



# Greening EU Cooperation

Integrating Environment, Climate Change and Disaster Risk  
Reduction in EU External Action

Session 5: Greening identification and formulation

# Guiding Principles for greening EU cooperation



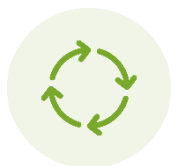
Make greening everyone's responsibility



Focus on positive contributions



Apply a green lens early on



Cover all steps of the cycle



Look beyond sector horizons



All financial instruments must contribute



Promote greening of national sector policies, plans and strategies



Work upstream, from policy, strategic planning and programming stage



Monitor env/cc performance and lessons learnt



Advocate green transformation in policy dialogue with partners



# Get the design right!

- Maximise opportunities and minimise risks!
- Opportunities to contribute to env/cc objectives  
- Green whenever possible!
- Avoid excluded activities
- DNH as bare minimum
- Risk management: ensure environmental sustainability and climate proofing
- Greening should be a starting point, not an after-thought!



# Step 1: Identification

**Analyses leading to  
action design**

**Drafting the annual  
planning document**



**Co-creation process**



# Identification – early design stage

- Address env/cc concerns in the analyses leading to the design of the action
- Include env/cc thematic units in the co-creation process
- Avoid excluded activities
- Maximise positive contributions
- Identify env/cc risks and apply the DNH principle
- Assess the environmental and climate vulnerability of the action and identify options to ensure its resilience
- Assess indicative contributions to the climate and biodiversity spending targets



# Step 2: Formulation

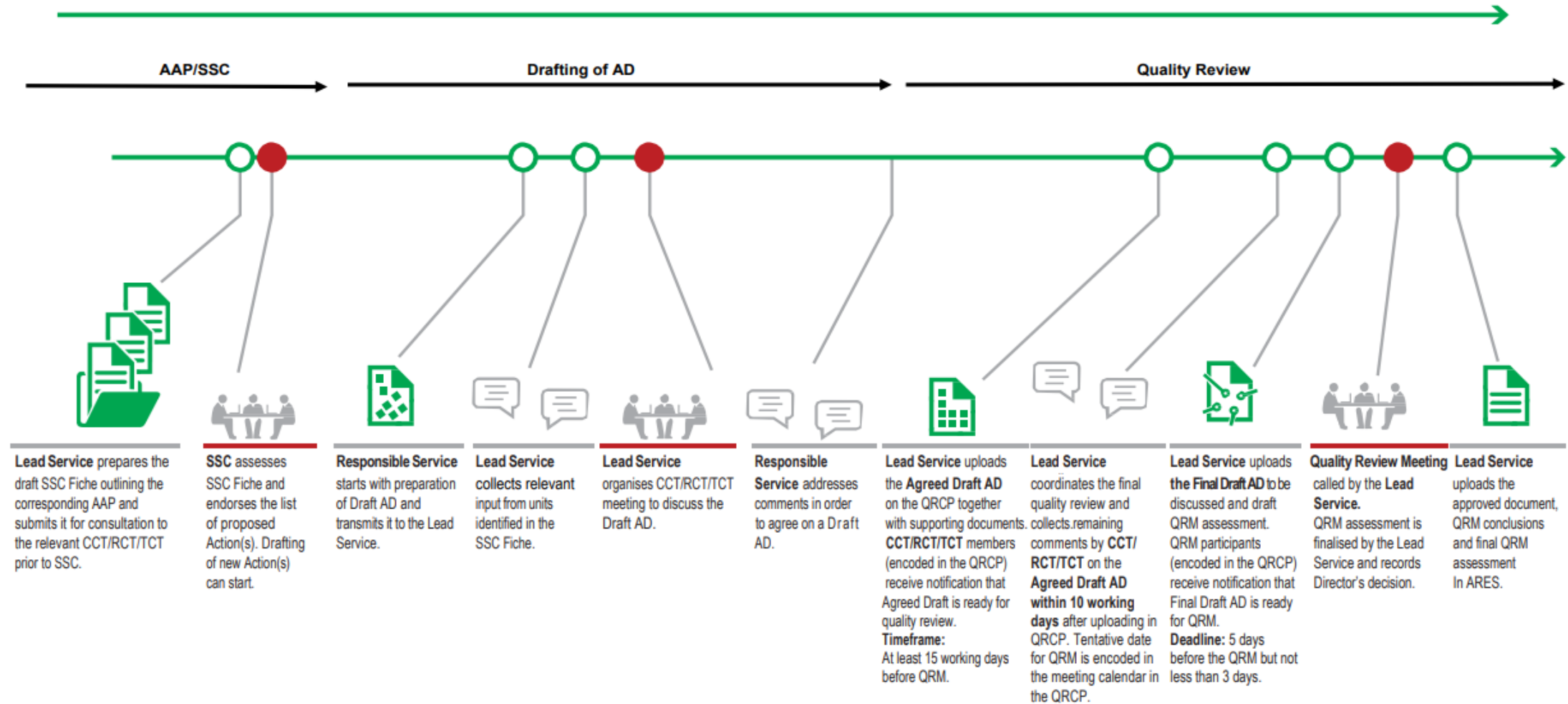


# Formulation – robust design

- Build on the greening steps from identification
- Finalise the screening process
- (If relevant) finalise environmental or climate assessments
- Develop specific green measures and indicators
- Score policy and Rio markers
- Ensure partners' processes are aligned



# Quality Assurance for Action Documents



Lead Service > Geographic and Thematic Desks  
in charge of presenting the AD in HQ

Responsible Service > Service in charge of drafting the AD

AAP: Annual Action Plan  
SSC: Strategic Steering Committee  
AD: Action Document  
CCT: Country Cooperation Team  
RCT: Regional Cooperation Team  
TCT: Thematic Cooperation Team  
QRM: Quality Review Meeting



# Rio markers: the tool to measure contributions



Essential to comply with the OECD DAC eligibility criteria



AAPs must only indicate 0%, 40% or 100% contributions



Markers validated at Action Document level



**if Biodiversity,  
Desertification  
or Climate change**

**IS NOT TARGETED**

**RM=0** 0% BUDGET

**IS A SIGNIFICANT OBJECTIVE**

**RM=1** 40% BUDGET

**IS A PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE**

**RM=2** 100% BUDGET



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Wear your 'green glasses'!



# HELP!



- Unsure about the analysis?
- Need help identifying opportunities?
- Not sure how to maximise potential?
- How should I score the action?
- Where do I find information?
- Who do I contact?



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## 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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## The Green Collection

The Green Collection is a comprehensive series of short publications designed to assist in aligning selected infrastructure projects with the European Green Deal. These publications provide information on the environmental, climate, biodiversity, and disaster risk reduction aspects of various infrastructure projects.

The collection is aimed at equipping colleagues involved in infrastructure projects, both at headquarters and European Union Delegations, with the knowledge and tools needed to effectively address their alignment to the Green Deal's ambitious objectives.

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