

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 14.335 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.

— **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;