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Abstract

- Within the context of the controversial use of the concept energy intensity to assess
- 14 national energy performance, this paper proposes an innovative accounting framework:
- the energy end-use matrix. This tool integrates quantitative assessments of energy use of
- the various constituent compartments of socio-economic systems. More specifically it
- identifies, moving across levels of analysis, what compartments (or sub-compartments)
- are using what type of energy carriers for what type of end-use. This analysis is
- integrated with an assessment of labor requirements and the associated flows of value
- 20 added. The end-use matrix thus integrates in a coherent way quantitative assessments
- 21 across different dimensions and hierarchical scales and facilitates the development of
- 22 integrated sets of indicators. In this way it contributes to a multi-criteria characterization
- of national or sectoral energy performance. The tool is illustrated with an analysis of
- 24 three EU countries: Bulgaria, Finland and Spain. Challenges to improving the
- usefulness of biophysical analysis of the efficiency of the industrial sector are identified
- and discussed. Increasing the discriminatory power of quantitative analysis through
- better data standardization by statistical offices is the major challenge.

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