Mainstreaming sustainability into the future EU budget

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Sustainability in Europe
Next MFF – 2021-2027
The next MFF – as the European Commission sees it

‘Today is an important moment for our Union. The new budget is an opportunity to shape our future as a new, ambitious Union of 27 bound together by solidarity. With today’s proposal we have put forward both a vision for the kind of Union we want, as well as a pragmatic plan for how we can make it happen. For the first time in our history, a rule of law mechanism will ensure sound financial management of the Union’s budget and protect taxpayer’s money. The ball is now in the court of Parliament and Council and I believe we should aim to have agreement before the European Parliament elections next year.’

Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission, 2 May 2018
The next MFF – as the European Commission sees it

This budget proposal is truly about **EU added value**. We invest even more in areas where one single Member State cannot act alone or where it is more efficient to act together - be it research, migration, border control or defence. And we continue to finance traditional - but modernised - policies, such as Common Agricultural Policy and Cohesion Policy, because we all benefit from the high standard of our agricultural products and regions catching up economically.’

Günther H. Oettinger, Commissioner for Budget & Human Resources, 2 May 2018
The next MFF – as the European Commission sees it

Principles: prosperity, solidarity, sustainability, security

Alignment to political priorities

Budget for performance
The next MFF – as we see it

European values ✔

EU value added, but...

Principle of sustainability, but....

Alignment to political priorities, but...

Budget for performance, but...
The next MFF – as we see it

We do not need SDG washing, we need sustainability proofing!!!
Sustainability proofing – what?

Specific and targeted proposals for change

Tackling trade-offs
Mitigation hierarchy
Sustainability proofing – how?

Substantive instruments

• Balancing the three dimensions in: funding objectives, the definition of EU value added, cohesion policy indicators

• Setting up a fund for Green Infrastructure

• Exclude support of fossil fuels,
Sustainability proofing – how?

Procedural instruments

- Transform the European Semester to deliver “Annual Sustainable Development Surveys”
- Improving the impact assessment methodology
- Strengthening the system of ex ante conditionalities
- Pilots for participatory budgeting
Sustainability proofing – how?

Institutional instruments

• Ex ante conditionality on the partnership principle
• New and innovative digital tools and platforms to inform citizens
• Managing biodiversity funding by environmental authorities in cohesion and agricultural spending
What can you do?

• Stand up for sustainability during the negotiations
• Sign the statement: *Integrate sustainability pledges into the future EU budget* – at the registration desk or online:

Thank you for your attention!

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