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**Subject: Indicators for monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in an EU context (EU SDG indicator set)**

As agreed upon in the Inter-Service Steering Group on the UN Sustainable Development Goals, chaired by SG, and as implemented through its sub-working group on SDG related reporting, Eurostat, in close cooperation with your DGs, has developed an EU SDG indicator set. The indicator list is now publicly available at: <http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/sdi/overview>.

The EU SDG indicator set delivers on the Communication [Next steps for a sustainable European future - European action for sustainability](#) of 22 November 2016. This Communication foresees a regular monitoring of the SDGs in an EU context, and the development of a reference indicator framework for that purpose.

As highlighted in the Inter-Service Steering Group on the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the indicator set is the result of a broad, inclusive process, which apart from consultation within the Commission also involved Council Committees (SPC, EMCO and EFC), the European Statistical Advisory Committee (ESAC), non-governmental organisations, academia and other international organisations. It has been developed following strict principles of relevance and quality requirements.

The online implementation of the indicator set, including the figures, is foreseen for November 2017, together with the publication of the first EU SDG monitoring report. Eurostat is currently drafting the monitoring report and intends to consult other DGs in the second half of June through the sub-working group on SDG related reporting and will regularly inform the Inter-Service Steering Group on the UN Sustainable Development Goals on progress made. Six DGs have committed to provide data for some indicators. These DGs are: JUST (for three indicators), CLIMA, COMM, ENV and JRC (each for two indicators) and MOVE (one indicator).

A review of the indicator set is foreseen towards the end of the year. It will take into account indicators from new data sources, which should become available over time.

We would like to thank you and your staff for your insightful and constructive inputs, which were of great help in setting up the indicator set. We look forward to continuing our good cooperation in the future.

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