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

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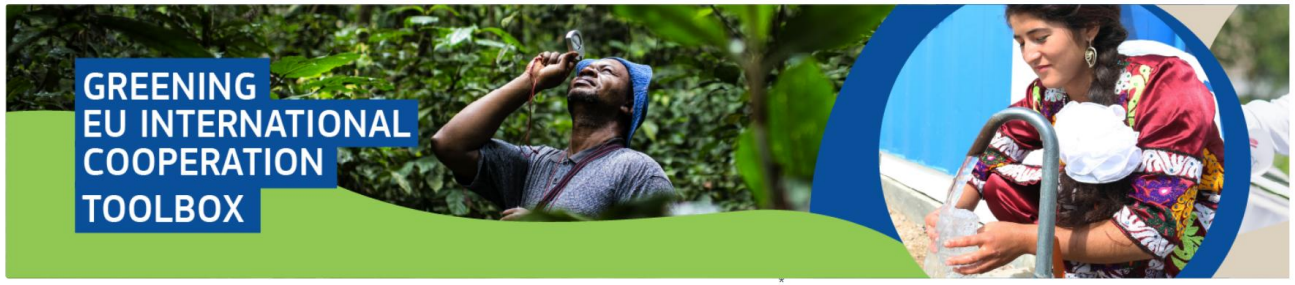

This toolbox provides technical guidance and tools for staff working in DG INTPA and NEAR Headquarters and in EU Delegations, as well as to the implementing partners involved in the design and implementation of EU international cooperation programmes. The toolbox has been produced by the Directorate-Generals for International Partnerships (DG INTPA) and for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), with the support of external consultants.

This document is based on the 2016 guidelines for the integration of environment and climate change into EU international cooperation and development, and on experience gained in applying them. This revised version draws on consultations with staff in the European Commission, European Union Delegations and others, and has benefited from the discussions and contributions received. It will be regularly updated in order to align with the evolution of institutional policies and processes.

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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.

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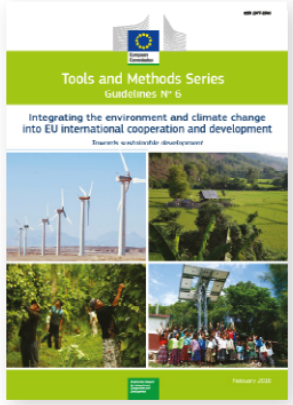
Guidelines and tools



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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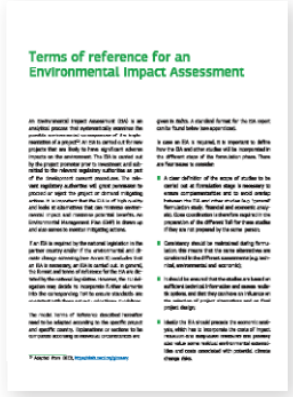

Models of Terms of Reference for CEP/REP, SEA, EIA, CRA

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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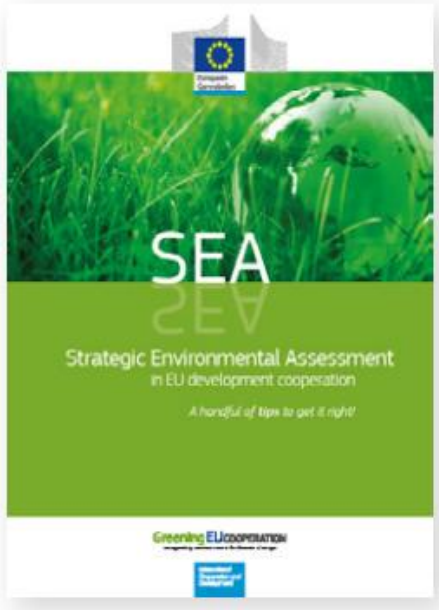

Strategic Environmental Assessment in EU development cooperation. A handful of tips to get it right!

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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Sector note on agriculture, food security and rural development (English / Français / Español)
Sector note on energy (English / Français / Español)
Sector note on water (English / Français / Español)
Sector note on social protection (draft) (English)

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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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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.

Rio-Markers Tutorial video

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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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Validation of the DRR policy marker in the context of COVID related actions - Guidance Note for evaluators

This document provides guidance on how to score the DRR marker for COVID-response actions.

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For inspiration

Stories of transformational change

Inspirational examples highlighting transformations towards greater environmental and climate sustainability in developing countries. These examples are also useful to enrich policy dialogue with partners on environment and climate change.

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Case studies

Good examples of successful integration of environment and climate change in projects and programmes.

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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.

CEP library / REP library

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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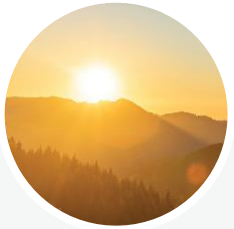

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