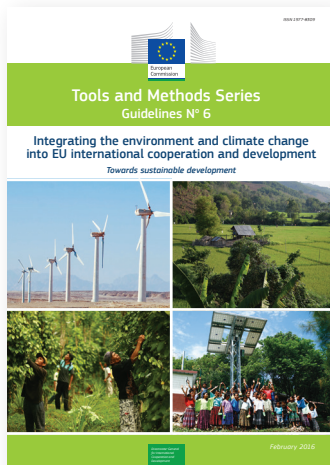




# INTPA AND NEAR ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE MAINSTREAMING FACILITY

## PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

### Guidelines and tools



### Guidelines N°6 “Integrating the Environment and Climate Change into EU International Cooperation and Development”

These guidelines are the main reference document for the integration of environment and climate change in EU development cooperation. They describe entry points along the cycle of interventions and the main tools available, including environment & climate risk screening, Country Environmental Profiles, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Environmental Impact Assessment and Climate Risk Assessment. This document will be revised towards the end of 2021.

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### Key mainstreaming tools to integrate environment and climate change in EU development cooperation

This publication introduces the three main tools to identify opportunities to avoid/minimise adverse impacts and enhance positive contributions to environmental sustainability, low carbon development and climate resilience of actions associated to higher risk or sensitivity.

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### Terms of reference for an Environmental Impact Assessment

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is an analytical process that systematically examines the possible environmental consequences of the implementation of a project. An EIA is carried out for some projects that are likely to have significant adverse impacts on the environment. The EIA is carried out by the project proponent prior to investment and submitted to the relevant regulatory authority as part of the development consent procedure. The relevant regulatory authorities will grant permission to proceed or reject the project or demand mitigating actions. It is important that the EIA is of high quality and looks at alternatives that can minimise environmental impact and maximise potential benefits. An Environmental Management Plan (EMP) is drawn up and also serves to monitor mitigating actions.

If an EIA is required by the national legislation in the partner country and/or if the environmental and climate change screening (see Annex 3) concludes that an EIA is necessary, an EIA is carried out in general, the format and content of reference for the EIA are decided by the national legislation. However, the Guidelines may decide to incorporate further elements into the corresponding ToR to ensure standards are consistent with those set out under these Guidelines.

The model Terms of Reference described hereafter need to be adapted according to the specific project and specific country. Experiences or lessons to be completed according to individual circumstances are

given in italics. A standard format for the EIA report can be found below (see Appendix).

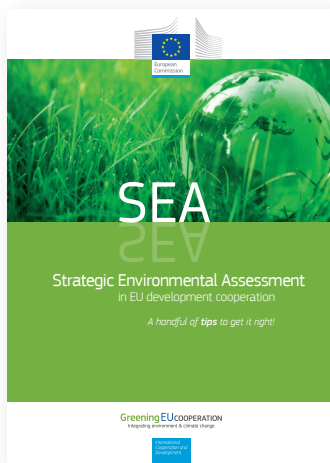
to carry out an EIA is required. It is important to define how the EIA and other studies (e.g. general formulation study, financial and economic analysis) (cross-cutting studies) are required in the preparation of the different ToR for these studies if they are not prepared by the same person.

- Consistency should be maintained during formulation: this means that the same alternatives are considered in both the environmental and the technical, environmental and economic.
- It should be ensured that the studies are based on sufficient technical information and assess realistic options and that they can form a reference for the selection of project alternatives and on final project design.
- Usually the EIA should provide the economic and social data which has to incorporate the costs of impact reduction and adaptation measures and possibly also value some residual environmental externalities and costs associated with potential climate change risks.

### Models of Terms of Reference for CEP/REP, SEA, EIA, CRA

Sample ToR for the key mainstreaming tools, included in the Mainstreaming Guidelines, are available in editable format for Country Environmental Profiles, Strategic Environmental Assessments, Environmental Impact Assessments and Climate Risk Assessments.

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## Strategic Environmental Assessment in EU development cooperation. A handful of tips to get it right!

The SEA booklet primarily targets EU officials involved in designing, managing and using the findings of an SEA; it provides practical advice to make the most of this tool.

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## Guidance by sector



## Quick Tips to integrate environment and climate change in specific sectors

The Quick Tips series provides practical ideas for colleagues in the European Commission headquarters, EU Delegations and partner country institutions to maximise occasions to address environmental and climate-related risks and opportunities in different sectors. They are short documents which are easy to digest. New Quick Tips documents are being produced at regular intervals. They will shortly be translated into French and Spanish.

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## Sector Notes for the Integration of Environment and Climate Change

The Sector Notes provide practical guidance on the links between environmental protection/climate change and specific sectors and the opportunities to strengthen their integration in projects and budget support. These notes provide greater details than the Quick Tips for the sectors available.

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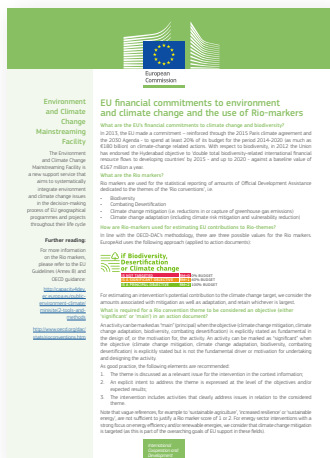
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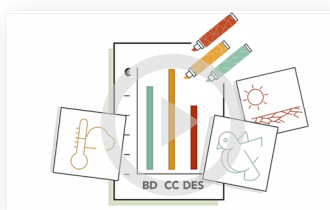
# Guidance on the scoring of the environment, DRR and Rio markers



## Short guide to the use of Rio Markers

The short guide on the use of Rio markers is a one-page document that explains what the Rio-markers are and how they are applied. It also explains how the Rio markers are used to calculate financial contributions to biodiversity, combatting desertification, and climate change.

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## Rio markers – Tutorial video

This five-minute tutorial video explains what the Rio markers are and how they are used.

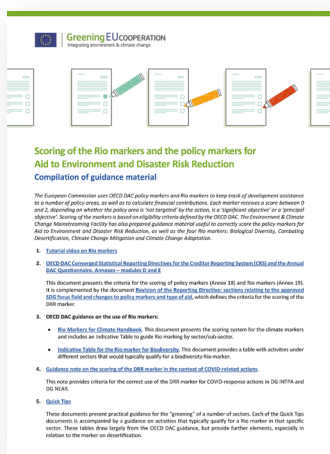
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## Quick Tips – Rio markers guides

The Quick Tips documents (providing sector-specific ideas for the integration of environment and climate change) have annexes that provide a list of indicative activities that qualify for Rio Markers for specific sectors.

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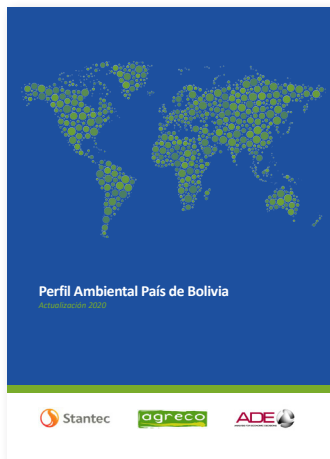
## Scoring of the Rio markers and the policy markers for Aid to Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction

This document provides an overview of guidance documents and OECD directives on the use of the environment, DRR and Rio markers. Hyperlinks are provided.

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## Library



### Country / Regional Environmental Profiles

The main environmental integration tool during the Programming phase is the Country / Regional Environmental Profile: a report that includes the analysis of the country's environmental and climate change situation, current environment and climate change policies and strategies, institutional capacities and environmental/climate change co-operation experience with clear recommendations for future EU cooperation.

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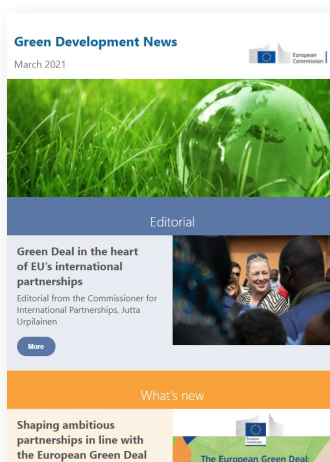
### Strategic Environmental Assessments

A Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a systematic process for evaluating the environmental implications of a proposed policy, plan or programme and provides means for looking at cumulative effects and appropriately address them at the earliest stage of decision making alongside economic and social considerations.

In the following link you will find examples of SEAs carried out by the EU per development sector.

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