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ANNUAL REPORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION EXPENDITURE

LEGAL BASIS

The statistical activity is carried out in accordance with the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska ("Official Gazette of Republika Srpska", No. 85/03) and the Statistical Programme of Republika Srpska for the period 2022-2025.

METHODOLOGICAL BASIS

AIM AND CONTENT

The aim of this statistical activity is to collect annual data on environmental protection investments and current environmental protection expenditures, by classes of environmental protection.

OBSERVATION UNITS / REPORTING UNITS

Data on environmental protection expenditure are submitted by business entities whose main activity, according to the Classification of Economic Activities KD BiH 2010¹⁾, is classified into the sections Mining and quarrying (B), Manufacturing (C), Electricity, gas, steam and air-conditioning supply (D) and Water supply, sewerage; waste management and environment remediation activities (E). Expenditure of units engaged in industrial production, which are part of non-industrial enterprises, is also covered. Reporting units are also observation units.

COVERAGE

Annual report on environmental protection expenditure covers all active business entities from the Business Register, whose main activity, according to the Classification of Economic Activities KD BiH 2010¹⁾, is classified into the sections B, C, D and E. In the sections B and D, business entities with 20 or more employees are covered, and in the sections C and E business entities with ten or more employees.

METHOD AND PERIOD OF DATA COLLECTION

Data within this survey are collected through the Annual report on environmental protection expenditure (TR-ŽS). Reporting units fill out the questionnaire TR-ŽS on the basis of their book-keeping records and technical documentation and based on professional estimate in cases when the necessary documentation and records are not available. Completed questionnaires are submitted by reporting units to the Regional office of the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics.

¹⁾KD BiH 2010 is based on NACE Rev.2

PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIAL DATA

Aggregate data for the level of Republika Srpska are published. Confidential data are protected pursuant to Articles 25 and 27 of the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska ("Official Gazette of Republika Srpska", No. 85/03) and in accordance with the Rules of protection of confidential data.

DEFINITIONS

Environmental protection expenditure is defined as economic resources devoted to all activities aimed at prevention, reduction and elimination of pollution or any other degradation of the environment.

Environmental protection investment includes any expenditure for fixed assets (equipment, technologies, processes, land, etc.) aimed at prevention, reduction or elimination of environmental pollution. Investment is, by its purpose, classified in two categories: investment aimed at reduction or elimination of already generated pollution (end-of-pipe investment) and investment in reduction or prevention of generation of pollution during the production process (investment in integrated technologies).

Current environmental protection expenditure includes labour costs, outlays for operation and maintenance of equipment used for environmental protection (in-house current expenditure), as well as payments to other entities for environmental protection services (external current expenditure).

COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND STANDARDS

Annual report on environmental protection expenditure complies with the requirements of the Regulation (EU) No 691/2011 on European environmental economic accounts.

IMPLEMENTATION ORGANISATION

AUTHORITIES IMPLEMENTING THE STATISTICAL SURVEY

Responsible producer of data on environmental protection expenditure is the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics.

Collection of data is carried out in the regional offices of the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics, while entry and processing of data are the responsibility of the Division for Production Statistics of the Institute.

OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE DATA

Reporting units must submit data to the Republika Srpska Institute on Statistics pursuant to the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska.

IMPLEMENTATION FREQUENCY

Reporting units must submit data to the relevant Regional office of the Republika Srpska Institute until 31 March of the current year for the previous year.

INSTRUMENTS

QUESTIONNAIRE

The questionnaire “Annual report on environmental protection expenditure (TR-ŽS)”, used to implement this survey, is available at the official [website](#) of the Institute.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE QUESTIONNAIRE

Instructions for completing the questionnaire are available at the official [website](#) of the Institute.

PUBLISHING

The data are published in the annual release “Environmental protection expenditure”, as well as in the Statistical Yearbook, in the publication “This is Republika Srpska” and in the statistical bulletin “Environment”.

ONLINE DATABASE

An online [database](#) containing a series of data on environmental protection investments and current environmental protection expenditure is available at the official website of the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics.

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