

National Reference Metadata in Single Integrated Metadata Structure (SIMS)

Country: Greece

Air Emissions Accounts (AEA)

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1. Contact

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2. Metadata update

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3. Statistical presentation

3.1. Data description

Air emissions accounts (AEA) record flows of gaseous and particulate materials emitted into the atmosphere as a result of economic activity.

AEA are a subset of environmental-economic accounts. They offer a detailed breakdown for 64 emitting economic activities (NACE), plus households, as defined in the national accounts of EU countries. They are aligned with economic statistics and GDP. These features make them suitable for integrated environmental-economic analyses and modelling – for example of 'carbon footprints' and climate-change modelling scenarios.

National Statistical Institutes (NSI) submit Air Emission Accounts to Eurostat through a mandatory annual data collection. The data collection includes an electronic questionnaire and this quality report.

3.2. Classification system

The AEA dataset has the following dimensions:

1) **Air pollutant:** Emissions to air of the following gaseous and particulate substances are collected (greenhouse gases, air pollutants):

- Carbon dioxide without emissions from biomass (CO₂),
- Carbon dioxide from biomass (Biomass CO₂)*,
- Nitrous oxide (N₂O), Methane (CH₄),
- Perfluorocarbons (PFCs),
- Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs),
- Sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆) including nitrogen trifluoride (NF₃),
- Nitrogen oxides (NO_x),
- Non-methane volatile organic compounds, (NMVOC),
- Carbon monoxide (CO),
- Particulate matter < 10µm (PM₁₀),
- Particulate matter < 2,5µm (PM_{2.5}),
- Sulphur dioxide (SO₂),
- Ammonia (NH₃)

2) **Geopolitical entity:** EU Member States, EFTA Countries, Candidate Countries etc.

3) **Economic activities:** 64 production activities (NACE rev.2 A*64 classification), and households' consumption (3 sub-categories).

4) **Time:** Reference year for which air emissions are reported

5) **Unit:** tonnes and thousand tonnes

3.3. Coverage - sector

The data refer to national economies as defined in the system of national accounts. Greenhouse gases and air pollutants emitted by resident units representing the national economy are covered.

3.4. Statistical concepts and definitions

Conceptually AEA belong to the international system of environmental economic accounting ([SEEA-Central Framework](#)). Furthermore, AEA is one of several physical modules of Eurostat's programme on European environmental economic accounts. It is covered by [Regulation \(EU\) No.691/2011](#) on European environmental economic accounts. AEA are closely related to concepts and definitions of national accounts. Further methodological guidelines are provided in various publications by Eurostat (see Eurostat website > [Environment](#) > [Methodology](#), heading: 'Air emissions accounts').

3.5. Statistical unit

Data refer to emissions by resident economic units in the sense of SEEA CF 2012 and National Accounts (ESA), including households.

3.6. Statistical population

The national economy is as defined in SEEA CF 2012 and National Accounts (ESA), i.e. all economic activities undertaken by resident units.

3.7. Reference area

The reference area is the economic territory as defined in SEEA CF 2012 and National Accounts (ESA). A unit is said to be a resident unit of a country when it has a centre of economic interest in the economic territory of that country, that is, when it engages for an extended period (1 year or more) in economic activities in that territory.

3.8. Coverage - Time

Period 2008 - 2018

3.9. Base period

Not applicable because AEA are not reported as indices.

4. Unit of measure

The unit of measure is tonnes or thousand tonnes. In particular

- CO₂ is measured in 1000 tonnes (Gg)
- N₂O and CH₄ are measured in tonnes (Mg)
- F-gases (HFC, PFC, SF₆ and NF₃) are reported in tonnes of CO₂ equivalents.
- SO_x are reported in tonnes of SO₂ equivalents, and NO_x are reported in tonnes of NO₂ equivalents
- NMVOCs, CO, NH₃, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} particles are measured in tonnes (Mg)

5. Reference Period

The data refer to calendar years. Last reported reference period is 2018

6. Institutional Mandate

6.1. Institutional Mandate - legal acts and other agreements

The legal framework concerning the organization and operation of ELSTAT is as follows:
At national level:

- Law 3832/2010 (Government Gazette No 38, Issue A): "*Hellenic Statistical System Establishment of the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) as an Independent Authority*", as amended by article 90 paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Law 3842/2010 (Government Gazette No 58, Issue A): "*Restoration of fiscal justice, confrontation of tax evasion and other provisions*", by article 10 of the Law 3899/2010 (Government Gazette No 212, Issue A): "*Urgent measures for the implementation of the assistance program of the Greek Economy*", by article 45 of the Law 3943/2011 (Government Gazette No 66, Issue A): "*Combating tax evasion, staffing of auditing services and other provisions falling within the competence of the Ministry of Finance*", by article 22 paragraph 1 of the Law 3965/2011 (Government Gazette No 113, Issue A): "*Operations Reform of the Consignment and Loan Fund, Public Debt Management Agency, Public*

Enterprises and Government bodies, the establishment of the General Secretary of Public Property and other provisions", by article first of the Law 4047/2012 (Government Gazette No 31, Issue A): "Ratification of the Act of Legislative Content "Very urgent measures for the implementation of the Medium-term Fiscal Strategy 2012-2015 and of the State Budget for 2011" and of the Act of Legislative Content "Regulation of very urgent issues for the implementation of law 4024/2011 "Pension provisions, uniform pay scale - grading system, labour reserve and other provisions for the implementation of the Medium-term Fiscal Strategy Framework 2012-1015" and of issues falling within the competence of the Ministries of Administrative Reform and E-Governance, Interior, Finance, Environment, Energy and Climate Change, and of Education, Lifelong Learning and Religious Affairs and related to the implementation of the Medium-term Fiscal Strategy Framework 2012-2015" and other provisions", by article 323 of the Law 4072/2012 (Government Gazette No 86, Issue A): "Improvement of the business environment New corporate form - Trade Marks - Realtors - Regulating maritime, port and fishing matters and other provisions" and by article 7 paragraph 1 of the Act of Legislative Content dated 18/11/2012 (Government Gazette No 228, Issue A): "Financial rules and other provisions", by Article 93 of the Law 4182/2013 (Government Gazette No 185, Issue A): "Code of charitable estate, inheritances in abeyance and other provisions", by Article 6 paragraph 8 of the Law 4244/2014 (Government Gazette 60, Issue A): "Integration in Greek law of the Council Directive 2013/1/EU of 20 December 2012 amending Directive 93/109/EC as regards certain detailed arrangements for the exercise of the right to vote and stand as a candidate in elections to the European Parliament for citizens of the Union residing in a Member State of which they are not nationals and amendment of law 2196/1994 (A' 41) and other provisions", by Article first subparagraph C.3 of the Law 4254/2014 (Government Gazette No 85, Issue A): "Measures for the support and development of the Greek economy, in the context of the implementation of Law 4046/2012, and other provisions of law" and by Article 33, paragraphs 5a and 5b of the Law 4258/2014 (Government Gazette No 94, Issue A): "Demarcation process and arrangements of matters for streams - arrangements of Urban Planning legislation and other provisions".

- [Regulation on the Operation and Administration of the Hellenic Statistical Authority \(ELSTAT\), 2012, \(Government Gazette No 2390, Issue B, 28-8-2012\)](#)
- Regulation (EC) No 223/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council, on the European statistics (Official Journal of the European Union L 87/164).
- Article 14 of the Law 3470/2006 (Government Gazette No 132, Issue A): "National Export Council, tax regulations and other provisions".
- Article 3, paragraph 1c, of the Law 3448/2006 (Government Gazette No 57, Issue A): "For the further use of information coming from the public sector and the settlement of matters falling within the responsibility of the Ministry of Interior, Public Administration and Decentralization".
- European Statistics Code of Practice adopted by the Statistical Programme Committee on 24 February 2005 and promulgated in the Commission Recommendation of 25 May 2005 on the independence, integrity and accountability of the national and Community statistical Authorities, after its revision, which was adopted on 28 September 2011 by the European Statistical System Committee.
- Presidential Decree 226/2000 (Government Gazette No 195, Issue A): "Organization of the General Secretariat of the National Statistical Service of Greece".

Articles 4, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of the Law 2392/1996 (Government Gazette No 60, Issue A): *"Access of the General Secretariat of the National Statistical Service of Greece to administrative sources and administrative files, Statistical Confidentiality Committee, settlement of matters concerning the conduct of censuses and statistical works, as well as of matters of the General Secretariat of the National Statistical Service of Greece"*.

<https://www.statistics.gr/en/legal-framework>

At European Level:

Air emissions accounts (AEA) are legally covered by [Regulation \(EU\) 691/2011](#) on European Environmental Economic Accounts.

6.2. Institutional Mandate - data sharing

Not applicable at national level.

7. Confidentiality

7.1. Confidentiality - policy

The issues concerning the observance of statistical confidentiality by the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT) are arranged by articles 7, 8 and 9 of the Law 3832/2010 as in force, by Articles 8, 10 and 11(2) of the Regulation on Statistical Obligations of the agencies of the Hellenic Statistical System and by Articles 10 and 15 of the Regulation on the Operation and Administration of ELSTAT.

Furthermore, ELSTAT disseminates the statistics in compliance with the statistical principles of the European Statistics Code of Practice and in particular with the principle of statistical confidentiality.

<https://www.statistics.gr/en/statistical-confidentiality>

7.2. Confidentiality - data treatment

ELSTAT protects and does not disseminate data it has obtained or it has access to, which enable the direct or indirect identification of the statistical units that have provided them by the disclosure of individual information directly received for statistical purposes or indirectly supplied from administrative or other sources. ELSTAT takes all appropriate preventive measures so as to render impossible the identification of individual statistical units by technical or other means that might reasonably be used by a third party. Statistical data that could potentially enable the identification of the statistical unit are disseminated by ELSTAT if and only if:

- a) these data have been treated, as it is specifically set out in the Regulation on Statistical Obligations of the agencies of the Hellenic Statistical System (ELSS), in such a way that their dissemination does not prejudice statistical confidentiality or
- b) the statistical unit has given its consent, without any reservations, for the disclosure of data.

The confidential data that are transmitted by ELSS agencies to ELSTAT are used exclusively for statistical purposes and the only persons who have the right to have access to these data are the personnel engaged in this task and appointed by an act of the President of ELSTAT.

ELSTAT may grant researchers conducting statistical analyses for scientific purposes access to data that enable the indirect identification of the statistical units concerned. The access is granted provided the following conditions are satisfied:

- a) an appropriate request together with a detailed research proposal in conformity with current scientific standards have been submitted

b) the research proposal indicates in sufficient detail the set of data to be accessed, the methods of analyzing them, and the time needed for the research;
c) a contract specifying the conditions for access, the obligations of the researchers, the measures for respecting the confidentiality of statistical data and the sanctions in case of breach of these obligations has been signed by the individual researcher, by his/her institution, or by the organization commissioning the research, as the case may be, and by ELSTAT.

Issues referring to the observance of statistical confidentiality are examined by the Statistical Confidentiality Committee (SCC) operating in ELSTAT. The responsibilities of this Committee are to make recommendations to the President of ELSTAT on:

- the level of detail at which statistical data can be disseminated, so as the identification, either directly or indirectly, of the surveyed statistical unit is not possible;
- the anonymization criteria for the microdata provided to users;
- the granting to researchers access to confidential data for scientific purposes.

The staff of ELSTAT, under any employment status, as well as the temporary survey workers who are employed for the collection of statistical data in statistical surveys conducted by ELSTAT, who acquire access by any means to confidential data, are bound by the principle of confidentiality and must use these data exclusively for the statistical purposes of ELSTAT. After the termination of their term of office, they are not allowed to use these data for any purpose.

Violation of data confidentiality and/or statistical confidentiality by any civil servant or employee of ELSTAT constitutes the disciplinary offence of violation of duty and may be punished with the penalty of final dismissal.

ELSTAT, by its decision, may impose a penalty amounting from ten thousand (10,000) up to two hundred thousand (200,000) euros to anyone who violates the confidentiality of data and/or statistical confidentiality. The penalty is always imposed after the hearing of the defense of the person liable for the breach, depending on the gravity and the repercussions of the violation. Any relapse constitutes an aggravating factor for the assessment of the administrative sanction.

8. Release policy

8.1. Release calendar

AEA are disseminated through a press release. A pre - announced release calendar is available on Elstat's website

8.2. Release calendar access

The release calendar is available on Elstat's website

8.3. Release policy - user access

In compliance with Community legislation and the European Statistics Code of Practice, ELSTAT releases all national statistical data on its webpage, fully observing professional independence and with a view to ensuring the simultaneous, equal and timely access of all users to statistical data.

Neither users nor any government bodies have access to data before their official release.

9. Frequency of dissemination

Data are disseminated annually.

10. Accessibility and clarity

10.1. Dissemination format - News release

Press release is published for Air Emission dates.
Release dates are available on the press release calendar
(<https://www.statistics.gr/en/calendar>)

10.2. Dissemination format - Publications

Air Emission Accounts are published nationally with a press release and related data files.
AEA data are available at ELSTAT's website (<https://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP08/->)

10.3. Dissemination format - online database

AEA data are disseminated with data files at ELSTAT's website
(<https://www.statistics.gr/en/statistics/-/publication/SOP08/->)

10.3.1. Data tables - consultations

This information is not currently available.

10.4. Dissemination format - microdata access

Microdata are made available to users after their submitting a request to the:
Division of Statistical Information and Publications
46, Peiraios and Eponiton Str.,
18510 Piraeus
Tel: +30 213 135 2173
Fax: +30 213 135 2022
e-mail: data.dissem@statistics.gr

10.5. Dissemination format - other

Data can be provided to users (given the fact that statistical confidentiality is always observed) usually by fax or e-mail, by submitting a relevant data request. Users have to submit their request, describing in details the requested data, to the Division of Statistical Information and Publications. The requests must be submitted electronically to the following e-mail address: data.dissem@statistics.gr and data.supply@statistics.gr

10.5.1. Metadata - consultations

This information is not currently available

10.6. Documentation on methodology

No additional methodological document is currently disseminated

10.6.1. Metadata completeness - rate

Metadata completeness is 100%.

10.7. Quality management - documentation

There is not currently available documentation on quality management practices

11. Quality management

11.1. Quality assurance

Data for the compilation of air emissions accounts are compiled on the basis of the annual national emission inventories as provided from the Ministry of Environment and Energy of

Greece. Data collection and estimation methods in emission inventories are subject the control of the UN, on a yearly basis. This control validates and ensures, at a satisfactory level, the quality of data.

11.2. Quality management - assessment

The quality of the data is considered satisfactory.

12. Relevance

12.1. Relevance - User Needs

The data on air emissions accounts by Nace Rev.2 industry are relevant to users' needs. Data on environmental accounts and air emissions are an important source of information for national and international organisations, government agencies, research institutes and enterprises.

12.2. Relevance - User Satisfaction

The Statistical Information Dissemination Section of ELSTAT conducts a survey on user satisfaction, the results of which are available at the link:

<http://www.statistics.gr/el/user-satisfaction-survey>.

12.3. Completeness

The requirements of the Regulation 691/2011 are fully met.

12.3.1. Data completeness - rate

Not applicable;

13. Accuracy

13.1. Accuracy - overall

Primary data on air emissions are the national inventories on greenhouse gas (GHG) and air pollutants as provided by the Ministry of Environment and Energy. The estimation methods and data used for the compilation of emission inventories are validated by the UN – UNFCCC (United Nations Framework on Convention on Climate Change) and by the European Environmental Agency (Convention on Long-range Trans-boundary Air Pollution). Overall accuracy relies, to a great extent, on the quality and completeness of the aforementioned validated data on emission inventories.

13.2. Sampling error

Not applicable because data are not based on a sample survey.

13.2.1. Sampling error - indicators

Not applicable because data are not based on a sample survey.

13.3. Non-sampling error

Not applicable.

13.3.1. Coverage error

No coverage error is identified.

13.3.1.1. Over-coverage - rate

Not applicable.

13.3.1.2. Common units - proportion

Not applicable.

13.3.2. Measurement error

Not applicable.

13.3.3. Non response error

Not applicable.

13.3.3.1. Unit non-response - rate

Not applicable.

13.3.3.2. Item non-response - rate

Not applicable.

13.3.4. Processing error

Not applicable.

13.3.5. Model assumption error

Not applicable.

14. Timeliness and punctuality

14.1. Timeliness

The data are submitted to Eurostat 21 months after the end of the reference year

14.1.1. Time lag - first result

Not applicable
14.1.2. Time lag - final result
Not applicable.
14.2. Punctuality
AEA are transmitted within the deadlines set out by the European Regulation.
14.2.1. Punctuality - delivery and publication
The data are submitted to Eurostat 21 months after the end of the reference year

15. Coherence and comparability
15.1. Comparability - geographical
AEA are compiled according to harmonised guidelines provided by Eurostat and are hence comparable across European countries reporting AEA to Eurostat.
15.1.1. Asymmetry for mirror flow statistics - coefficient
Not applicable.
15.2. Comparability - over time
Data are comparable from 2008, when the Nace Rev.2 classification for economic activities was implemented.
15.2.1. Length of comparable time series
Not applicable; To ensure comparability, this will be calculated and provided by EUROSTAT in the European quality report using a standardised method.
15.3. Coherence - cross domain
Coherence is mainly established with Air Emission Inventories of GreenHouse Gases and Air Pollutants under UNFCC and CRLTAP conventions.
15.3.1. Coherence - sub annual and annual statistics
Not applicable, because AEA data are compiled only on annual basis.
15.3.2. Coherence - National Accounts
AEA and NA are coherent to the extent that NA data are used as auxiliary data for the distribution to certain Nace Rev.2 industries.
15.4. Coherence - internal
Internal coherence across Nace Rev.2 industries is established with the use of applicable methods and data sources as described in the "Manual for air emissions accounts" (Eurostat, 2015).

16. Cost and Burden

Primary data sources are derived either by other Government bodies (Ministry of Environment and Energy) or ELSTAT, therefore there is no burden for ELSTAT in terms of data collection and data processing. The overall administrative cost of ELSTAT has not been estimated.

17. Data revision

17.1. Data revision - policy

Pursuant to the mathematic model applied by the inventory compilation team, when estimating the values of air emissions of the following year, the data of the previous year are accordingly revised. Therefore, each year, the data of the previous years are revised backwards. The structure of this model is based on the principles of the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

On the basis of this process, the data are revised accordingly by ELSTAT.

17.2. Data revision - practice

Air Emission Accounts follow the revision processes of Air Emission Inventories.

17.2.1. Data revision - average size

Average size of Air Emission Inventories revisions is not yet calculated.

18. Statistical processing

18.1. Source data

The main data source used for the compilation of Air Emissions Accounts – Air tables is the Annual Inventory Submission Report of Greece. This Report is under the convention of the Kyoto protocol for the Greenhouse and other gases' emissions.

Data of the above Report is the official data on the air pollution for Greece and is transmitted to the UNFCCC and to the CLRTAP annually.

Auxiliary data sources such as national accounts economic variables (output, employment) are also used for the distribution across certain industries.

18.2. Frequency of data collection

The frequency of AEA is annual.

18.3. Data collection

Data Collection involves the following data sources:

1) Annual National Inventories of air emissions as submitted to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Convention on Long Range Transboundary Air Pollution (CLRTAP). Data files are collected from the respective convention web sites which publish them. For each annual submission of inventories, data for the whole period are published including revisions for previous years

2) Economic variables for Nace Rev.2 industries such as Gross Value Added, Output and employment. Respective data are collected mainly from the National Accounts division of Elstat.

18.4. Data validation

Air Emission Inventories are validated by the relevant conventions that collect the data:
- the UN – UNFCCC (United Nations Framework on Convention on Climate Change)

- the European Environmental Agency (Convention on Long-range Trans-boundary Air Pollution)

Air Emission Accounts by Nace Rev.2 Economic Activity, is also validated by Eurostat.

18.5. Data compilation

Data Integration: Air Emissions by Nace Rev.2 sectors are compiled as follows.

1) The primary data source of annual national emission inventories as provided from the Ministry of Environment and Energy provides emission data for certain industries such as manufacturing, agriculture and construction

2) The remaining air emissions are duly allocated on the basis of appropriate auxiliary data. These data are compiled on the basis of National Accounts economic variables, such as Value Added, output, and employment by sector.

Final Checks: Once all data are integrated, logical checks regarding mainly growth rates for the whole time series are performed.

Final Data Compilation: After this process is completed, relevant tables (Eurostat Questionnaire) of air emissions per Nace Rev.2 economic activity and Households are compiled for every air pollutant.

18.5.1. Imputation - rate

Not applicable.

18.5.2. Method used to allocate emissions to economic activities

For Nace Rev.2 economic activities that are not available in Air Emission inventories such as mainly services sectors, national accounts economic variables (output, employment) are mainly used for the distribution across these industries and households.

18.5.3. Method used to determine and distribute road transport emissions

Information available in air emission inventories (for passenger cars and motorcycles) have been exclusively applied to calculate emission from Households.

Regarding the transport sector, road emissions (for heavy duty vehicles, buses and light duty vehicles) were allocated to the respective sector (H49). No additional data sources have been yet applied to allocate a part of these road transport emissions to the rest Nace Rev.2 industries.

18.5.4. Adjustments for residence principle

No adjustments have been implemented for the resident principle for land transport, water transport and air transport.

18.6. Adjustment

Total Air Emissions for each air pollutant are allocated with the described methods to Nace Rev.2 economic sectors on an annual basis. No additional adjustments (such as seasonal adjustment) are performed.

18.6.1. Seasonal adjustment

Not applicable for annual air emission accounts.

19. Comment