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How the EU budget can shape a sustainable future

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The EU-Budget should catalyse the transition towards a just society that guarantees the well-being of citizens in a globally responsible way, within the ecological limits of the planet.
The EU budget 2007 - 2013

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Breakdown of expenditure for the 2007-2013 financial framework

- **Structural and cohesion funding**: 40.61%
- **Agriculture funding**: 47.76%
- **LIFE + funding**: 6.38%
- **Marine and fisheries funding**: 0.94%
- **External spending (DCI and ENPI)**: 0.79%
- **TEN-T (transport) funding**: 0.25%
- **FP7 (research) funding**: 0.25%
- **Other**: 3.28%
<p>... losing sight of climate change, biodiversity loss and resource inefficiency</p>

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### Planned spending 2007-2013
for climate, biodiversity and resource efficiency

- **91.9%**: Renewable energies
- **1.3%**: Energy efficiency
- **1.3%**: Climate adaptation in the EU
- **2.5%**: Climate land mitigation
- **0.25%**: Environmentally-friendly products and processes
- **0.20%**: Direct nature conservation
- **0.25%**: Other EU spending
10 principles
for a sustainable EU budget 2014 - 2020

1. Public money for public goods and ecosystem services
2. Targeted spending
3. Coherence within and across European policies and instruments
4. Maximising EU leverage
5. Long term cost effectiveness
6. Integrated strategy
7. Transparency
8. Partnership
9. Accountability
10. Environmental proofing

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Addressing EU’s environmental challenges in the next budget period

• Climate change and energy crisis
• Biodiversity loss and ecosystems’ degradation
• Resource inefficiency and overuse
EU funding shall be dedicated to address climate change, demonstrate measurable climate benefits and support:

- Energy efficiency and savings
- Renewable energy sources
- GHG emissions reduction
- Mitigation through conservation and restoration of degraded ecosystem
- Ecosystem based adaptation
Addressing biodiversity loss and ecosystems’ degradation

EU funding shall be dedicated to stop biodiversity loss and to preserve ecosystems’ capacity for climate change mitigation and adaptation by:

• strengthening the Natura 2000 network
• protecting farmland biodiversity and agricultural habitats
• stopping over-exploitation and restoring of European fish stocks
• including biodiversity and climate externalities of large infrastructure development projects
• investing in biodiversity protection and ecosystems restoration outside the EU
Addressing resource inefficiency and overuse

EU funding shall halt the overuse of natural resources and enable the move towards sustainable consumption patterns within the global carrying capacity by:

- decreasing of resource use and intensity
- increasing recycling and restoration
- de-coupling of economic growth from demand for natural resources
- investing only where best technologies to save and reuse resources are in place
Reforming the EU funds

• **Common Agricultural Policy funds** should reward farmers and land managers for the delivery of public goods, such as an attractive countryside rich in wildlife.

• **Structural and Cohesion funds** should foster ecological sustainable development and the transition to a low-energy-consumption and resource-efficient society.

• **Transport funding** should only target plans and projects which actively reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and maintain green infrastructures.
Reforming the EU funds

• Environment dedicated funding: **LIFE** should reach at least 1% of the EU-Budget

• **Research funding** should be refocused on delivering breakthroughs on the core challenges

• **Marine and fisheries funding** should ensure the protection of both the EU's and the global marine environment by supporting a sustainability shift in fisheries
Reforming the EU funds

• **The EU Overseas entities** – funds dedicated to overseas entities need to reflect the EU’s priorities, responsibilities and objectives for tackling climate change, biodiversity loss and resource efficiency

• **External funding** environmental sustainability must be mainstreamed within all external dimension policies and spending, along with a significant increase in financial support for sustainable development in the least developed countries
External funding should:

• provide long term finance for climate adaptation and mitigation additional to EU’s development funding commitments
• be made available for biodiversity in line with the EU’s commitments
• EU funds for Neighbouring countries and Overseas Countries and Territories should fully support convergence with European environmental standards and policies
• be available to enhance the capacity of developing countries to mainstream environment and climate mitigation and adaptation across sectors and economic development plans
The EU-Budget 2014 – 2020 offers vast opportunities to shift European public spending towards providing for public goods and the well being of European citizens, within the limits of the planet, creating green jobs and getting the EU on a sustainable development path.

The time for Europe to grasp these opportunities is now.