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The DPSIR Framework

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In recommendation to the European Environment Agency (EEA) on how they should proceed with the development of a strategy for Integrated Environmental Assessment, RIVM2 proposed the use of a framework, which distinguished driving forces, pressures, states, impacts and responses. This became known as the DPSIR framework and has since been more widely adopted by the EEA, acting as an integrated approach for reporting, e.g. in the EEA's State of the Environment Reports. The framework is seen as giving a structure within which to present the indicators needed to enable feedback to policy makers on environmental quality and the resulting impact of the political choices made, or to be made in the future.

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