



Mandate of the sectoral Expert Panels of the TFEIP

This description of the roles and mandates of the expert panels was discussed and agreed to at the TFEIP's Dublin 2007 meeting. The names of active expert panels were updated August 2010.

The expert panels are ad hoc groups under TFEIP. There are currently three sectoral expert panels:

- Combustion and Industry Panel
- Transport
- Agriculture and Nature

In addition, there is one expert panel dealing with cross-cutting issues – the expert panel on Projections.

The role of the sectoral panels is:

1. To collect and review available information on activities, emission factors and inventory methodology (emission estimates, emission factors, activity statistics etc.) within the sector.
2. To consider the significance of each source in terms of its contribution to emissions, the need to sub-divide or merge source categories and to identify where new sources categories need to be added.
3. To update the Guidebook to reflect developments within the sector (e.g. appearance of new technologies).
4. To update the methodologies within the Guidebook when new knowledge concerning the processes driving emissions becomes available.
5. To update emission factors within the Guidebook in the light of new emission measurements.
6. To gather feedback and answer queries concerning the Guidebook from inventory compilers.
7. To identify the need for further research or study to improve the methodology.
8. To encourage the exchange of information between experts.

The role of the expert panel leaders is:

1. To communicate with the Chair of the TFEIP and report progress within the EP.
2. To organise those meetings of the expert panel that are necessary to fulfil the tasks agreed with the Chair of the TFEIP.
3. To represent the expert panel at the annual and mid-term meetings of the TFEIP, and at any other meetings at the request of the Chair of the TFEIP.
4. To co-ordinate the updating of the Guidebook. This includes the identification of priorities, the identification and correspondence with editors, and the quality control of revisions.
5. To submit revisions to the TFEIP for approval.