

SUSTAINABILITY PRINCIPLES FOR THE FUTURE EU BUDGET



...so that the EU becomes a driver towards sustainability and implements the Sustainable Development Goals in Europe and beyond

1. The EU budget should work for the people and with the people, with greater transparency and accountability, respectful of diversity and meaningful participation of the citizens.
2. The EU budget should strengthen the common European values, in Europe and globally.
3. The EU budget should increase wellbeing and contribute to decreasing inequality and social exclusion at all scales.
4. The EU budget needs to take a holistic approach, support systems change and promote innovation, which is required for the transition to sustainability and building a circular economy.
5. The EU budget has to serve the development of a diversified and resilient economy and society, where the full potential and participation of all communities, organisations and businesses of any size is fully achieved.
6. The EU budget should serve the public good.
7. The EU budget should contribute to decreasing the total environmental pressures (use of natural resources, use of land and emissions of waste, toxic substances, greenhouse gases and alien genotypes), and should not contribute to shifting of environmental pressures in time and space.
8. The EU budget should contribute to improving the state of environment and maintaining and restoring ecosystem services, which is the very foundation of our society and economy.