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HUNGARIAN OBJECTIVES FOR THE WORKING GROUP ON SDI

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Hungarian objectives for the Working group on SDI

Summary

Agricultural and Environmental Statistics Department of Hungarian Central Statistical Office (HCSO) intend to prepare the first publication on Sustainable Development Indicators this year with cooperation of other departments of HCSO and the Ministry of Environment and Water. The indicator set will be made according to the Eurostat publication: „Measuring progress towards a more sustainable Europe”. It will be a bilingual, Hungarian-English publication.

Experiences:

- 2002 – Task Force on Sustainable Development Indicators. Hungary didn't participate in the work of the Task Force, but we agreed with the interim report in 2003.
- 2002 – Publication of HCSO and the Ministry of Environment and Water for the Johannesburg World Summit: „Hungary: Basic Features and Indicators of Social, Environmental and Economic Changes and Planning for Sustainability”
- 2004 – Ministry of Environment and Water with cooperation of HCSO: “Indicators of Sustainable Development and Changes in Hungary in the light of EU indicators”

Goals:

- Monitor the improvement of sustainability in Hungary
- Comparability with other countries
- To have a small set of indicators which can be monitored regularly
- Participate in further development of methodology for SDI

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