**Expert in Green Budgeting and Environmental Fiscal Policy**

**Technical support for the EU Civil Servants Exchange Programme**

**Duty station:** remote

**Contract type:** service contract

**Duration:** 30 months

**Total number of working days:** 30

**Financing Authority:** Task Force for Reform and Investment (SG REFORM) of the European Commission.

**Implementing Partner:** Expertise France

**Deadline for application is:**

**Mission Description:** In the framework of the project Implementing Effective Green Budgeting practices, Expertise France is recruiting an expert in Green Budgeting and Environmental Fiscal Policy, with strong knowledge of public finances and the latest Climate and Environmental policy developments at EU and international level. The Technical Green Budgeting Expert will develop the peer-exchange program in terms of content, learning methods, and strategic objectives, as well as facilitate the peer-exchanges, provide recommendations on how to integrate EU Member States best practices, and consolidate the findings from the peer-exchanges discussions and horizontal outputs from a technical and policy perspective. In addition, during the inception phase, the Expert is required to provide feedback on the green budgeting methodologies of Ireland´s Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, Department of Finance of Ireland.

The expert will collaborate with Expertise France´s Project Management team, policy officers from the Task Force for Reform and Investment (SG REFORM), and technical experts from the European Commission Joint Research Centre (JRC).

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| **Deliverable and estimated timeframe** | **Activities** |
| Brief inception report (Ireland)  September 2025- January 2026 | * Conduct online consultations to understand Ireland´s existing green budgeting practices      * Review Ireland´s green budgeting methodologies and provide recommendations for further improvement * Drafting the report |
| Contribution to concept note  September- November 2025 | The Expert will collaborate with Expertise France project team, SG REFORM, and DG ECFIN in the development of the concept note. The expert will receive a draft version of the concept note at the beginning of the project and will be requested to:   * Provide input on key topics and activities to maximize participant involvement * Participate in one or two online meetings with all the participating Member States to better understand their expectations from the peer-exchange programme * Advise on participating Member States based on their Green Budgeting maturity levels, specific needs and recommended peers to exchange with * Propose mechanisms to sustain ongoing collaboration, such as:   + Periodic virtual follow-up meetings or peer-learning webinars to maintain momentum.   + Shared resources to document and disseminate evolving best practices   + Network of practitioners |
| Report on the civil servants’ exchange programme (between February 2026 and September 2027) | * Lead the development of the agenda for each peer-exchange * Facilitate online and onsite peer-exchanges (the target is max. 10 exchanges throughout the implementation of the project) * Draft a final recommendations report focused on good green budgeting practices that could be replicable or adaptable among EU Member States |
| Final report and final conference  September 2027-December 2027 | Participate in the final conference by presenting the key findings of the recommendations report at the closing conference and provide input, if needed, to the final report. |

**Project context:**

Green Budgeting aims to align national budgets with sustainability objectives by systematically identifying, assessing, and reporting expenditures and revenues that impact climate and environmental goals. This reform initiative enhances transparency, policy coherence, and informed decision-making, supporting the transition to a sustainable and resilient economy.

The reformed **EU Economic Governance Framework**, which entered into force in April 2024, aims to ensure sound and sustainable public finances while promoting inclusive and sustainable economic growth. The reform introduces medium-term fiscal structural plans, requiring Member States to outline fiscal, structural, and investment policies over a 4–5-year horizon, with a macroeconomic outlook spanning up to seven years for reforms and investments. This framework aligns public finances with country-specific challenges and EU priorities, including the European Green Deal.

The recently adopted **EU Directive 2024/1265[[1]](#footnote-1)** and the new **EU Economic Governance Framework** emphasize the importance of aligning fiscal policies with sustainability and climate objectives. The Directive requires Member States to report on macro-fiscal risks arising from climate change, climate-related contingent liabilities, and fiscal costs of disasters.

The **Green Deal Communication**, the **Fit for 55 package[[2]](#footnote-2)**, and the **reformed EU Economic Governance Framework** set an ambitious policy context for addressing climate change, emphasizing the need to align public finances with climate and environmental objectives. Green Budgeting is critical to achieving these goals.

Between 2021 and 2024, the Commission implemented the **Green Budgeting Training Programme[[3]](#footnote-3)**, a multi-country technical support project under the Technical Support Instrument (TSI). This program, based on the European Union Green Budgeting Reference Framework, provided capacity-building in Green Budgeting to 23 Member States. It consisted of four modules covering foundational principles, tagging methodologies, environmental impact assessments, and peer-to-peer exchanges. The program:

* Trained approximately 1,200 participants.
* Enabled Member States to develop and implement Green Budgeting frameworks at the national level.
* Fostered cross-border collaboration and established a community of Green Budgeting Practitioners among public officials across the EU.

At the Closing Conference on June 7, 2024, beneficiary authorities identified ongoing technical support needs at both national and sub-national levels. These include further development and implementation of green budgeting methodologies, alignment with other green workstreams such as those relating to the Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) principle and its application in EU funding.

**Implementing Effective Green Budgeting practices**

These technical support needs shall be addressed in the framework of this new project for Implementing Effective Green Budgeting practices. The Beneficiary Authorities are facing unique challenges in implementing green budgeting practices. Each country has its own specific challenges, such as developing tagging methodologies, institutionalizing green budgeting, and integrating environmental impact assessments into budgeting processes. Despite progress made, each country require technical support to address gaps in capacity, governance, and data management, and to refine methodologies for identifying and categorizing green expenditures. The countries will benefit from the action through tailored support as well as common activities to share experiences, develop and strengthen methodologies, and foster cross-border collaboration.

Croatia, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Denmark, France, Ireland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain have requested support from the European Commission under Regulation (EU) 2021/240 establishing a Technical Support Instrument ("TSI Regulation"). The request for technical support was assessed by the European Commission in accordance with the criteria and principles referred to in Article 9 of the TSI Regulation and was selected for funding.

The national authorities that requested technical support and will benefit from this Project are:

• Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Croatia (Ministarstvo financija)

• Ministry of Finance of Cyprus

• Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic (Ministerstvo financí České republiky)

• Ministry of Finance of Denmark (Finansministeriet)

• General Direction for Public Finances and Budget Directorate, Ministry of Economics, Finance and Industrial and Digital Sovereignty (Direction Générale des Finances Publiques (DGFiP) and Direction du Budget (Ministère de l’Économie, des Finances et de l’Industrie)

• Department of Public Expenditure and Reform, Department of Finance of Ireland (An Roinn Caiteachais Phoiblí, Bonneagair, Seirbhísí Poiblí, Athchóirithe agus Digiteachaithe)

• Office for Economic Policy and International Affairs, Ministry of Finance (Gabinete de Planeamento, Estratégia, Avaliação e Relações Internacionais (GPEARI) – Ministério das Finanças)

• Ministry of Environment of Slovakia (Ministerstvo životného prostredia Slovenskej republiky)

• Ministry of Finance of Slovenia (Ministrstvo za finance)

• Ministry of Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge of Spain (Ministerio para la Transición Ecológica y el Reto Demográfico)

This project has two strands of technical support:

1. Five Standalone Requests: These focus on tailored technical support for implementing Green Budgeting practices at the national level in Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, France (sub-national), and Portugal. The support includes developing methodologies for tagging climate-relevant expenditures, enhancing governance frameworks, and building capacity within national ministries.

2. Civil Servants Exchange: This component facilitates knowledge-sharing and capacity-building among Member States. It includes participation from the five standalone project beneficiaries (Cyprus, Czechia, Denmark, France, and Portugal) as well as Croatia, Ireland, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Spain.

**Desired profile**

- Master’s or PhD in Environmental and/or Climate economics, Environmental fiscal policy, Green Public Financial Management, other relevant fields with at least 7 years of professional experience in the outlined areas;

* Knowledge of EU climate and environmental objectives, and fiscal policy;
* Track record of providing technical support to the development and implementation of Green PFM tools or climate finance, as well as experience in executing capacity building activities;
* Track record in strategic engagement with multidisciplinary teams, and with senior-level government, private sector, and/or international cooperation partners;

-Fluency in English .

-Experience with providing technical support in projects financed by the European Commission is an asset

1. https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L\_202401265 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/policies/fit-for-55/ [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. <https://reform-support.ec.europa.eu/what-we-do/revenue-administration-and-public-financial-management/supporting-implementation-green-budgeting-practices-eu_en> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)