Estimating fossil fuel subsidies with SEEA data

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Background

Between 2021-2023 Statistics Sweden is working on method development for potentially environmentally damaging subsidies (PEDS).

The aim is to publish estimations late 2022 and to report to UNEP on 12.c.1 when data has been validated.

In our calculations, we cover:

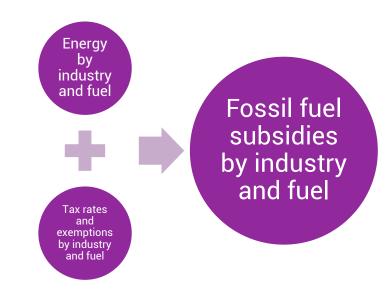
- Budget transfers, i.e. direct transfers that can be found in national budgets
- Indirect transfers in the form of tax abatements



Methodology based on SEEA framework

Using the SEEA framework to calculate indirect transfers has several benefits:

- Data on energy use and tax payment is allocated by industry and fuel.
- Combining this with tax abatements makes it possible to calculate indirect subsidies using revenue foregone method.
- By adding information on emission trading scheme (ETS) we can calculate effective carbon rates (ECR).





Some of the tax exemption rules covered in the indirect fossil fuel transfer estimates

Energy tax abatements for fuel used in international waterway transportation

Manufacture privilege for producers of energy products

Energy tax abatements for fuel used in commercial aviation

No energy tax on peat used for heating

Reduced energy tax on fuels used for heating within industry

Reduced energy tax on electricity within manufacturing industry and data centres

Reduced carbon dioxide tax on fuels used for heating within industry outside EU-ETS and reduced carbon dioxide tax on district heating used within industry

No carbon dioxide tax on fuels used for electricity production outside EU-ETS

Reduced carbon dioxide tax on fuels used in combined heat and power plants outside EU-ETS

No carbon dioxide tax on peat as a fuel outside EU-ETS

Reduced energy tax on diesel within mining industry



Direct budgetary transfers

Transport support for companies in north of Sweden

Support to non-governmental airports

Support for shipping industry

Benefit taxation of private use of company owned cars

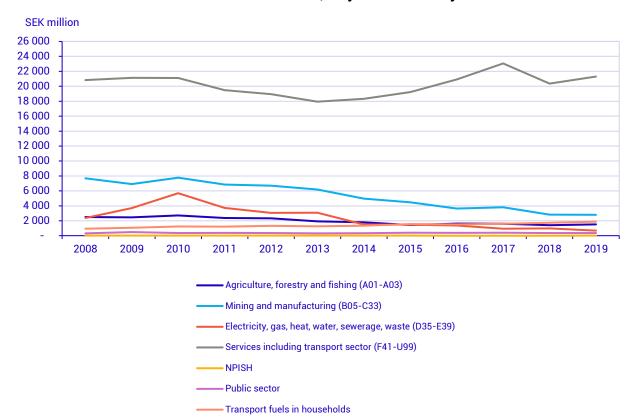
Deduction for journeys to and from work

Support motor roads in forest



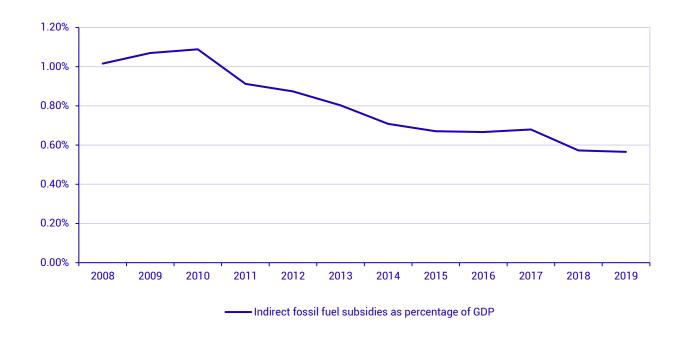
Revenue foregone calculation for indirect transfers - preliminary results

Indirect fossil fuel transfers, by industry 2008-2019





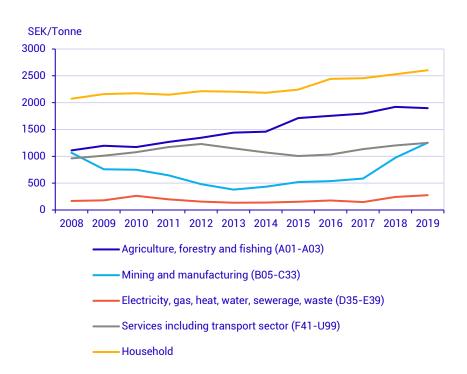
Value of indirect fossil fuel subsidies as percentage of GDP





ECR calculation – preliminary results

Average ECR per aggregated sector (2008-2019)



Average ECR per component, for the manufacturing sector NACE C (2008-2019)

