

Newsletter: Integrating Mainstream Economic Indicators with Sustainable Development Objectives (IN-STREAM)



Second Newsletter – August 2011

We are delighted to share the latest IN-STREAM project news with you. Please feel free to forward this newsletter to those whom you think might be interested. Ecologic Institute will publish three editions of the IN-STREAM newsletter; this is the second issue and the last issue will be out in September 2011.

Final IN STREAM conference

The final conference of IN-STREAM (27/28th September 2011 in Brussels) will provide key insights and outcomes from the qualitative and quantitative analyses conducted in IN-STREAM – linking economic indicators with measures of sustainability and well-being.

The conference is targeted at policy makers and the presentations will therefore focus on the potential policy uses of the research conducted in IN-STREAM. The use of IN-STREAM for policy making is shown in the two policy areas of green growth and biodiversity.

The conference will provide insights into:

- How the results of IN STREAM could improve the measurement and monitoring of recent policy strategies like the Europe 2020 Strategy and the EU Biodiversity Strategy.
- How composite indicators can be used in policy making and what their limitations are.
- How valuations of environmental damages can make policy decisions more sustainable.
- What statistical relationships of sustainability indicators should be taken into account in policy making.
- How modelling can enable policy makers to take all three dimensions of sustainability into account.

For more information on the IN-STREAM project including the programme, please visit

<http://www.in-stream.eu/conference.html> .

IN-STREAM Stakeholder workshops

After the initial stakeholder workshop in February in Brussels, IN-STREAM has conducted two further stakeholder workshops.

- Prague – Focus Resource Efficiency: The stakeholder workshop in Prague focused on indicators for resource efficiency and featured interesting presentations and discussions on the role of composite indicators, energy efficiency, competitiveness and innovation in resource efficiency and the social aspects of resource efficiency policy.

- Berlin – Focus Green growth and green innovation: The stakeholder workshop in Berlin focused on indicators for green growth and the participants discussed presentations on composite indicators for green growth, eco-innovation, valuation of greenhouse gas emission reductions and the impacts of climate policy on competitiveness.

Please download more information on the workshops at <http://www.in-stream.eu/events.html>

Newest Publications

The IN-STREAM team has finished several publications in recent months which can be downloaded from the IN-STREAM website.

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- Correlations of Indicators: To set up the right mix of indicators it is important to understand the statistical relationships of the indicators in your set. IIASA and the Ecologic Institute have analysed the correlation of sustainability indicators to test which indicators do provide additional information compared to mainstream indicators. Please download the publication at http://www.in-stream.eu/download/WP3_Deliverable3.2_FINAL.pdf .
- Valuation of environmental damages: The University of Stuttgart has analysed the value of climate change emission reductions, health impacts of emission reduction and biodiversity losses. Please download the publication at http://www.in-stream.eu/download/IN-STREAM_deliverable-5%201_110727_FINAL.pdf .
- Composite Indicators: FEEM have analysed the additional information capacity of composite indicators and build a new composite sustainability indicator the FSI Index. Please download the publication at http://www.in-stream.eu/download/INSTREAM_FSI_final.pdf .
- Assessment of Indicators: Different policy problems require different indicators and an assessment of available indicators conducted by FEEM, IEEP and the Ecologic Institute shows how policy makers can chose the right indicator for their specific problem. 16 sustainability indicators and indicator frameworks are assessed using the RACER and the SWOT framework for assessing indicators. Please download the publication at http://www.in-stream.eu/download/D2.2_final.pdf .

Further Input wanted!

The IN-STREAM team is very interested in receiving your feedback on the work done in the project. The workshops mentioned above are an especially good opportunity to get in touch with the IN-STREAM team and use the results as a start for further discussion. The website also provides a contact email address which you can use to get in touch with the IN-STREAM team http://www.in-stream.eu/home_contact.html.

Deregistration

IN-STREAM will publish one further newsletters in the year 2011 before the project ends in September 2011. If you do not want to be kept up to date on further IN-STREAM innovation you can deregister http://in-stream.eu/mailman/listinfo/newsletter_in-stream.eu .