

## **FINLAND – NSO as the national entity for inventories**

The Government in Finland noted problems associated with emissions data being spread between several sources and, therefore, assigned the responsibility for coordinating the inventory compilation to Statistics Finland in 2003. Since then, Statistics Finland has been the national entity with overall responsibility for general administration, quality management and communication of the inventory to UNFCCC.

The legal framework is defined by the resolution of the Finnish government of 30 January 2003 on the organisation of climate policy activities of Government authorities. It is further defined by an agreement between the Ministry of Environment and Statistics Finland.

According to the Finnish experience, the advantages of an NSO coordinating the work include the ability to achieve close collaboration with energy and other source statistics, well-developed quality assurance methods and the ability to make detailed comparisons with confidential source data. Another major advantage is that no additional data collection is needed for the emission inventory. A disadvantage is that the NSO cannot publicly release company-specific information unlike other government agencies are sometimes able to.

A number of areas have been identified for improvement in Finland, including the need for more frequent energy statistics for the purposes of emission inventories.

