

EU cooperation on  
the Green Economy:  
Recent developments  
and state of play





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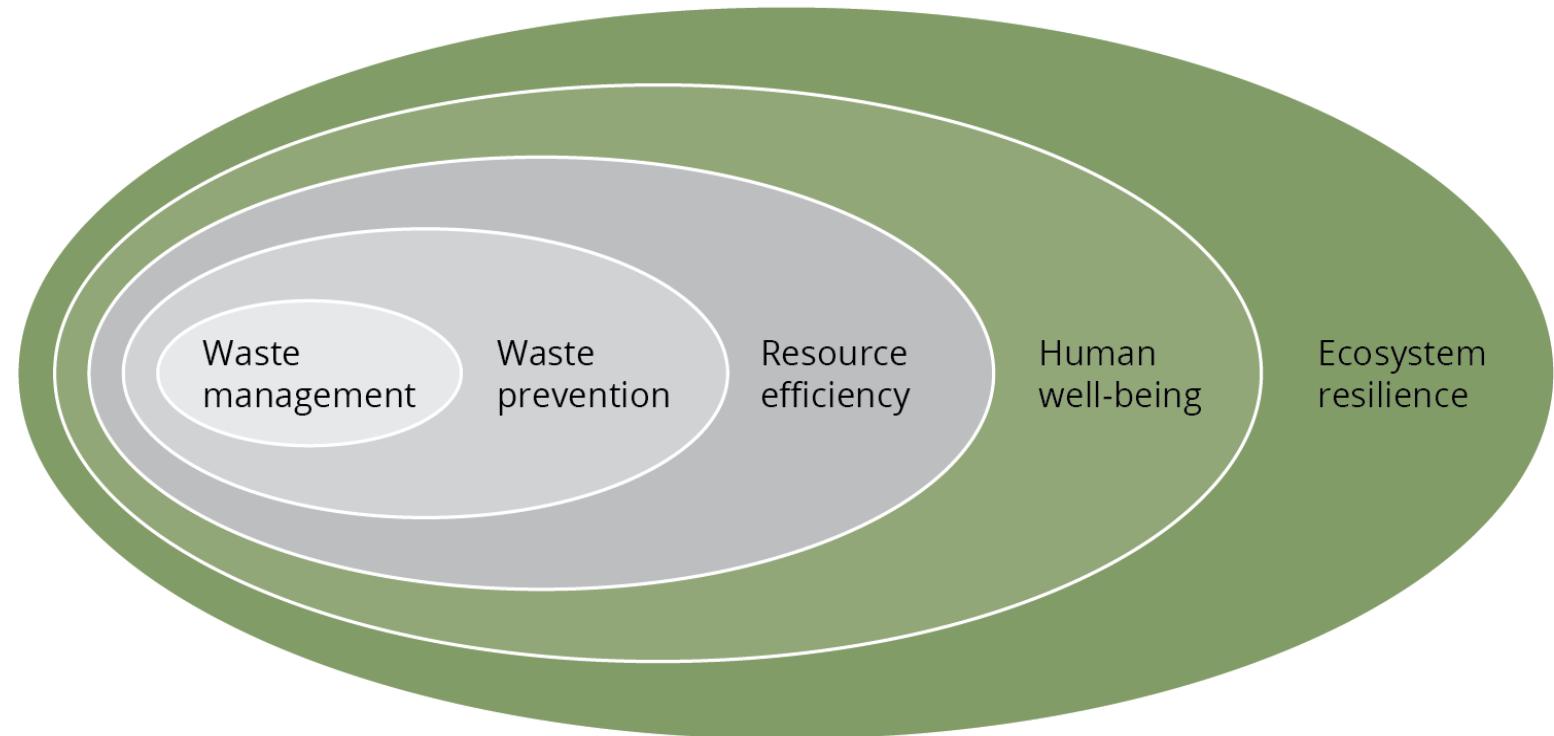
**The inclusive green economy**  
in EU development cooperation

*An innovative approach at the intersection of the EU's Planet, People and Prosperity objectives*

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## Definitions and scope

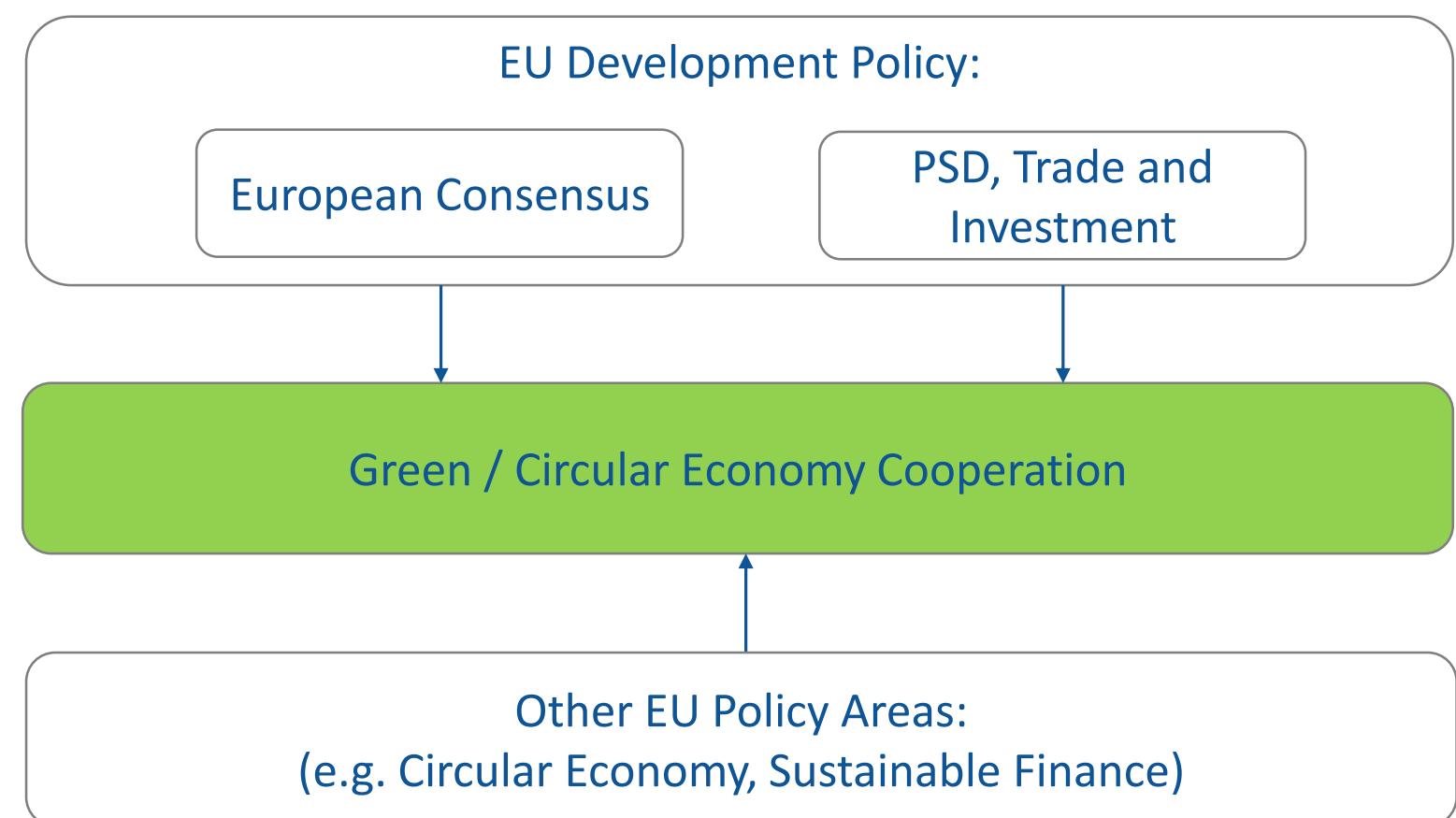


Circular economy focus

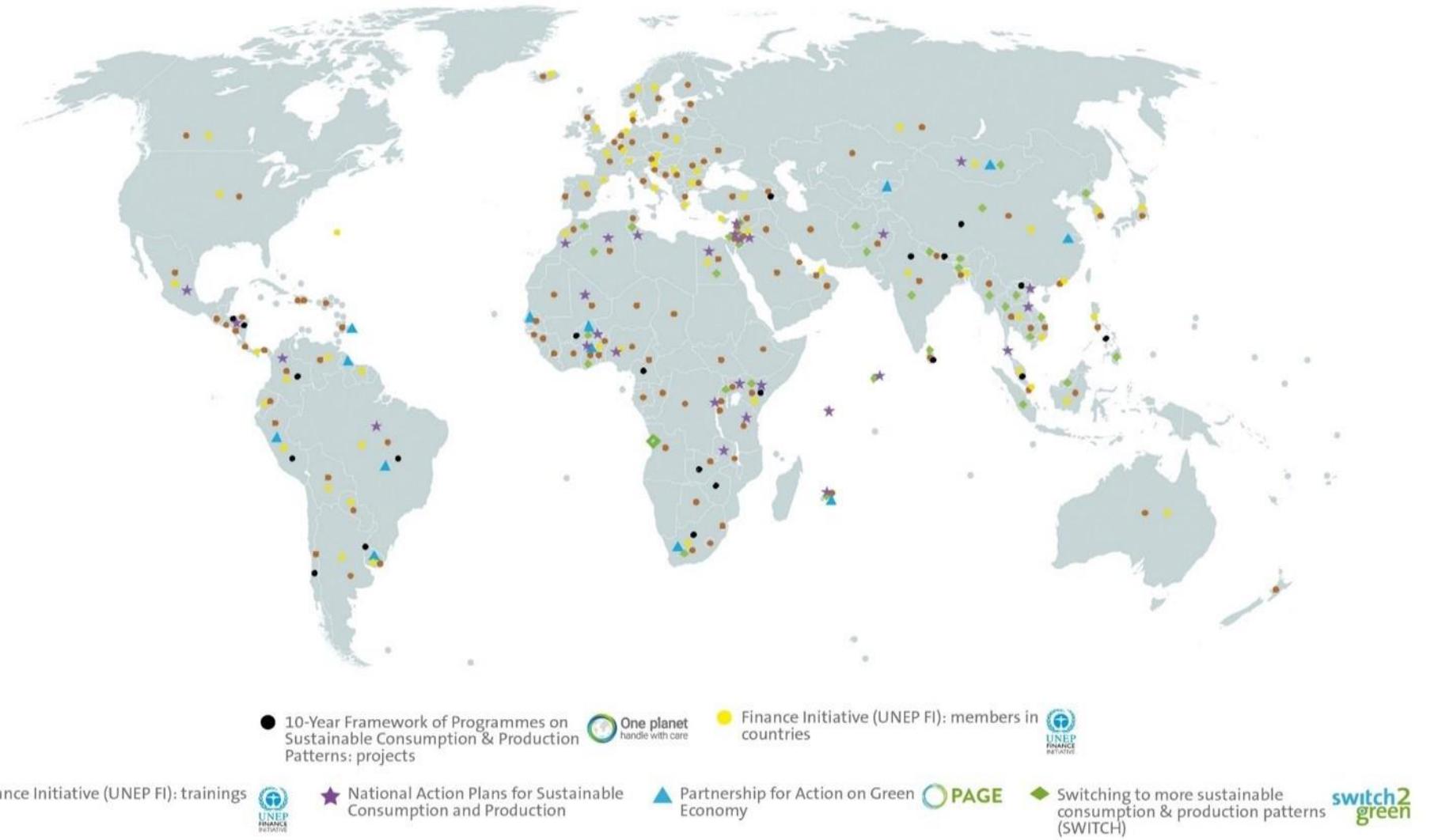
Green economy focus



**A supportive  
global and EU  
policy  
environment**



## A growing interest in the green economy in partner countries



*Note: This map features a selection of projects and initiatives under the area of decoupling, but is not a comprehensive list.*

## State of Play: **SWITCH to Green** flagship overview

<b>Sustainable Consumption and Production (SDG 12)</b>			
SWITCH-Asia (Asia Regional Indicative Programme)		EUR 210 000 000	
SwitchMed (Environment and Natural Resources Thematic Programme – ENRTP)		EUR 23 000 000	
SWITCH Africa Green (ENRTP and Global Public Goods and Challenges Programme – GPGC)		EUR 39 000 000	
Support to UN Environment-led initiatives on SCP (ENRTP/GPGC), including:	 	EUR 15 000 000	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 10 Years Framework of Programmes (10FYP) on SCP/One Planet Network</li> <li>● International Resource Panel</li> <li>● Sustainable Public Procurement and Eco-labelling</li> <li>● Life Cycle Initiative</li> <li>● Resource Efficiency and Eco-innovation</li> </ul>			
<b>Inclusive and Sustainable Growth (SDG 8)</b>			
Partnership for Action on Green Economy (GPGC)		EUR 8 500 000	
Green Economy Coalition – GEC (GPGC)		EUR 3 000 000	
SWITCH to Green Facility (GPGC)		EUR 2 000 000	
Greening Economies in the European Union's Eastern Neighbourhood		EUR 10 000 000	
Support to UN Environment-led initiatives on green economy (ENRTP/GPGC), including:		EUR 2 350 000	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Support to the work on green economy progress review/measurement</li> <li>● Inquiry into the design of a sustainable financial system</li> <li>● UN Environment Finance Initiative</li> <li>● Environment and Trade Hub Plurilateral Environmental Goods Agreement</li> </ul>			

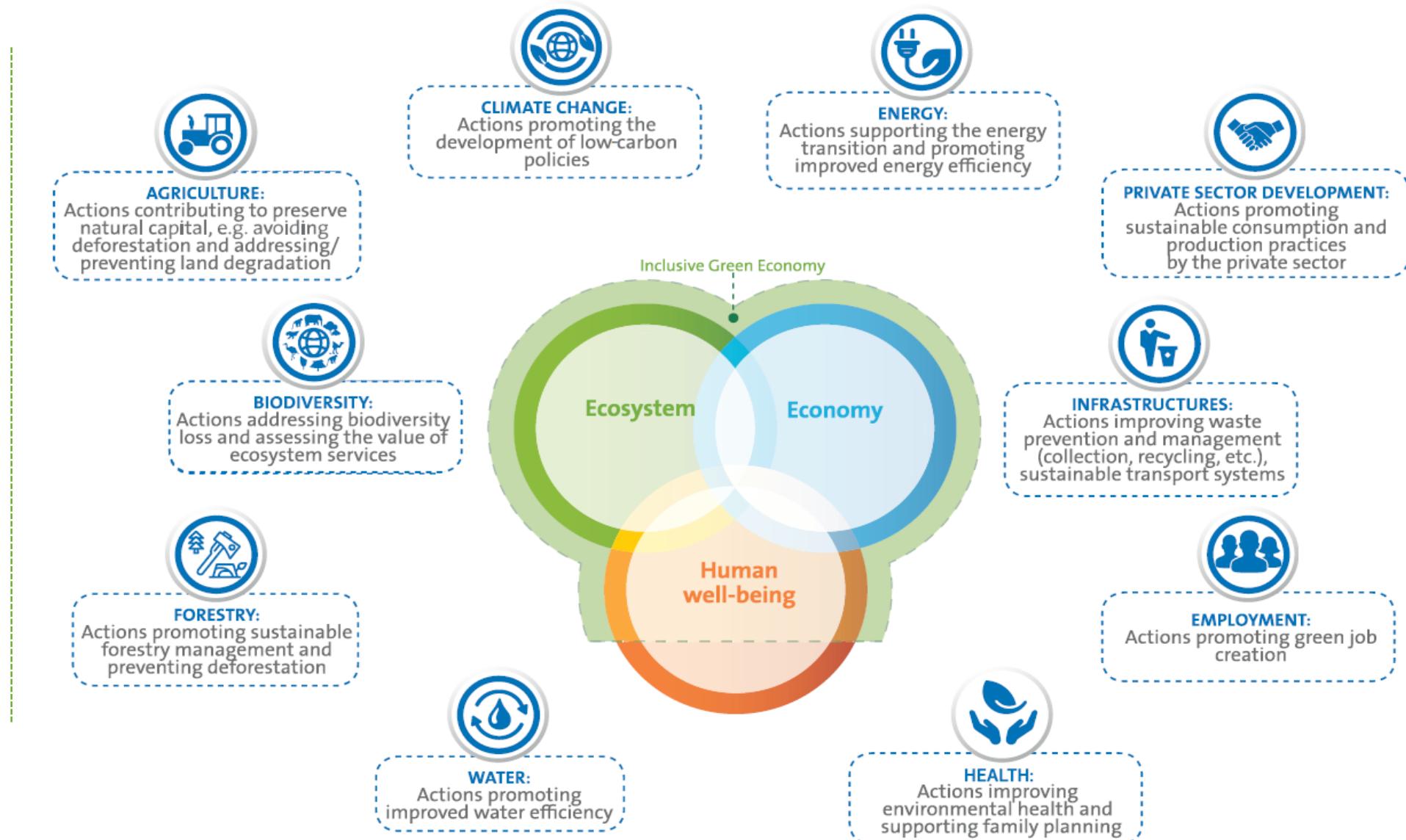
## **State of Play:**

### **Selected results from the 2017 evaluation on SCP**

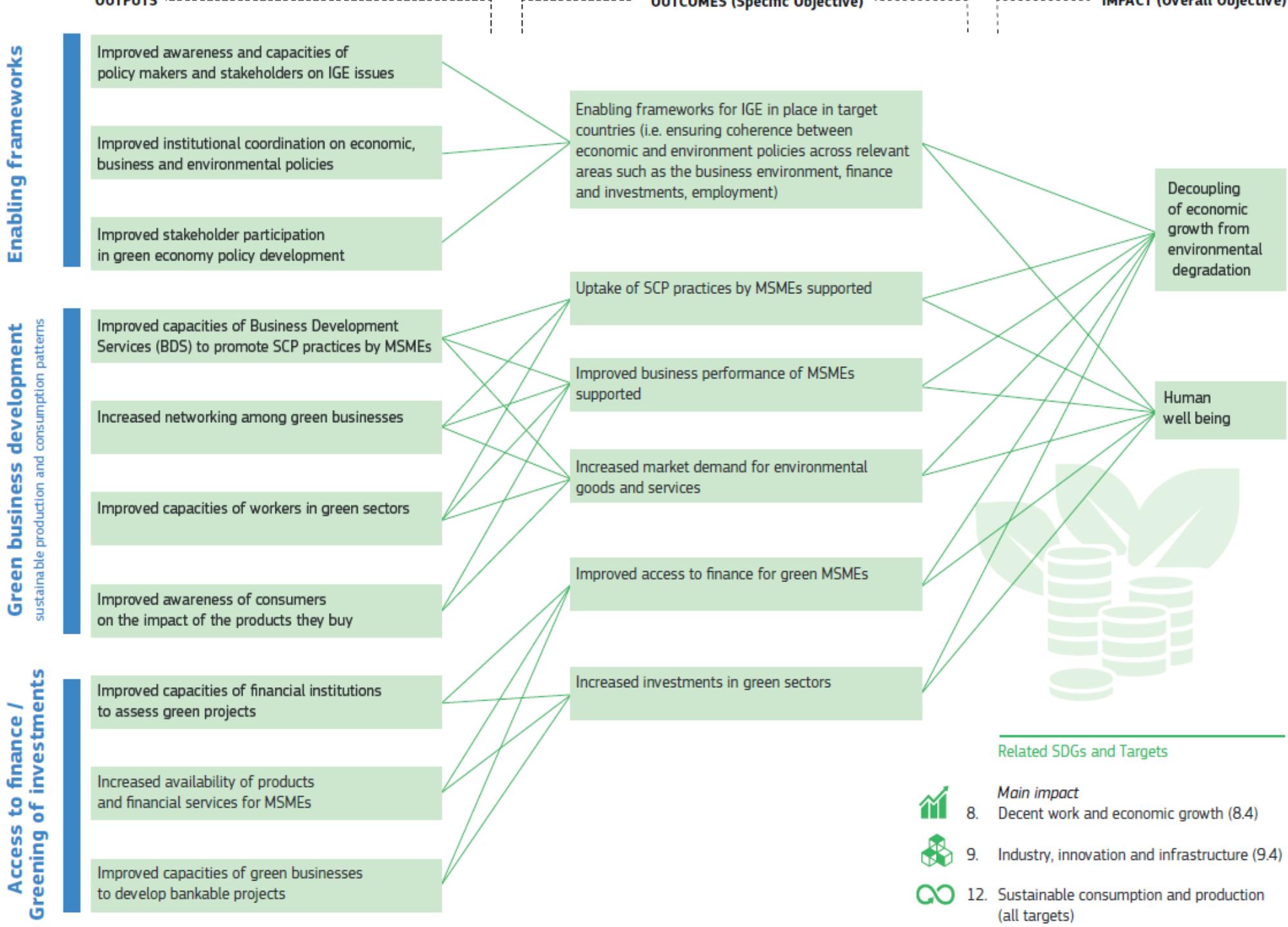
#### **2017 Evaluation of EU cooperation on SCP:**

- *"high impact in terms of uptake of SCP practices and investments by MSMEs, contributing notably to the creation of green jobs"*
- SWITCH to Green: 150 green business projects, reaching 70,000 MSMEs employing 350 000 workers; 83% of MSMEs have adopted SCP practices
- Jobs secured / improved / created and environmental impact reduced (e.g. reduced resource consumption and GHG emissions)
- Policy reforms taking shape in 45 partner countries. Needs focus on policy implementation and coherence instead of development
- Stronger synergies with other areas of EU cooperation and key partners should be developed

# Strategic Approach: Combining mainstreaming and dedicated programmes



# Strategic Approach: the Results Chain



## Further information

- Reference document, including directory of tools (indicators...):  
<https://europa.eu/capacity4dev/t-and-m-series/documents/inclusive-green-economy-eu-development-cooperation>
- SCP evaluation: <https://europa.eu/capacity4dev/public-environment-climate/documents/scp-evaluation-full-package-publications>
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