**Expert in Environmental/Climate Economics**

**Technical support to implement green budgeting practices in Denmark**

**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:** 30 August 2025

**General context**

Expertise France is a public agency that designs and implements international technical cooperation projects and is a member of the French Development Agency Group. The Agency operates in four priority areas:

* democratic, economic and financial governance
* peace, stability and security
* climate, agriculture and sustainable development
* health and human development.

In these areas, Expertise France engineers and implements capacity-building projects, mobilises technical expertise and acts as a project coordinator, bringing together public expertise and private know-how.

With a turnover of 450 million euros in 2024 and more than 350 projects underway in 140 countries, Expertise France is the benchmark public agency for French international technical cooperation.

The portfolio of intra-European projects is growing, in particular projects financed by the European Commission's SG REFORM (European Commission's Reform and Investment Task Force).

**Mission Description**

In the framework of the project Implementing Effective Green Budgeting practices, Expertise France is recruiting an expert in Environmental and Climate Economics and/or Green Public Financial Management, with strong knowledge of Denmark´s Environmental and Climate policies and Public Financial Management (PFM) context, as well as with knowledge of latest Climate and Environmental policy developments at EU level.

Denmark has made significant progress in environmental policy and climate action and plans to continue identifying and improving the alignment of budget items with climate and environmental policy. Particularly by developing a systematic methodology to conduct budget tagging within Denmark’s national budget.

The expert will provide technical support to the Danish Ministry of Finance by **developing and testing a budget tagging methodology.**

The expert will collaborate with officials from the Danish Ministry of Finance and focal points from relevant line ministries, along 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).

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.

**Deliverables and work plan**

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| **Outputs and estimated timeframe** | **Activities** |
| Technical Report of the Inception phase  July- December 2025 | Producing a technical country report where the country-specific analyses and points of actions are captured and overview of the methodology is provided. To produce this Output, the designated expert will collaborate with the official(s) at the Ministry of Finance on the following activities:   * Conduct consultations and desk-research to understand the structure and legal framework of Denmark’s national budget, as well as the existing green PFM practices and climate and environmental policy objectives or national legislation related to Green Budgeting, including relating to the Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) principle, and sectoral environmental targets. * Developing a methodology for brown budget tagging including: scope (sectors/measures and budget items); coverage (environmental or climate related axes); definition of, in the Danish context, what constitutes brown budget items; developing a rating method; establishing a working group for coordinating and implementing the methodology; agreeing on tools for conducting the tagging ( excel or other suitable tools), and the timeline for the implementation of the methodology. * Participating in the kick-off event of the project |
| Technical Report of the Tagging Methodology  February- June 2026 | Produce a technical report of the application of the methodology and of the results from the tagging of Denmark´s national budget, including explanation of the chosen definition, method, strengths and areas of improvement, and presenting the overview of brown budget items in an easily accessible manner that ensures transparency in presenting findings to policymakers. To produce this Output, the designated expert shall implement the following activities:   * Co-implement the Brown Budget Tagging (Comprehensive Screening & Tagging of Brown Budget Items) * Continuously review the brown tagging during and after its implementation to identify improvements * Draft a report on the application of the methodology and of the results from the tagging conducted, including explanation of the chosen definition, method, strengths and areas of improvement, and presenting the overview of brown budget items in an easily accessible manner that ensures transparency in presenting findings to policymakers. |
| Contribution to peer exchanges  Through the whole project duration | Accompanying the Danish officials to workshops and discussions with peers from other EU Member States and reporting good practices that could be replicable or adaptable to the Danish context |
| Final report and final conference  September 2027-December 2027 | Reporting on the key achievements, challenges, and lessons learned from the green budgeting technical support provided. Participate in the final conference by presenting the progress on Green Budgeting practices achieved in Denmark |

*Note: the precise dates for the activities will be agreed between the selected Expert and the project team.*

**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 Denmark´s decarbonisation 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 and in Danish is preferred.
* 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)