**Technical Coordinator**

**Technical coordination of project for implementing green budgeting practices in EU Member States**

**Duty station:** remote

**Contract type:** service contract

**Duration:** 30 months

**Total number of working days:** 210

**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 a technical project coordinator with experience coordinating EU-financed projects and knowledge of Green Budgeting, Public Financial Management, as well as with knowledge of latest Climate and Environmental policy developments at EU level.

The coordinator **will ensure the smooth coordination and implementation project activities**, in collaboration with the project manager and project assistant. In addition, the coordinator will be the liaison person with SG REFORM policy officers, EU services, the national experts and the beneficiaries on implementation of project activities and ensure regular communication with SG REFORM on reporting and follow-up on implementation activities, as well as inform SG REFORM of the potential risks and obstacles in the implementation of the technical support and provide suggestions for solutions.

**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 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, 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 , 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:

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.

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.

**Deliverables and timeframe**

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| **Deliverables and Timeframe** | **Activities** |
| Activity diagnosis  Report of Technical coordination (monthly) | * Contribute to the definition of the project's strategy, plans and approaches, from conception to implementation, to ensure that it is technically sound and in line with the financing authority and beneficiaries´ priorities * Summarise and consolidates beneficiary authorities’ requests and constraints in terms of topics of interest, availability, capacity, time and language constraints in a comprehensive manner * Collaborate closely with the project manager to mitigate risks and address beneficiaries needs considering the available resources * Organise and execute consultation meetings and workshops with the various project stakeholders/beneficiaries and take part in relevant project meeting, such as project Advisory Group * Estimates with the technical experts expertise needs in each Member State based on their topics of interest and political context * Contributes to drafting technical reports (narrative report, final report, inception report, project sheet, etc.) * Liaise continuously with policy officers, national technical experts, and technical experts from the European Commission Joint Research Centre (JRC) to integrate feedback into country-specific and horizontal technical deliverables * Collaborate with the project manager to ensure coherence between technical activities and resources in terms of costs, legal requirements and timescales * Liaise with Monitoring and Evaluation experts to ensure follow-up on indicators and targets |
| Mission report on the Civil Servants Exchange Programme (after each exchange) | * Co-develop the concept note of the Civil Servants Exchange Programme with Green budgeting expert for peer exchanges * Liaise with Member States, JRC, DG ECFIN, SG REFORM and Green Budgeting Experts to ensure the programme aligns with beneficiaries’ needs and EU policy priorities * Organise and execute preparatory meetings before each exchange and provide input to the agenda of each peer-exchange * Coordinate with the project assistant logistics for peer-exchanges * Provide input to communication and visibility material * Follow-up on pre and post exchange surveys and mission reports |

**Desired profile**

* Bachelor and/or Master´s in International Development, European Studies, Economics, or similar field
* 3-5 years project management experience in international cooperation with focus on the European Union. Experience with multiple-country initiatives and EU Commission funded projects is a plus
* Knowledge of and experience with coordinating projects to enhance the alignment of public finances with climate and environmental objectives
* Relevant experience with organizing study visits, seminars, webinar and events for high-level stakeholders
* Good interpersonal skills (tact, diplomacy, discretion and impartiality) are essential for this position
* Strong team-player with ability to work in virtual teams
* Ability to work and communicate effectively with a broad spectrum of individuals within a broad range of cultural environments, especially in the European context
* Fluency in English, knowledge of other EU languages is an asset