



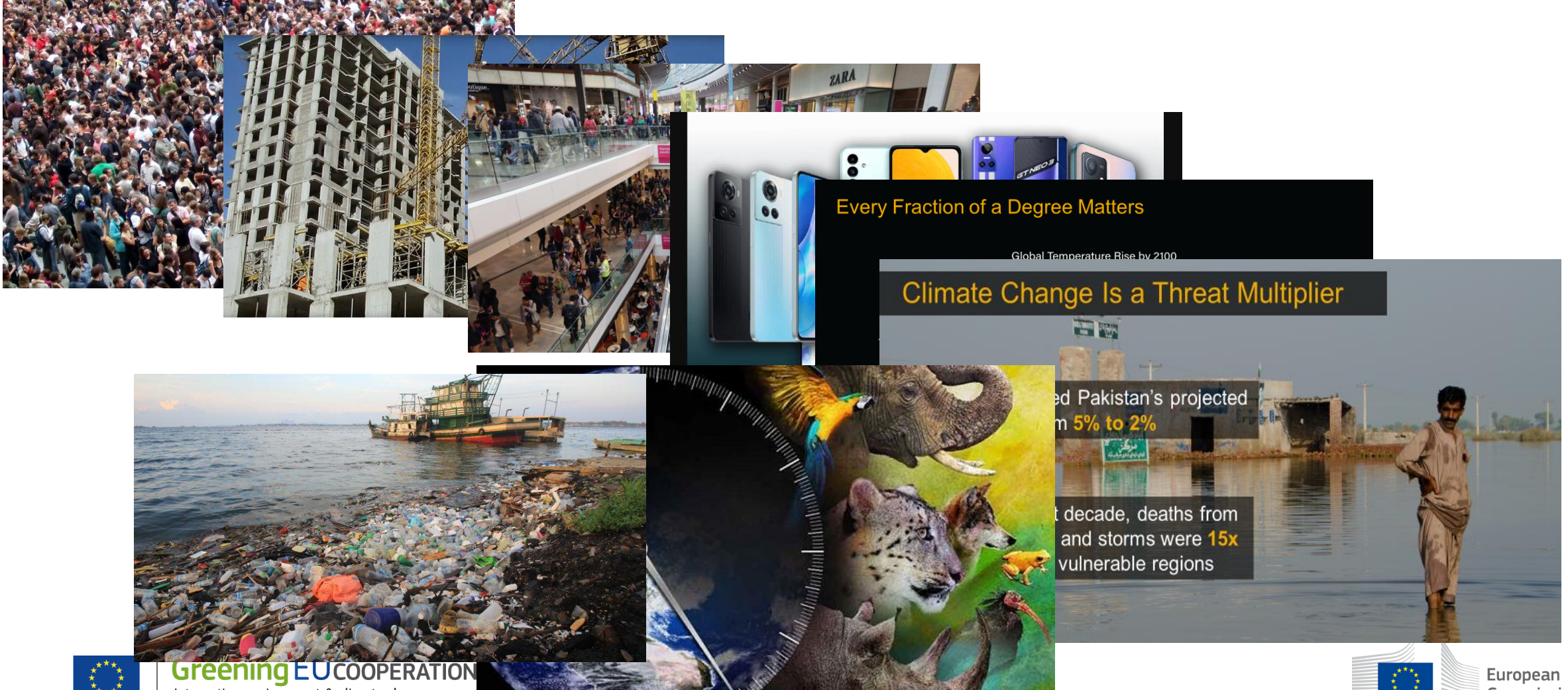
Greening EU Cooperation Toolbox

A toolbox to deliver on our environmental and climate objectives under the Global Gateway

Webinar 1: An introduction to the Greening Toolbox

Wednesday 21st May

Why do we need to integrate the environment and climate action in our work?



Greening – part of the basics



EU founding Treaties and policies



Regulations and guidelines that govern EU international partnerships and cooperation



Multilateral agreements and development agenda



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Global Gateway

‘Green & Clean’ Principle...a reminder

‘The Global Gateway is a **climate-neutral** strategy to speed up sustainable development and recovery, create inclusive growth and jobs and **transition to a cleaner and more circular global economy**. It will invest in developing infrastructures that are clean, climate-resilient and aligned with pathways towards net-zero emissions. Projects will live up to the European Green Deal oath to ‘do no harm’ and ensure the use of Environmental Impact Assessments and Strategic Environmental Assessments’



Achieving the green transition is a shared responsibility involving all EU services



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So, how should we approach greening?



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Always see things from a green perspective

The Green Lens Approach



Positive agenda

Seek opportunities
to **contribute to environment**
and **climate objectives** and **targets**



Do no harm

Avoid and **minimise impacts**
on the environment and climate



Environment & Climate Risk Management

Address risks from
environmental degradation
and **climate change**
to the action



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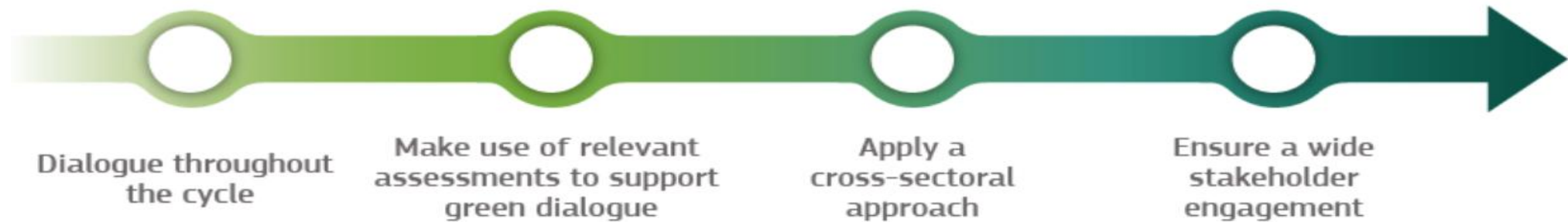
2.2. GREENING BUDGET SUPPORT



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In addition to promoting sustainable finance, environment and climate change must be integrated in all EU supported investments, irrespective of the form of support



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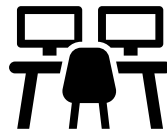
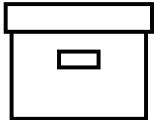
2.5. GREENING PROJECT AND OFFICE MANAGEMENT

Whilst the EU promotes a green and just transition in its external action, it should also lead by example. Nothing is more convincing when promoting transformational change than practising what we preach. Day-to-day operations, both in EU offices and in EU-funded projects, offer ample opportunities to minimise our environmental and climate footprint, by modifying our energy and water consumption, the way we travel, what we eat and the goods and services we buy. Engaging and raising the awareness of colleagues and implementing partners in green practices can have a multiplier effect, as these practices are incorporated into both EU operations and personal habits. Remember that small acts can have a big impact! These are the reasons underlying the Commission long-standing efforts to improve its environmental performance, notably through the implementation of its [Eco Management and Audit Scheme \(EMAS\)](#).

[Quick Tips on greening project and office management](#) are available in capacity4dev. The Quick Tips provides concrete tips for the greening of procurement, calls for proposal and tenders, missions, events and meetings, reports and deliverables, and office management, amongst others.

The new [Guidelines on organising sustainable meetings and events at the Commission](#) provide concrete guidance on this aspect, including a useful [checklist](#).

More detailed recommendations for the greening of calls for proposals and of procurement are provided in [Annex 10](#) (CfP) and [Annex 11](#) (procurement).



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**QUICK TIPS**

GREENING PROJECT AND OFFICE MANAGEMENT

The EU is promoting climate neutrality and environmental sustainability in its external action, in line with the Green Deal ambition, through policy dialogue, programmes, projects and investments. The EU is also committed to lead by example.

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These Quick Tips focus on measures to green the operations of entities, management units, public services, and private operators implementing EU cooperation programmes and projects.



Assessing and measuring

- ▶ An assessment of the environmental and climate footprint of our operations is an essential starting point: to identify the elements with the greatest negative impacts and to target our efforts. This can be done through an external or internal audit.
- ▶ Involving staff in participatory assessments, particularly in the choice and prioritisation of measures and planning, is a key condition to secure everyone's participation in the greening effort.
- ▶ It is also important to integrate greening measures in work plans and measure the impact of our efforts.



Greening project operations

The tips below cover the whole project cycle and can be implemented at any stage.

Buying green

- ▶ Define environmental sustainability and circularity criteria for procurement, in order to reduce negative impacts, by promoting circular economy principles, forest product certification, organic products as well as efforts to use low carbon/energy efficiency and design out waste and pollution management. This will keep products and materials in use and support regenerating natural systems. For example:
 - Make sure you clearly communicate to the contractors/implementing partners the intention to apply the circular economy principles - emphasising environmental sustainability and low carbon/climate friendly approaches - and encourage them to include in their offer/proposals options which facilitate waste minimisation, a longer product use and cost-effective material recovery (e.g. 'product as a service' models - leasing instead of buying -, sharing schemes).

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Part III. Guidance and support

Links to guidance documents can be found throughout the different sections of the toolbox. These include sector-specific guidance, such as the [Quick Tips](#) documents, that provide concrete and inspirational ideas on how to green the main sectors of EU action, and guidance on key mainstreaming tools (such as SEA, EIA, CRA) or on how to use the Rio markers. Examples of stories or case studies can also inspire future initiatives. These materials have been compiled into an accessible and shareable catalogue of guidance and publications which can be found [here](#).

3.1. SECTOR-SPECIFIC GREENING GUIDANCE

Guidance on greening sectors include the **Quick Tips** series (most of which include an annex on activities that qualify for Rio markers) and the **Working with nature** series (with a focus on nature-based solutions).





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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- Agriculture and food systems, nutrition
- Digitalisation
- Disaster risk reduction
- Education
- Energy
- Environment, forestry, pollution prevention
- Infrastructure
- Health
- Migration
- Private sector development and trade
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- Social protection
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