The European Union has been actively advancing environmental economic accounting since the early 1990s. The presentation will give an overview of the present situation including the statistical legal acts on economic environmental accounts that are now in place in the European Union. The environmental accounts that are presently produced and disseminated will be described. The most recent (2014-2018) strategy for further developing environmental accounts in the European Union will be outlined and the lessons learnt and future plans will be presented.

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