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Source data	ESS or abbreviation of other sources (EEA, OECD, ...)			
Quality concept	Rating			Comments
	high	medium	low	
Frequency of dissemination	Every year	Every 2 years	Every 3+ years	Indicators based on models: applies to the statistical input data as the frequency of running the model is not decisive for rating.
Timeliness (T = reference year)	T+1 year	T+2 years	> T+2 years	Indicators based on models: applies to the statistical input data as the time of running the model is not decisive for rating.
Reference Area	All EU MS Data for all EU MS and EU aggregate available	> 75 % EU MS and EU-aggregate EU MS data represent at least 75% of EU total and EU aggregate available	< 75 % EU MS or no EU aggregate EU MS data represent less than 75% of EU total or EU aggregate not available or only EU aggregate but no EU MS data available	Rating based on coverage according to the most recent data points. Data on EFTA & candidate countries are also desirable. Rating does not apply to a limited number of indicators which do not refer to individual countries (e.g. "Ocean acidity").
Comparability - geographical	All EU MS Data comparable between all EU MS	> 75 % EU MS Data comparable between EU MS representing at least 75% of EU total	< 75 % EU MS Data comparable between EU MS representing less than 75% of EU total	Rating based on comparability according to the most recent data points. Rating does not apply to a limited number of indicators which do not refer to individual countries (e.g. "Ocean acidity").
Time Coverage (in years)	> 10 years	5 to 10 years	< 5 years	Rating based on years between first data point and most recent data point presenting EU-aggregates. Rating applies only to indicators with at least 2 data points.
Comparability - over time (number of data points)	> 4 data points	3 to 4 data points	< 3 data points	Rating based on number of data points from last methodological break. Rating applies only to indicators with at least 2 data points.

not available = no information available for grading