

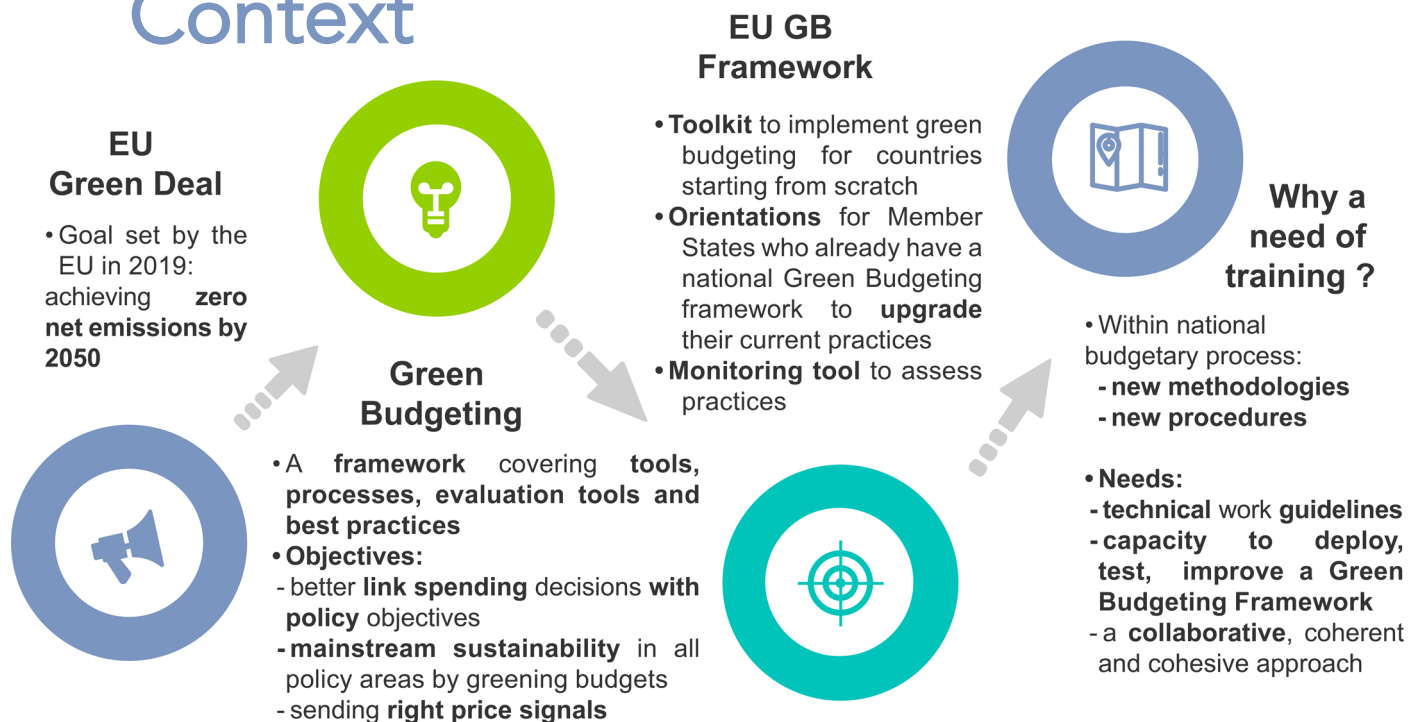
The EU Green Budgeting Training Project

summary of context and results



Green budgeting is a process whereby the environmental contributions of budgetary items and policies are identified and assessed with respect to specific performance indicators, with the objective of better aligning budgetary policies with environmental goals. This requires new methodologies, tools and knowledge exchanges for administrations across the European Union. Between 2021 and 2024, the European Commission funded, through the Technical Support Instrument ([TSI](#)), the Green Budgeting Training Project, a multi-country technical support project for capacity building in green budgeting based on the [European Union Green Budgeting Framework](#).

Context



Note concerning achievements, feedback, and challenges: the data presented here has been extracted from the final evaluation report of the project. The report draws on data from satisfaction surveys and qualitative interviews of civil servants in the 23 beneficiary Member states, progress reports, and project monitoring tools.

Key aspects

Content

Technical training
Case studies
Peer exchanges

What?

For whom?

Beneficiaries

Ministries of Finance with Ministries of Environment, transport and relevant ministries working on green budgeting practices
23 EU Member States joined the project

Timeline

3 years
May 2021 - May 2024

When?

How many?

Training

64 trainings
125 training days
1,200 individual participants

Implementation

Expertise France in close collaboration with the Institute for Climate Economics (**I4CE**) and experts from **DG ECFIN**, **DG ENV** and **DG BUDG**

By who?

How?

Instrument

European Commission
Technical Support Instrument (TSI)

Key Achievements and Success Stories



Knowledge

provided **knowledge** (theoretical, technical, organisational), raised **awareness** and understanding of green budgeting

SPAIN improved the **governance** of their green budgeting : **cooperation** with the Ministry of Ecological Transition and **building capacity across ministries** during budget preparation

PORTUGAL issued an **advocacy paper** addressed to the Minister of Finance to raise **awareness** on the importance of introducing a green budgeting Framework at national level



Catalyst

catalyst for **implementation** of Green Budgeting (practicing Green Budgeting) and **pilot** processes launch

SLOVENIA and **ROMANIA**

used recommendations from peer civil servants to **further develop** their green tagging methodology

LATVIA and **CROATIA**

applied recommendations from peers and began to **develop green tagging methodologies** that will be implemented in 2026

BULGARIA drafted a **tagging methodology**



Platform

knowledge-sharing platform and **community** of practitioners

PIVOTAL COMPONENT

Through peer exchanges, **AUSTRIA, GREECE, IRELAND** and **SPAIN** **strengthened** their existing green budgeting frameworks by **revising their tagging methodology** and enhancing **coherence** of current approaches

Peer exchanges enabled **CZECHIA** to gather **critical knowledge** to prepare the ground for the prospective introduction of green budgeting practices

Positive feedback

Timely

Since 2021 **8 new Member States** have initiated plans for Green Budgeting practices

Flexible

Pro-active and dynamic approach, ability to address country-specific requests

Relevant

Large participation, perceived value, **95% of satisfaction** on peer-to-peer learning

Engaging

Growing recognition of importance of Green Budgeting, **increased capacities** to apply Green Budgeting, improved inter-ministerial **communication** within Member States

Challenges

Faced challenges

Identified needs

Application

Integration

Support

Interaction

Scope

- **Consistent application** of tagging methodologies **across different contexts** and varying levels of **expertise** among Member States
- **Integration** of green budgeting **practices** into existing budgetary processes without causing disruptions or additional administrative burden
- More **streamlined and unified** Green Budgeting **methodologies**
- **Ad hoc technical support** (address specific aspects)
- More **integrated and interactive** approach
- **Larger scope** of applications of Green Budgeting, **integrating macropolicies**, climate action

Next steps

What is the road ahead of us?

Technical support at regional level



- Tailor-made **technical expertise** to develop **Green Budgeting practices**
- Create a **community of practitioners** and promote **peer-to-peer learning**

Application level



- Deepen support at **national level**
- Link green budget tagging with other **green workstreams**

Member States scope

- Enlarge scope of Member States **introducing a Green Budgeting Framework**



Policy scope

- Expand **coverage of topics** related to Green Budgeting
- **Link with other policies: macropolicies, climate action**

