

**EEA' 10th Anniversary,
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SD in the EU: EEA's role**

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- SD now in EU Constitution
- SD Strategy (Cardiff, Lisbon, Gothenburg)

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Basic mission of EEA:
report on state and outlook of the
EU environment, including the
socio-economic dimension, in the
context of SD

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SD strategy needs indicators.

Indicators are aimed at
condensing and digesting
information for rapid assimilation
(Moldan and Dahl)



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The problems with indicators: scale and accuracy, measurability, representation, reliability, feasibility (data availability), communicability. Aggregation. Targets, thresholds, reference values, etc.

The problem with SD indicators:

The misleading three pillars.

The need for consideration of linkages and trade-offs.

SD an emerging property?

A Few indicator sets proposed for SD: Ecological Footprint, Environmental Sustainability

GEO (UNEP), OECD Set of SD indicators (for decoupling), Living Planet Index (WWF), Millenium Development Goals (UNDP), Structural Indicators (European Council)



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The role of EEA

Data acquisition and validation,
typology of indicators
(description, performance,
efficiency, policy effectiveness)

Core set of indicators (launched in March 2004): 37 indicators, 100 sub-indicators to be reviewed June 2005.

Framework for policy integration indicators: institutional, market, management, monitoring/reporting

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