



European
Commission

Promoting
a global
transition
to a green
and circular
economy

the switch² green Facility



Supporting the EU Green Deal: international cooperation on the circular economy

The Facility encourages and supports actors in the transition to a circular economy, by providing technical assistance where good will or enthusiasm for innovation may be complemented by additional operational, knowledge or other capacities. In doing so, it collaborates with complementary DEVCO Facilities, notably the Environment and Climate Change Mainstreaming, Water, Biodiversity, and Forestry Facilities.



Short-term technical assistance, including through country missions



Quality support, technical backstopping and quality reviews



Capacity building and know-how development and sharing



Awareness raising and information sharing



Support to policy dialogue and programme coordination



Development of tools and methodological support

Our mandate

Managed by DG DEVCO Unit C2, the Facility delivers a set of tools and services supporting the overall coherence, coordination, effectiveness, impact and visibility of EU international partnerships in the green, notably circular, economy. Support can be channelled through Commission services, EU Delegations, and development partners.

You can find in this brochure:

- examples of how the SWITCH to Green Facility works with European Commission services and development partners across the globe;
- an outline of the services provided by the Facility and of the process to access them;
- a description of the benefits to those who have received the Facility's technical assistance.



The SWITCH to Green Facility - Services at a glance

The SWITCH to Green Facility works with the European Commission Directorate General International Cooperation and Development to provide support to EU Delegations, line DGs and their international cooperation partners in the following areas:



Programming

The SWITCH to Green Facility experts provide direct support in integrating the Circular (and more broadly the Green) Economy in the programming process.



Action identification, formulation, delivery (incl. M&E)

SWITCH to Green contributes to the identification and formulation of EU supported actions, both remotely and through in-country missions. The Facility also assists in the steering, management, delivery, and M&E of on-going green economy actions.



Policy dialogue and coordination

The SWITCH to Green team supports policy dialogue, coordination and exchange of experience with and across EU partner countries. They support the organisation of events ranging from technical meetings to high-level policy debates, and from brief information sessions to large networking gatherings.



Capacity, knowledge and policy development

The Facility delivers trainings and learning events to assist European Commission staff (at both HQs and EUDs) and international partners, creating dedicated tools contributing to knowledge sharing. It supports the formulation of circular economy policies and carries out related analysis including coherence with other policies.



Communication and outreach

SWITCH to Green supports communication activities promoting the circular economy transition. Circular economy related news and tools are published on platforms such as www.switchtogreen.eu and <https://europa.eu/capacity4dev/> (Environment, Climate Change and Green Economy group).



The Process – from Request to Result

Requests for technical assistance can be addressed to DEVCO Unit C2, which manages the SWITCH to Green Facility. The Facility normally mobilises the requested expertise within less than a month's notice.



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TA process

DG unit/EUD initiates dialogue on support needed and potential assistance from the Facility

Brief discussion on the scope of services

TA DELIVERY OPTIONS



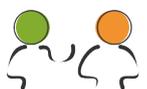
Options provided by the SWITCH to Green Facility

Consultation with DG unit/EUD prior to selection of experts / fine-tuning of TA content

Implementation of the assignment by the Facility expert

Guidance and additional support provided through the Facility key experts based in Brussels/Europe

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



day one

01

02

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one month

PROVISION OF SERVICES



SUBMISSION OF REQUEST



DG unit/EUD submits request to DEVCO C2 by e-mail

Use of simple ToR template provided by the SWITCH to Green Facility

Brief discussion on the resources to be mobilised

MOBILISATION OF TA



The SWITCH to Green Facility liaises with the DG unit/EUD to agree on the mission schedule in the line with the ToR

Brief discussion on the mission/expert induction

From Action Identification to Evaluation

Prioritising the circular (and more broadly the green) economy in the programming and action design process is fundamental to the SWITCH to Green Facility's mandate. Relevant tailor-made services are provided in this regard.

Programme and project design and implementation



The SWITCH to Green Facility contributes to the identification, formulation and delivery of EU supported actions related with the green/circular economy through both on-demand provision of short-term expertise and regular reviews of Action Documents and other programme-related documents. Short-term missions may indicatively include consultations with local stakeholders, mapping and analysis of relevant actions and/or policies in the target country/region, drafting of programme documents (including assistance in the quality review process - QRG), technical backstopping to programme/project management and implementation (e.g. review of deliverables, co-organisation of meetings), and direct support to EU partners at country level.

“The work developed by the SWITCH to Green Facility is a very important input to deepen the impact that the National Strategy for the Circular Economy has had in the country. The work plan developed, in addition to the other products of the consultancy, will be very useful to continue transforming the productive activities towards a circular economy.”

Alex Jose Saer Saker, Technical Director,
Colombian Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development

Monitoring and Evaluation tools



The SWITCH to Green Facility supported DEVCO to develop a results chain and indicator guidance for EU international cooperation on the green economy. The [publication](#) offers a handy tool to elaborate solid logical framework matrices for green economy related activities. It identifies clear and measurable results statements that are in line with DEVCO policy priorities, as well as with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), together with a range of well-established and practical indicators to monitor progress.

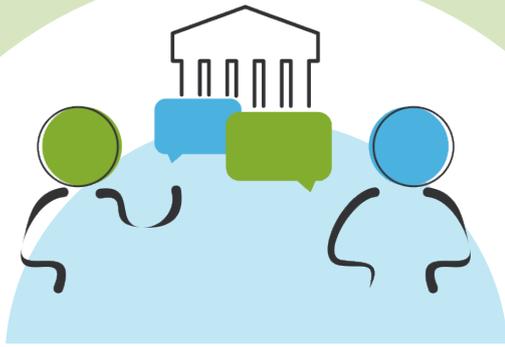
Circular Economy is the desired model for articulating development approaches by EU partner countries, to the benefit of EU business and their value chains, globally

Conclusions from DEVCO Environment and Climate week 2020

Services in a Nutshell

The SWITCH to Green Facility works with EU Delegations and to DEVCO HQs Units to better program, design, deliver and monitor/evaluate actions contributing to the circular - and more broadly the green - economy transition in EU partner countries. Experts support EU actions through on-demand provision of short-term expertise - including with direct support offered to EU partners at country level - and through regular reviews of action or other related documents. Missions can also inform policy processes to facilitate policy dialogue and development at country level.





Creating platforms for policy exchange

Events and meetings, including on-line events, can be effective tools in exchanging lessons learnt, highlighting impact to development practitioners and stakeholders, and facilitating policy debates to move the green or circular economy agenda forward.

The Facility supports policy and technical dialogue with EU development partners. This may include, for example, contributions to the organisation of EU Circular Economy Missions and other outreach events to mobilise government counterparts and businesses in third countries, or bringing entrepreneurs and their stories on green and circular businesses to global events, such as the European Development Days, to highlight the potential for replication of good practices. On a regular basis, SWITCH to Green also hosts, organises and facilitates events promoting the circular (and more broadly the green) economy, with recent highlights including side-events at the 2018 High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in New York, the 2019 High-level Regional Conference on Circular and Green Industry in Dakar, and the 4th UN Environment Assembly (UNEA4) in Nairobi.

SwitchMed @SwitchMed · Apr 2, 2019
 #SWITCHtoGreen (formed by @SwitchMed, @switchasia, @switchafrica & #EaPGreen) is showing what can be done and the world is taking notice. Check out what happened at #UNEA4:



Meet the entrepreneurs leading the transition to a green economy
 Watching yet another truck dumping a load of vile-smelling fish processing waste at a landfill located next to Kisumu's largest informal ...
 unenvironment.org

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 #Mediterranean #Africa #Asia at the Media Roundtable #UNEA4 today at 11:00 at the Media Center
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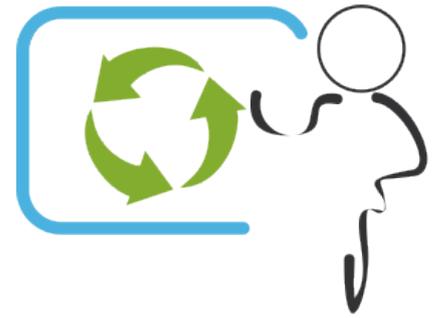


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Support from the Switch to Green Facility includes full assistance in policy dialogue events, ranging from content formulation to event organisation and communication. The Facility may indicatively develop a concept for the agenda, select qualified speakers, and take care of communication and media as needed. A tailor-made approach to event organisation is applied by the Facility.



Transformation requires capacity development

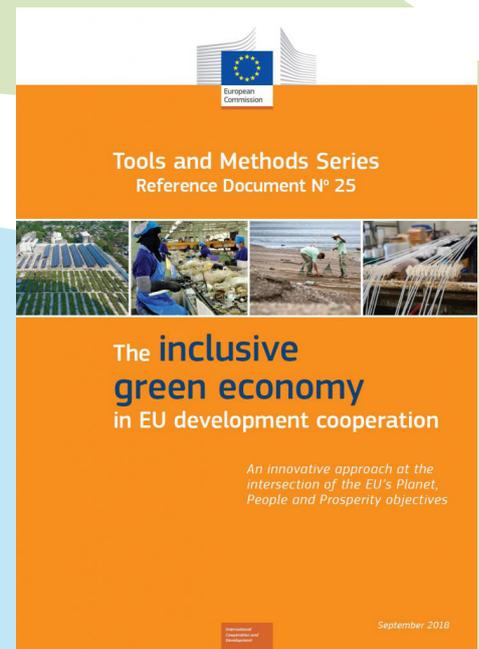


In a changing policy environment, capacity building and knowledge development ensure that expertise and skills stay relevant and up to date. Tools and trainings are part of the SWITCH to Green Facility's mandate.

SWITCH to Green (with the collaboration of the Mainstreaming Environment and Climate Change Facility) assisted DEVCO Unit C2 and the EU Delegation to Uganda in the organisation of a training targeting a wide audience comprising Commission staff and representatives of the Uganda government, private sector and civil society. In Uganda, the training directly involved key local partners in the learning process and offered a balanced exposure to public and private initiatives supporting the inclusive green economy transition, while it also included a field trip to SWITCH Africa Green beneficiary MSMEs. Trainings like the one held in Uganda are tailored to the recipient's needs.

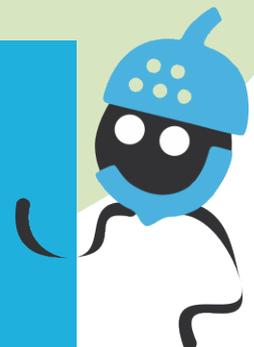
Sharing knowledge that matters

To promote a better understanding of the inclusive green economy, give policy and operational guidance and present best practices, the Facility assisted DEVCO Unit C2 in the production of the [Reference Document No 25](#), 'The inclusive green economy in EU development: An innovative approach at the intersection of the EU's Planet, People and Prosperity objectives'. The publication provides relevant definitions and explains the rationale for cooperation on the green economy, in line with EU policies and a growing interest in partner countries. It outlines the European Union's approach to promoting international cooperation on the inclusive green economy, through dedicated interventions and by integrating green economy issues across relevant sectors, and presents results achieved and lessons learnt, while also lists selected references and tools. As such, it contributes to the EU's efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda, the new European Consensus on Development and the EU Circular Economy Action Plan.



Services in a Nutshell

The SWITCH to Green Facility supports the creation of green/circular economy related tools contributing to knowledge sharing. With the development and promotion of tools the Facility stimulates learning and streamlining of content among a diverse set of target groups. The Facility designs interactive sessions, building on local and international case studies, and linking content to EU and national policies and practices. From policy debates to case story analysis, the Facility experts employ an extensive range of methods to convey their content.



The second phase of the SWITCH to Green Facility was launched at the beginning of 2020 with a 3-year mandate. We invite you to visit the SWITCH to Green Facility at www.SWITCHtogreen.eu

The SWITCH to Green Facility is part of the DEVCO thematic support services on environment, which also include the Environment and Climate Change Mainstreaming, Water, Biodiversity and Forest Facilities.



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