all the 12 countries in the region.

The initial work began with the collection of relevant data from international (and national) sources during the summer of 2006. Following this activity, a series of three "mini-workshops" were organised and held on the initial indicators' development (Caucasus, Central Asia and Eastern Europe) during October 2006, a related UNECE draft document "Guidelines for the Preparation of a Core Set of Indicators (CSI)" methodology document, and the draft Belgrade Report.



By the end of March 2007, 15 preliminary indicators had been drafted by DEWA/GRID (Europe and Arendal) staff and consultants. They were made available for download from the GRID-Europe and UNECE websites in order to facilitate a process of consultation (review) by EECCA national partner agencies and EEA and other partners' staff. Comments and updates were taken into account and the final drafts were submitted to the participants to the UNECE/WGEMA 8th session meeting held 12-13 June in Geneva.

This project implied:

- > Bringing together all nationally-produced indicators;
- > Compiling the national data in one Excel sheet;
- > Generating graphs and assessments;
- > Providing an overall description and interpretation;
- > Translating the draft compendium in English and Russian.

Partners

- > European Environment Agency (EEA);
- > United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE);
- > National Ministries of Environment;
- > National Resources & Statistics in EECCA countries;
- > GRID-Arendal.

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Upcoming Activities

The final version of the EECCA Core Set of Indicators Compendium will be printed by the EEA as a volume for distribution at the Belgrade Ministerial Conference and will also be incorporated in the EEA's online Indicator Management Service (IMS) for EECCA during Autumn 2007.

About GRID-Europe

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