

Proof of concept — pilot fact sheets for six countries

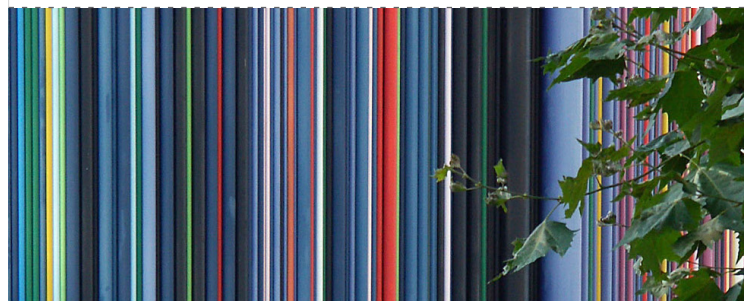
A set of pilot SCP policy fact sheets has been compiled for six countries: Austria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany and the United Kingdom. These pilot fact sheets provide information on selected elements of the conceptual framework:

- Overall policy framework to support the implementation of SCP including strategic objectives, indicators and quantitative targets defined in national SCP or SCP-related strategies and action plans and the institutional set-up in place (see the framework on previous page).
- Examples of national SCP policies to promote sustainable household consumption accompanied by showcases providing more details for selected policies and instruments. The aim of this component is to provide visibility to innovative examples of national consumption-oriented policies, particularly in the consumption areas of food and drink, housing and mobility.



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SCP and waste — closing the loop

SCP policy fact sheets are available in a web-based format at http://scp.eionet.europa.eu/facts/factsheets_scp/index.

The work on SCP fact sheets complements ongoing work on country fact sheets on national waste policies. The waste fact sheets, available for twenty European countries, provide in a common format information on national waste policies, waste management plans, waste-related targets and policy instruments. The two sets of fact sheets address the whole life-cycle chain.

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Pilot fact sheets on national sustainable consumption and production policies

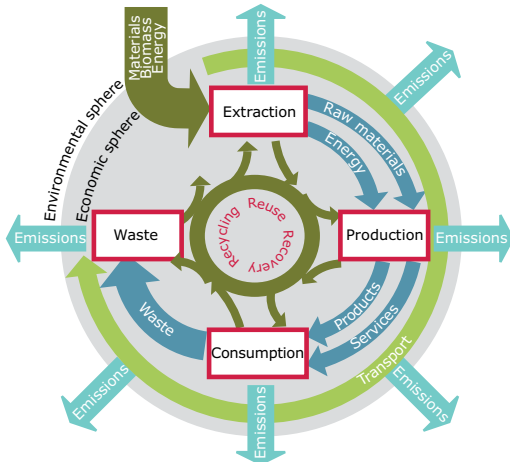
Taking stock of EU initiatives



Why SCP policy fact sheets?

Sustainable consumption and production (SCP) is a perspective on how society and the economy can be better aligned with the goals of sustainability. Cross-cutting in character, and covering the full life-cycle chain (see figure below), this emerging policy area needs the active involvement of all stakeholders and a wide range of locally-adapted policy responses. Fact sheets are a useful method of presenting the diversity of SCP policy initiatives in European countries.

Life-cycle chain from extraction – through production – to consumption and waste



Work on country fact sheets was initiated in 2008 by the European Environment Agency (EEA) and its European Topic Centre on Sustainable Consumption and Production (ETC/SCP), to assist EEA member countries in a structured exchange of information on existing national SCP policies and initiatives.

The goal of this initiative is to facilitate the sharing of experience, good practices and lessons learned in a policy field that is rapidly growing in importance and to provide a basis for policy analysis.

Sharing lessons learned on SCP policy

SCP fact sheets provide many potential benefits, including:

- inspiration for the development of SCP policies at the national level;
- help in the setting of targets, selection of indicators and identification of policy gaps;
- giving visibility to activities and policies that support SCP, as well as help in benchmarking of countries;
- facilitating compliance with reporting obligations at various levels (EU, UN, OECD);
- support in assessing policy coherence between the different government departments;
- facilitating capacity building and input to global processes in the area of SCP.

Conceptual framework for SCP fact sheets

Given the many and varying definitions of SCP, a 'conceptual framework for SCP policies at the national level' was developed to help determine the scope, coverage, and structure of the pilot SCP fact sheets. This framework (see figure below) provided a structure to collect information on:

- SCP strategies and policies in place at the national level;
- policy instruments used in various individual SCP-relevant policy areas (use of resources, household consumption, mobility, etc.);
- SCP-related indicators and targets to monitor implementation;
- institutional set-up in place to support SCP;
- SCP events, outreach and stakeholder dialogue;
- international cooperation and involvement in the UNEP Marrakech process.

