The Reporting Obligations Database

What it is and how it can be used

European Environment Agency

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What is ROD?

ROD is the EEA's reporting obligations database. It contains records describing environmental reporting obligations that countries have towards international organisations. ROD includes all environmental reporting obligations that EEA member countries have towards the European Commission's Environment DG, European marine conventions, Eurostat, OECD, UN, UNECE, as well as the EEA itself. ROD is available on the Internet at http://rod.eionet.eu.int.

What are reporting obligations?

Reporting obligations are requirements to provide information agreed between countries and international bodies such as the EEA or international conventions. Reporting obligations provide the basis for most international environmental information flows.

ROD allows you to view information about environmental reporting obligations and get a complete overview of obligations.

You can:

- identify deadlines for reporting obligations;
- gain an overview of a reporting obligation's requirements and legislative framework;
- determine which countries participate in a reporting obligation;
- list deliveries made to the Reportnet central data repository for a reporting obligation;
- get an overview of all reporting obligations for an organisation or a theme;
- discover the guidelines and templates available for reporting obligations.

The origins of ROD

The drive to create ROD came from various directions including the European Parliament, member country representatives to the EEA as well as the EU's sixth environmental action programme.

The EEA itself also makes use of ROD to identify and gain access to suitable datasets for use in its assessments.

In 2005 the EEA intends to make use of ROD to support the European Commission and member countries in improving monitoring and reporting through an assessment of current reporting obligations for international, European, national and regional conventions and bodies. This work will result in a detailed review of data flows of relevance to the EEA's work programme and be used as a the basis for streamlining and integrating reporting and monitoring.

ROD and Reportnet

ROD is part of Reportnet and was developed by the EEA with support from IDA funding from the European Commission. Reportnet is a group of web applications and processes developed by the EEA to support international environmental reporting.

Other applications in Reportnet include a central data repository where countries can upload deliveries (http://cdr.eionet.eu.int) and a data dictionary, containing detailed technical specifications for data flows (http://dd.eionet.eu.int).

A content registry (http://cr.eionet. eu.int) keeps track of deliveries to the international reporting system and a directory (http://eionet.eu.int) helps find people, organisations and their role in the reporting chain.

ROD content in your own databases

If you would like to make use of the contents of ROD in your own databases, head straight to the general help in ROD to find out more. The contents are available for syndication via RSS and RDF as well as being called via XML RPC. For security reasons, no ODBC connection to the database is possible.

More detailed queries of the ROD database can be made, but not through the web interface.

Getting started

Discover reporting obligations by theme

Select an issue from the drop-down menu on the homepage, for example 'Climate change'. Click on GO. The list that is displayed shows all reporting obligations relating to climate change.

Use footers to see the status of a record in ROD

The status of records is shown in the footer on all pages in ROD and shows when the record was last updated and quality assured.
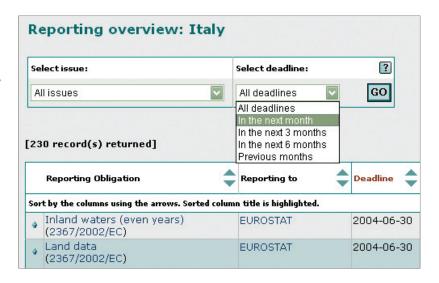
Check the ROD disclaimer to learn more about this.

List deadlines

Click on ⬚Deadlines⬚ on the left-hand side of the screen. Select the country in which you are interested. The display will show an overview table of reporting obligations sorted by due date. The table also shows links to deliveries to Reportnet.

The deadlines displayed can be limited to a certain period — for example only those deadlines falling due in the coming month.
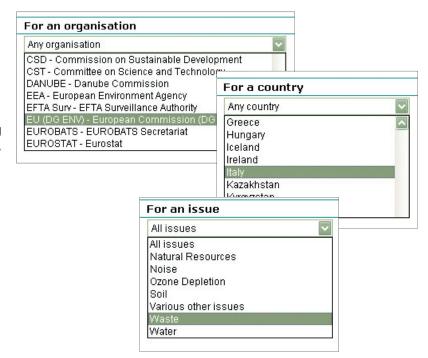
Click on ⬚Advanced search⬚ to further refine the list — for example restrict the list to show deadlines for reporting to a specific organisation.

Reporting overview: Italy

Select issue: All issues

Select deadline: ? GO
All deadlines
All deadlines
In the next month
In the next 3 months
In the next 6 months
Previous months

[230 record(s) returned]

Reporting Obligation	Reporting to	Deadline
Sort by the columns using the arrows. Sorted column title is highlighted.		
Inland waters (even years) (2367/2002/EC)	EUROSTAT	2004-06-30
Land data (2367/2002/EC)	EUROSTAT	2004-06-30

See what information is collected by an organisation

Select an organisation from the drop-down menu, for example 'Black Sea Commission'. Click on GO .
The list that is displayed shows all reporting obligations for the Black Sea Commission.

Make more refined queries by selecting items from all three drop-down menus.

For an organisation

Any organisation
CSD - Commission on Sustainable Development
CST - Committee on Science and Technology
DANUBE - Danube Commission
EEA - European Environment Agency
EFTA Surv - EFTA Surveillance Authority
EU (DG ENV) - European Commission (DG
EUROBATS - EUROBATS Secretariat
EUROSTAT - Eurostat

For a country

Any country
Greece
Hungary
Iceland
Ireland
Italy
Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan

For an issue

All issues
All issues
Natural Resources
Noise
Ozone Depletion
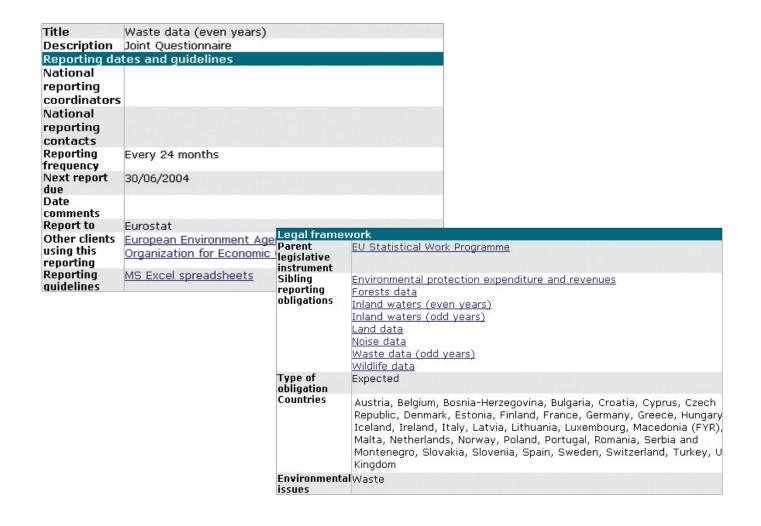Soil
Various other issues
Waste
Water

ROD records

Overview reporting

Click on Obligations to create a list of all obligations. Click on an entry in the first column to open the reporting obligation record page.

The reporting obligations page record is divided into three sections. The top section gives an overview of the reporting obligation. The second section provides more detailed information about the reporting cycle and requirements.

Use this section to see full information about the reporting obligation cycle as well as links to guidelines and templates.

The last section displays links to sibling reporting obligations as well as information about the legislative framework, including whether the reporting obligation is voluntary, expected or a legally enforceable requirement.

Title	Waste data (even years)
Description	Joint Questionnaire
Reporting dates and guidelines	
National reporting coordinators	
National reporting contacts	
Reporting frequency	Every 24 months
Next report due	30/06/2004
Date comments	
Report to	Eurostat
Other clients using this reporting	European Environment Agency Organization for Economic
Reporting guidelines	MS Excel spreadsheets

Legal framework	
Parent legislative instrument	EU Statistical Work Programme
Sibling reporting obligations	Environmental protection expenditure and revenues Forests data Inland waters (even years) Inland waters (odd years) Land data Noise data Waste data (odd years) Wildlife data
Type of obligation	Expected
Countries	Austria, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia (FYR), Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, U Kingdom
Environmental issues	Waste

See which reporting is used by more than one organisation

Deliveries for some reporting obligations are used by more than one organisation. In this case, one of the organisations is defined as the main recipient and the others as indirect recipients.

You can see this information in the reporting obligations record page as well as in summary form on the ROD database statistics page.

Report to	Eurostat
Other clients using this reporting	European Environment Agency Organization for Economic Cooperation and Developm.
Reporting guidelines	MS Excel spreadsheets

Check out country participation in reporting obligations

In the reporting obligations record page, countries participating in reporting obligations are listed. Countries participating on a voluntary basis are listed, but are asterixed. Click on D to the right of the list of countries to see details about country participation.

Type of obligation	Expected
Countries	Albania*, Austria, Balaton, Belgium, Bosnia-He Bulgaria, Croatia*, Cyprus, Czech Republic, De Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, H Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Macedonia (FYR)*, Malta, Mona Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Roman and Montenegro*, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland*, Turkey, United Kingdom
Environmental issues	Air quality, Climate Change
General comments	

Get more information about obligations

Some buttons are only displayed under certain conditions. For example, the reporting obligations record page, Status of deliveries on the right-hand side of the page is only displayed if deliveries to Reportnet's central data repository have been made in response to this reporting obligation.

If Status of deliveries is visible, click on the button to open a window showing a list of all deliveries made by countries to the central data repository for this obligation.

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Parameters

Status of deliveries

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