

Appendix 2: International examples of national-level state of the environment reporting programmes

Country	Lead agency	Independence of process?	Country	Lead agency	Independence of process?
Australia http://www.environment.gov.au/soe/index.html	The Federal Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts	Yes - Minister appoints independent commissioners to oversee the process	Luxembourg http://www.environment.public.lu/index.html	Department of the Environment – Part of the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure	No
Austria http://www.umweltbundesamt.at/en/umweltinformation/	Federal Environment Agency, under direction of the Federal Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management	Yes - FEA is a limited liability company	Mexico http://www.semarnat.gob.mx/Pages/inicio.aspx	The Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources	No
Belgium http://www.vmm.be/english	Flemish Environment Agency (Vlaamse MilieuMaatschappij - VMM)	Yes – VMM is an independent agency	Netherlands http://www.pbl.nl/en/index.html	Environmental Assessment Agency	Yes – Royal decree establishes agency and independence
Canada http://www.ec.gc.ca/indicateurs-indicators/default.asp?lang=En&n=A073189E-1	Knowledge Integration Strategies Division - Environment Canada	Yes - Indicator and monitoring programme development overseen by independent Canadian Information System for the Environment Task Force.	New Zealand http://www.mfe.govt.nz/environmental-reporting/	Ministry for the Environment	No
Czech Republic http://www.cenia.cz/web/www/web-public.nsf/\$pid/MZPMSFSP1PHE	Czech Environmental Information Agency	Yes - State Allowance Organisation reporting to the Czech Ministry of the Environment	Norway http://www.environment.no/	Ministry of the Environment	No
Denmark http://www.dmu.dk/	National Environmental Research Institute – Aarhus University. NERI originally formed from 5 EPA sections.	Yes - NERI is a private institute under Aarhus University's board of directors. Contracted to the Danish Ministry for the Environment to run national SOE reporting	Poland http://www.stat.gov.pl/gus/index_ENG_HTML.htm	Chief Inspectorate of Environmental Protection	Yes - Inspectorate is an Authority
Finland	Finish	Yes - SKYE	Portugal	Portuguese	Yes

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http://www.ymparisto.fi/default.asp?node=4032&lan=en	Environment Institute (SKYE). Formed under the Environmental Administration Act 1995 and Decree on the Finish Environment Institute 2004	works under the Finish Ministry of the Environment, with a Director General and Advisory Board	http://www.ambiente.pt/Paginas/default.aspx	Environment Agency	
France http://www.ifen.fr/accueil.html	The Observation and Statistics Service – part of the Ministry of Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and the Sea	No	Republic of Korea http://eng.me.go.kr/main.do	Planning and Coordination Department of the Ministry of Environment	No
Germany http://www.umweltbundesamt.de/	Federal Environment Agency - Umweltbundesamt	Yes - Created by Act of Parliament in 1974 and sits under the jurisdiction of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety	Slovakia http://enviportal.sk/spravy-zp/en/detail?stav=45	Slovak Environmental Agency – formed in 1993 as an agency of the Ministry of the Environment	Yes
Greece http://www.kpaa.greekgregistry.eu/	National Centre for the Environment and Sustainable Development	Yes - Independent, non-profit organisation, supervised by the Ministry for Environment and Public Works	Spain http://www.mma.es/portal/secciones/info_estadistica_ambiental/estadisticas_info/perfil_ambiental_2005/	Ministry of the Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs	No
Hungary http://www.kvvm.hu/index.php?pid=139&sid=144	Hungarian Ministry of the Environment	No	Sweden http://www.naturvardsverket.se/sv/	The Environmental Objectives Council of the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency	Yes – independent agency headed by a Director-General and assisted by Advisory Councils
Iceland http://www.ust.is/	The Environment Agency, which operates under the Ministry for the Environment	Yes	Switzerland http://www.bafu.admin.ch/dokumentation/fokus/04520/index.html?lang=en	The Federal Office for the Environment – part of the Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications (DETEC).	Yes – Independent Authority with a board of governors
Ireland http://www.epa.ie/whatw	Environmental Protection Agency,	Yes – formed under the Environment	Turkey http://www.edgm.gov.tr/	General Directorate of Environmental	No

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edo/assessment/	sponsored by the Department of the Environment and Local Government	Protection Agency Act 1992, and has an independent Director and Board	CED/AnaSayfa.aspx?sflan g=tr	Impact Assessment and Planning in the Ministry of Environment and Forestry	
Italy http://www.isprambiente.it/site/en-GB/	Istituto Superiore per la Protezione e la Ricerca Ambientale	Yes – established in 2008 as an independent public body subject to the vigilance of the Ministry for the Environment, Territory and Sea and to the control of the Supreme Court of Accounts	United Kingdom http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/research/library/publications/34019.aspx	The Environment Agency – Sponsored by the Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	Yes - Executive Non-departmental Public Body responsible to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and an Assembly Sponsored Public Body responsible to the National Assembly for Wales
Japan http://www.env.go.jp/en/	The Ministry of the Environment	No	United States of America http://www.epa.gov/indictor/	Environmental Protection Agency	Yes – independent agency established by the Executive