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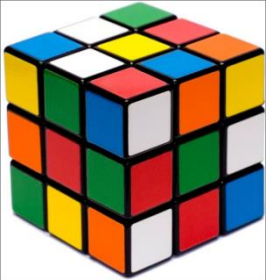
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The challenge

- **Environment -including climate change- matters!** No lasting Prosperity, People well-being and Peace without a healthy planet.
- **Alarming trends!** Urgent, collective action is required, now!
- **In the face of unprecedented challenges, we need a bold response.** Business as usual and incremental steps will not be enough. Europe has a leading role to play.



Strengthening the environment dimension of future programmes

- **Conducive** policy frameworks giving a strong mandate
 - Benefits of **integrated approaches**, that combine environmental sustainability with growth and jobs creation; avoiding silo approaches.
 - This is are not **conflicting priorities** - faces of the Rubik's cube
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- Policies and programmes based on evidence and science - role of **Country Environment and climate change analysis** needs to inform programming.
 - **Upcoming programming exercise** provides challenges and opportunities :1) Enhanced policy engagement; 2) Specific thematic programmes on environment and climate change and 3) The effective integration -or mainstreaming- of environment and climate change.

Financial targets and a possible Environment and climate change action plan

- Setting clear and ambitious financial targets for climate and environment action is very useful and also necessary.
- The elaboration of an **Environment & Climate Change Action Plan** for EU development cooperation, with clear objectives and indicators and a reporting system, would help!

Roles and responsibilities:

- We are all concerned, this is a collective responsibility
- Your role is essential and could be strengthened
- We are here to support you including through high level commitment
- We know that we need to coordinate better

Biodiversity and Ecosystems

- The **2020 CBD COP in Beijing** opens a window of opportunity to address the biodiversity crisis. The EU must play a leading role on the road to Beijing.
- Well managed protected areas can be hubs for **peace and security**.
- The value of the natural capital and resources needs to be better integrated
- There is a need for integrated “landscape” approaches to ensure sustainable land management while preserving ecosystems and securing the rights of smallholders
- Oceans have received little attention, more should be done to improve ocean **governance**, promote the blue economy, marine spatial planning as well as ecosystem-based approaches.

Forests, deforestation and the 2030 Agenda

- **Forests play a fundamental role in achieving many SDGs and address climate change.**
- **Deforestation, whose main driver is agriculture expansion, strongly undermines these benefits.**

The EU should promote:

- **Investment:** The EIP can contribute to unlocking finance for sustainable forestry - strong business case and corporate interest.
- **Private sector and smallholders involvement.**
- **Enhanced governance, policy dialogue and law enforcement through FLEGT and a new ambition through a new EU Communication on deforestation .**

Green Economy and Investments

- A linear economy is incompatible with a finite planet
- The EU has a **framework in place to promote the green economy and sustainable finance**. Initiatives like SWITCH have shown that green economy action is relevant to the growth and jobs agenda. The EIP and investment facilities provide a unique opportunity to scale-up investments.
- We can **support the green economy in different ways**: as a focal area (e.g. Uganda), through budget support (Colombia), private sector development (Vietnam), or policy dialogue (e.g. circular economy missions).
- There is demand for more **specific information on the PIPs** to facilitate EUDs work as brokers and promoters of (green) projects financing.
- There is a need to build synergies with **EU actions in Europe** (e.g. EU Action Plans on Circular Economy and on Sustainable Finance)

Water

- **Water contributes to all different aspects of sustainable development.** Thus supporting SDG 6 in all its aspects is condition sine qua non for the achievement of the whole 2030 Agenda.
- Water is synonymous of political stability, key factor to ensure peace and security at national and regional level. Supporting global legal instruments - like the Water Convention - and strengthening our work with the EEAS on environment and water diplomacy is therefore crucial.
- It is **important ensuring more efficient use of water resources through integrated and holistic approaches -like the water, energy, food security nexus-**, in order to allow countries to reduce water scarcity and directly contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

Follow up

SOME IDEAS

- Share the lessons' learnt widely
- Jobs and Growth Compacts are on the table- opportunity
- Improve our narrative- Make the case- Raise awareness- show case succes stories
- Concrete examples on IEP opportunities - training
- Upgrade our policy dialogue training
- Prepare country environnement analysis to support future programming
- Contribute to the Programming guidelines
- Integrated approach: upcoming call on integrated land management
- Network of focal points and role defined
- And more.....



Thank you!