

COFFIS inventory assessment: Methodology update to version 3.0i

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Version 3.0 of the inventory assessment introduces a key methodological update to streamline scoring, expand analytical capabilities, and improve alignment with expert guidance.

Key changes:

- **General:** The scoring system has been simplified by removing the possibility of negative points, setting the minimum score to 0 while rebalancing indicators to maintain the total maximum score of 50. The data interface has been improved with added validation, and a dedicated tab was introduced to list and categorize subsidies for better analysis alongside phase-out plan assessments. Additionally, the framework has been aligned with guidance provided by IISD to COFFIS countries, and the methodological note has been updated accordingly.
- **Availability:** Procedural criteria—such as late submission penalties—have been removed to focus scoring strictly on the quality of the submission itself. Procedural aspects may be addressed separately by the COFFIS Observatory. Submissions that do not contain an inventory automatically receive 0 points/no submission.
- **Methodology:** The assessment scope now captures support measures beyond the core WTO definition, including cross-subsidies, border measures, financial support by state-owned enterprises and public finance institutions, and uninternalized social and environmental costs.
- **Scope and granularity:** Added a dedicated criterion covering subsidies related to the non-energy use of fossil fuels.

The methodology remains limited to assessing the quality of documentation, not the actual removal of subsidies. It does not verify whether all subsidies have been captured in the national inventory.

More information about the new methodology can be found by downloading one of the country inventory assessments.

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