

## Dissemination Policy

The Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI) was established as Ireland's national energy authority under the Sustainable Energy Act 2002<sup>1</sup>. The Act defines SEAI's relationship with the National Statistical Institute, through co-operation with the Central Statistics Office and acting as an agent of that Office. As per the SEAI Code of Governance Framework<sup>2</sup>, in its work, the Authority will be independent in the exercise of its responsibilities and in the discharge of its functions, embody a strong commitment to best international practice and achieving excellence in SEAI work and results.

The Energy Statistics team, under the head of the Data & Insights Department in SEAI, has sole responsibility for deciding on the content and timing of statistical releases (subject to the completeness of the data and requirements associated with international reporting obligations). All general users have equal access to statistical releases at the same time, with data published on the SEAI website. Privileged access to data may be provided to organisations that work closely with SEAI.

The main statistical release of the Energy Statistics team is the National Energy Balance<sup>3</sup>, which is publicly available from the SEAI website. It is openly accessible and used by multiple stakeholders, both within the national statistical system and externally.

An SEAI press release usually accompanies or precedes the publication of the Annual Energy Balance and certain key reports. The SEAI media team is led by the Head of the Communications Department on the Senior Management Team. The Head of Data & Insights along with the Energy Statistics Programme Manager agree the content of the press release with the Head of Communications.

SEAI uses web-based platforms for statistical release, has a data strategy, and is committed to open-data publication. Energy Balance data have been made available in both PDF and XLSX formats. SEAI data is also held in a databank hosted by the Central Statistics Office<sup>4</sup>, where users can select statistical products, and reporting periods, to generate a bespoke download in their preferred format. SEAI has launched an interactive Energy Data Portal<sup>5</sup> that presents statistics in graphical format and allows users to select and download data relevant data.

In addition to its standard routine analysis to satisfy reporting obligations, the Energy Statistics Team carry out a range of custom-designed analyses and reports.

## Release Calendar

A release calendar<sup>6</sup> is published on the SEAI website detailing the dates for upcoming statistical publications from the SEAI Statistics team. The calendar is a 'No Later Than' calendar and all publications will be disseminated no later than 17h00 on the last day of the month referenced.

<https://www.seai.ie/data-and-insights/seai-statistics/release-calendar/>

A separate release calendar is also published by Eurostat.

<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/news/release-calendar>

## Revisions Policy

Guided by international best practice, and alignment to relevant statistical frameworks and categorizations, SEAI independently develops and updates the statistics that satisfy Ireland's international reporting obligations and

inform national policy. In addition to the independent development, production, and dissemination of these statistics, we select the most relevant statistical methods, standards, and procedures for collecting, storing, aggregating, and visualising the statistics, as well as the content, granularity, and timing of statistical releases.

If an error is identified, it is first discussed internally by the Energy Statistics team, corrected, documented, and issued with the revised/corrected data included in the next statistical release. Details of these revisions are also documented in our annual report, Energy in Ireland<sup>7</sup>.

Advance notice is given on major revisions or changes in methodologies where possible.

## Code of Practice

SEAI is committed to ensuring that all data is compiled to the highest standard. In particular, the organisation adheres to the principles set out in the 'Irish Statistical System Code of Practice' and is committed to ISSCoP.

[www.isscop.ie/codeofpractice](http://www.isscop.ie/codeofpractice)

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2002/act/2/enacted/en/pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.seai.ie/publications/SEAI-Code-of-Governance-framework.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.seai.ie/data-and-insights/seai-statistics/key-publications/national-energy-balance/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://data.cso.ie/product/SEAIEB>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.seai.ie/data-and-insights/seai-statistics/energy-data/>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.seai.ie/data-and-insights/seai-statistics/release-calendar/>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.seai.ie/data-and-insights/seai-statistics/key-publications/energy-in-ireland/>