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“Green budgeting”: how to make it happen?

@ the EU Pavilion during the COP26

*Commission supports EU Member States in piloting
green budgeting tools and practices*

The Commission supports EU Member States to strengthen their capacity for greening public finances and raise awareness on the EU Green Budgeting Reference Framework. The technical support project provides Member States with practical training and tailored support in piloting green budgeting tools in an effort of greening public finances. This responds to Member State needs for technical guidance to adopt and implement green budgeting practices.

Benefits at glance



Climate and Economic



- Building the capacity of Member States through improving green budgeting knowledge of essential tools to deploy a national green budgeting framework;
- Piloting analysis of green and brown public spending, investments and revenue in selected sectors of the economy;
- Conducting a diagnostic for introducing green budgeting in the Member State and providing recommendations for strengthening existing practices focusing on specific areas;
- Peer learning opportunities among Member State officials in joint training sessions.

“We would like to put in place a Climate Declaration, which would provide information to Parliament on the share of the budgetary expenditure that is green and brown.”

Ministry of Finance – Latvia



BACKGROUND

EU Green Deal underlines the key role of the national budgets and green budgeting tools in redirecting public investment, consumption and taxation to green priorities and away from harmful subsidies. Green budgeting covers a variety of practices aimed at identifying and assessing elements of the public budget that affect Member States' environmental policies. Green budgeting reforms can facilitate budget steering and support the coherence of budgetary and fiscal policies with national climate and environmental objectives, as well as support the goals of the EU Green Deal.

As a result, the Commission developed jointly with the Member States an EU Green Budgeting Reference Framework (GBRF) for EU Member States to guide their efforts in greening public finances. This Reference Framework is accompanied by an opportunity for the Member States to benefit from tailored capacity development support in piloting of the GBRF.

IMPACT OBJECTIVES

The practical knowledge acquired will have a major positive impact on greening public budgets and contributing to the green transition, in line with the goals of the European Green Deal.

Supporting national authorities to obtain the necessary technical know-how to design and implement green budgeting reforms

Contributing to a mainstreaming of green budgetary policies and processes

Promoting efficiency, accountability and transparency of policies, as well as parliamentary oversight of national effort towards the green transition

EU FUNDING

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“I want to know how much I’m spending, and if I’m spending it right”

Ministry of Finance – France