

## Methodological notes

### 1. Data source:

- annual statistical survey on the Environmental protection expenditure.
- administrative sources — INS — Table 11 SEC 2010 — COFOG

**2. The statistical survey** is carried out as sample survey on unspecialized producers of environmental protection services and as exhaustive survey for the specialised producers and general government units. The units belonging to CANE Rev. 2 sections “Agriculture” and “Hotels and restaurants” are not subject to this survey. Data were collected from 14.950 producers of environmental protection services.

### 3. Concepts and definitions:

— the **environmental protection expenditure** reflects environmental financing flows and include payments for economic activities aimed at the production of specific services to prevent, reduce or combat damage to the environment. They are grouped under: investments and current expenditure, which in turn include internal current expenditure (wages and social contributions, the consumption of raw materials, fuels, energy, water and other auxiliary materials, R & D, training, information, environmental management) and external current expenditure (for environmental protection services bought from third parties and the environment related taxes paid).

— **specialized producers** are units that carry out environmental protection activities as their main activity, and which can be found in CANE Rev. 2 divisions: 37; 38; 39 and class: 4677

— **unspecialized producers** are units that carry out environmental protection activities as a secondary activity or ancillary to the main activity which can be found in CANE Rev. 2 divisions: 02; 05-36; 41; 42; 43; 49; 50; 51;71;72 and class: 7490.

— **general government** consists of all local and central government units which are producing or funding non-market environmental protection services intended for individual and collective consumption.

— **environmental fields** relate to specific activities for environmental protection, namely: air protection, waste water management, waste management, soil and groundwater protection, protection of natural resources and preservation of biodiversity, other fields (combating noise and vibration, R & D in the field of environment, overall management of the environment, training, etc.).

**4. Symbols used:** “-” not applicable