Category: **Obligation to Make Environmental Information Public**

Sub-Category: Annual Domestic Environmental Reports

Name of Good Practice: Environmental Profile of Spain, Providing Ease of Access to Mobile Devices

Key Words: Access to Information, Technology, Internet

Implementing Actors: National Ministry: Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment

Location: Spain

Description: The Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment has published an annual report since 2004 entitled "Environmental Profile of Spain. Indicator-based Report.” This annual publication provides an overview of the environmental situation in Spain, increases the country’s knowledge about the environment, provides specific data, monitors policies intended to mainstream environmental criteria into the country’s production sectors, and serves as an important tool in the ongoing dissemination and awareness-raising campaigns run by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment. The 2012 edition contained 85 indicators, arranged in 17 chapters. For example, under the chapter covering air quality and atmospheric emission, indicators include emissions of greenhouse gases, emissions of acidifying and eutrophying gases, and tropospheric ozone precursors, emissions of particulate matter, air quality in urban environments, and regional background air quality for the protection of health and vegetation.

A notable new feature of the 2012 edition is the design of its contents in order to facilitate its viewing by electronic means. This enhances the accessibility of the information for all users, enabling an interactive Environmental Profile of Spain 2012. The report can therefore be consulted using mobile devices, which it is hoped will lead to wider dissemination of the information due to greater ease of use. Likewise, it is hoped that wider circulation of the report will promote education and awareness of environmental values, fostering the participation not only of managers and specialists but of the whole of society.

According to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment, the annual report “has become a work of reference for all those organisations, institutions and citizens who require a rigorous diagnosis of the environmental situation in our country.”

Further Information: On the web site of Spain’s Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment, <http://www.magrama.gob.es/es/calidad-y-evaluacion-ambiental/publicaciones/perfil_ambiental_2012_en.aspx>.