

Abbreviations and acronyms

ACT	Swiss Cleantech Agency
ARE	Federal Office for Spatial Development
BAT	Best available techniques
BDM	Swiss Biodiversity Monitoring
BMW	Biodegradable municipal waste
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity
CCE	Conference of Heads of Environmental Protection Services
CCHydro	Climate Change and Hydrology
CCSU	OECD Climate Change Sector Understanding
CEDRIG	Climate, Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction Integration Guidance
CHM	Clearing-House Mechanisms
CO₂	Carbon dioxide
DAC	Development Assistance Committee (OECD)
DETEC	Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications
DMC	Domestic material consumption
EAER	Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research
EAWAG	Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology
ECA	Ecological compensation area
ECC	Environmental cross-compliance
EEA	European Environment Agency
EHS	Environmentally harmful subsidies
EIA	Environmental impact assessment
EnAW	Energy Agency for Economy
EPA	Environmental Protection Act
EPE	Environmental protection expenditure
EPR	OECD Environmental Performance Review
EQS	Environmental quality standards
ERT	Environmentally related taxes
ESG	Environmental, social and governance
ETS	Emission trading system
FDI	Foreign direct investment
Federal Assembly	Swiss parliament
Federal Council	Swiss government
FIT	Feed-in tariff
FOAG	Federal Office for Agriculture
FOEN	Federal Office for the Environment
FOT	Federal Office of Transport
FSO	Federal Statistical Office
GBR	General binding rules
GDP	Gross domestic product
GEAP	Green Economy Action Plan
GEF	Global Environment Fund
GHG	Greenhouse gas
GNI	Gross national income

GPP	Green public procurement
HNIIs	Habitats of national importance
HODUFLU	Farm manure management
HPP	Hydropower plants
ICPR	International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine
IMPEL	European Union Network for the Implementation and Enforcement of Environmental Law
INDC	Intended Nationally Determined Contributions
IPBES	Intergovernmental Panel on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
KELS	Climate and Energy Incentive System (known by the German acronym)
KliK	Foundation for Climate Protection and Carbon Offset
MNE	Multinational Enterprises
MONET	Monitoring of Sustainable Development
MSW	Municipal solid waste
Mtoe	Million tonnes of oil equivalent
NAQUA	National Groundwater Monitoring
NAWA	National Surface Water Quality Monitoring Network
NCHA	Act on the Protection of Nature and Cultural Heritage
NGO	Non-governmental organisation
NH₃	Ammonia
NO_x	Nitrogen oxide
OAPC	Ordinance on Air Pollution Control
ODA	Official development assistance
OSPAR	Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic
Convention	
PM	Particulate matter
R&D	Research and development
Reffnet.ch	Swiss Network for Resource Efficiency
REPIC	Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Promotion in International Cooperation
RES	Renewable energy supply
RIA	Regulatory impact assessment
SA	Sustainability assessment
SDC	Swiss Agency for Development and Co-operation
SDS	Sustainable Development Strategy
SEA	Strategic environmental assessment
SECO	State Secretariat for Economic Affairs
SFOE	Swiss Federal Office of Energy
SIB	Swiss Information System Biodiversity
SLC	Swiss Landscape Concept
SME	Small and medium-sized enterprise
SNSF	Swiss National Science Foundation
SO₂	Sulphur dioxide
SPA	Spatial Planning Act
SSIGE	Swiss Gas and Water Industry Association

TFC	Total final consumption
TPES	Total primary energy supply
UAA	Utilised agricultural area
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
VAT	Value-added tax
VOC	Volatile organic compound
WDP	Water drainage plan
WPA	Waters Protection Act
WSL	Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research



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