Workshop on making the EU budget work for sustainability and align with the Sustainable Development Goals

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The workshop aims to gather and discuss views on how an EU budget reform could best serve sustainability and the coherent implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. The energy transformation and the land use nexus (biodiversity conservation, restoring and maintaining ecosystem services and farming) will be in the focus of the discussions considering the environmental, social and economic dimensions at the same time. The workshop will also aim to mobilise national NGOs for advocacy actions.

9.00 Introduction

9.10 The importance of policy coherence in the EU budget reform in the wider context of SDG implementation

9.30 Discussion about the EU reform to support sustainability in the energy transformation. Presentation of the study about European coal regions and the case study on energy transition in Hungary.

10.45 Coffee break

11.00 Discussion about the EU budget reform to support sustainability in the land use nexus. How ecosystem services and biodiversity conservation can be maintained with the help of the reformed EU budget.

12.00 How could NGOs advocate for an EU budget reform on national level? Interactive discussion based on the multiplier toolkit

13.00 Wrapping up

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