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Editorial

Heads of Unit Veronique Lorenzo (DEVCO C2) and Peter Craig-McQuaide (DEVCO C6) introduce this first edition of Green Development News.

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In focus

Preserving marine biodiversity in developing countries: the role of Marine Protected Areas

We know a lot less about our seas and oceans than land areas. All the more reason to take care to understand and protect them for the future, suggests our In Focus article by Rocio Suarez-Jimenez, PhD marine scientist and trainee in the biodiversity sector of DEVCO unit C2. See article at the following link.

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What's new

Save the date! DEVCO week on Environment 6 – 10 February 2017

DEVCO C2 is organizing 2 seminars on environment at the beginning of 2017 in Brussels. The target group is staff in EU delegations and headquarters working on environment related matters (programme officers, focal points, team leaders).

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About the Environment and Climate Change Facilities



The Environment and Climate Change Facilities support DEVCO units C2 and C6 in their missions to promote and implement the environmental dimension of the new sustainable development agenda, across the 17 SDGs. The Facilities are composed of technical experts that provide thematic guidance, technical support, training and communication in the following thematic areas of the Global Public Goods and Challenges thematic programme: environment and climate change; biodiversity, wildlife and ecosystems; forests and green economy.

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Test your climate memory with the GCCA+ app

At the GCCA stand during European Development Days (15-16 June), visitors played the GCCA app, an interactive memory game based on the daily life of a farmer in an Ethiopian village.

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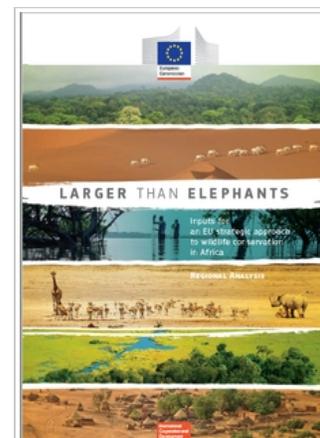
See also : [GCCA+ climate memory app](#)

Major wildlife study published

Everything you ever wanted to know about African wildlife conservation and more can be found in a major work published by the European Commission in April.

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See also : [Download the report at this page](#)



Let's talk about TEEB

Nearly 10 years after the start of an international study into The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB), the B4Life Facility has prepared a Synthesis and Briefing Note to share key outputs of the initiative for the benefit of EU Delegations and non-experts to support information sharing and decision-making.

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See also : [The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity](#)



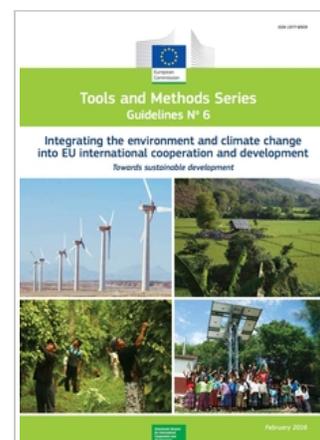
New Mainstreaming Guidelines - 2016 Edition

DEVCO has recently produced new guidelines to support the integration - or mainstreaming - of environmental and climate change considerations into the different phases of the European Union (EU) programme and project cycle. Their purpose is to reinforce efforts demanded by the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Agreement to integrate environment and climate change concerns across EU cooperation.

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See also : [Guidelines, sector notes and other tools and services can be found on the Capacity4dev website](#)

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EU FLEGT Action Plan is working, says independent evaluation



An independent evaluation report has confirmed that the EU Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) Action Plan is a relevant and innovative response to the challenge of illegal logging and that the Action Plan has improved forest governance in all target countries. Read more at the link below.

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Introducing SWITCH to Green (S2G)

A new leaflet explains the EU SWITCH to GREEN Flagship Initiative and how the S2G Facility will support its implementation.

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See also : <http://www.switchtogreen.eu/>



Project stories

FLEGT enters a new era with major news on licensing

The Presidents of Indonesia, the European Commission and the European Council confirmed, on 19 April 2016, that Indonesia has met the final major requirement of its Voluntary Partnership Agreement (VPA) with the EU and is on course to become the world's first country to issue FLEGT licences. This milestone in the FLEGT-VPA experiment is the strongest sign yet that, by harnessing the power of the EU market, it is possible to improve forest governance and assure buyers that timber products comply fully with laws in their countries of origin. Read more at the link below.

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GCCA+ Tanzania Pemba Project: Sowing the seeds of change

On a small island in the Indian Ocean, the combination of hard work, friendship and financial support has helped protect vulnerable communities from the effects of climate change. What started as a tenacious “one-seed-at-a-time” replanting scheme has grown into an expanding programme of actions including educational films, infrastructure-building and knowledge-sharing among communities dotted across the Zanzibar Archipelago in the Indian Ocean.

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Did you know?

Rio markers: A short guide to using monitoring and reporting tools

Development cooperation projects and programmes financed by the EU are assessed for their climate and environment relevance in order to monitor and report on their contribution to the implementation of agreed environmental policy objectives. The indicators used for this purpose are called Rio markers. The European Commission, like many other donors, uses Rio markers to measure its environment and climate-relevant spending and provide statistical reports to the OECD-DAC.

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26 - 27 September 2016 - Brussels, Belgium

SWITCH to Green Coordination Meeting

A meeting of the organisations managing the main international cooperation initiatives supported by the EU on green economy and sustainable consumption and production (SCP).

See also : <http://www.switchtogreen.eu/>

18 - 20 October 2016 - Barcelona, Spain

SWITCH Med Connect

The meeting will feature a unique blend of expert discussions, entrepreneurial stories, good cases and hands-on applications.

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