**EXPERT IN GREEN BUDGETING**

*Implementation period : January-June 2025*

*Number of days : 50 days*

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT**

In the framework of a project with the Climate Group of the Under 2 Coalition initiative which is currently implementing a programme called “Next Generation Budgets”, Expertise France is in charge of implementing training sessions to support 11 EU and American states & regions in greening their budgets.

**Green budgeting** can be defined as a budgetary process **whereby revenue and expenditure relevant for environmental policies are clearly identified in budgetary plans and execution reports and are subject to specific performance indicators, with the objective of taking better into consideration environmental impact** (including environmental risks) in budgetary decision-making. By evaluating the environmental impact of budgetary policies, green budgeting reform contributes to the green transition as it supports the **delivery of national and international commitments for climate change and environmental protection**.

The general objective of this **service is to strengthen the capacity of 11 states and regions** in understanding the potential of **green budgeting as a tool to inform decision-making**, to achieve climate neutrality goals and better allocate public resources in a transparent and accountable way.

The **specific objective is the development and delivery of a tailored training programme for local government which introduces and conceptualizes green budgeting as well as provide operational and institutional guidance for implementation**.

**Keys steps** in the implementation of this project will namely be:

1. **In-depth analysis of beneficiaries’ collective and individual expectations and needs** :
2. Development of the **training curriculum**
3. **Delivery of online modules** and one i**n-person workshop** in a European city
4. **Guide with recommendations** focusing on best practices to design and implement green budgeting at subnational level

The training will cover the following topics:

* Module 1 : Introduction to Green Budgeting : concept, frameworks and practices
* Module 2 : Testing « Green tagging »
* Module 3 : Brown expenditures
* Module 4 : Institutional set-up and capacity endowment

**DESCRIPTION OF THE MISSION**

 The Key Expert in GB will be involved in the following activities:

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| **Activity** | **Objective** | **Description** | **Duration and timeline** |
| **Activity 1**  **In-depth analysis** | The objective of the in-depth analysis is to **assess the knowledge and capacities of the beneficiaries** in terms of green budgeting | This activity will consist in :   * Analyzing insights and evidence already collected by the project * Identify key areas of capacity improvement to be integrated in the training curricula through bilateral interviews with beneficiaries * Develop an initial capacity assessment as a baseline for measuring progress | Q1 – 2025  2 weeks |
| **Activity 2**  **Development of the training curriculum** | The objective **is to develop a mix of a theoretical and hands-on training programme**, easily reusable internally | The training curriculum will consist in :   * Design of training modules with a detailed plan for each session (including session objectives, content, method, timing, a list of materials, an assessment)   The expert will build the content of the training, with the help of the expert in andragogy | Q1 – 2025  3 weeks |
| **Activity 3**  **Delivery of the training** | The objective is **to deliver training programme to 11 European and American states and regions** | The training programme will be delivered through four modules with sessions mixing theoretical and hands-on workshops. The duration of the modules will be agreed between the beneficiaries and the expert. The sessions will be delivered online, allowing the participation of speakers from different backgrounds. One workshop will take place in-person in 12-13 March 2025. | Q1 2025 – Q2 2025 |
| **Activity 4**  Guide with recommendations (publication) | The objective is to **provide regional policymakers with a guide on the best practices in green budgeting** | The expert will provide input and feedback to the publication. It shall focus on best practices to design and implement green budgeting at subnational level. The presentations and other material used during the trainings and workshop will provide the base to develop the guide. In addition, during final assessment, an M&E expert will gather additional information from experts and beneficiaries. The content of the guide will be developed jointly among the experts, project stakeholders from EF and Climate Group | Q2 2025  3 weeks |

**EXPECTED PROFILE**

The Key Expert in GB will support the development of a training curriculum, with a particular knowledge and experience in :

* Excellent knowledge of PFM and particularly budgeting processes, procedures, legal and regulatory frameworks
* Excellent knowledge of existing green budgeting frameworks, methodologies, and best practices across the world
* Knowledge and/or experience with the tagging approach, the development of climate, environmental and/or biodiversity related criteria and indicators
* Knowledge and/or experience with green taxation and its translation in the budget
* Experience in delivering trainings