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HOW TO SUPPORT GBE

If you wish to contribute to the further development of Market Based Instruments and Environmental Fiscal Reform, you can support us in many ways.

Make a donation, or contribute your expert knowledge, ideas and contacts.

We look to those who share our views and agree with our fundamental goals to support our cause.

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GREEN BUDGET EUROPE

European expert platform to promote
Market-Based Instruments (MBI)
for the Environment

Green Budget Europe brings together representatives of business, international organisations, ministries, NGOs, political decision-makers, the research community and civil society to protect climate and environment.



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OUR GOALS

To address climate change and the degradation of the natural environment, a balanced policy mix is required including regulation, environmental agreements, environmental taxation, emissions trading, other Market-Based Instruments (MBI) for the environment, and public information campaigns.

After more than forty years of experience with numerous policy instruments one thing is certain: **Market-based instruments are often the most effective and efficient in tackling environmental challenges while stimulating innovation.** Market based instruments for the environment can unite sustainable development and economic competitiveness, thus fostering green growth.

Our approach rests on **four main pillars:**

- **More Environmental Tax/Fiscal Reform (ETR/EFR)**
- **More Effective Emissions Trading**
- **Less Environmentally Harmful Subsidies**
- **Greening EU, National and Local Budgets**

We also work to promote green public procurement, green subsidies, feed-in-tariffs, and all other aspects of green budgetary policy.

A variety of efficient strategies can be adapted and implemented to suit the requirements of a particular country. One of GBE's tasks is to compare and monitor different national policy mixes.



We must move towards market-based policies with transparent prices that tell not only the economic, but also the ecological and social truth and thus, help to realise an eco-social market economy.

PRICES THAT TELL THE TRUTH

Making prices work for the environment is a prerequisite for sustainable economic activity. This means integrating all external costs in energy and other resource prices. Correct pricing can put the polluter and resource user pays principle into practice, meaning that everybody pays the full price for the environmental pollution she/he has caused.

The cost of energy, other resources and environmental pollution must reflect their environmental impact. This will provide the impetus we need for greater resource efficiency and savings, sustainable use of renewables and less environmental pollution.

Environmental taxation and other environmental fiscal measures raise revenues. These revenues can be returned to the taxpayer via reductions in social security contributions or income tax rates. This has positive effects on employment and environment - the so-called 'double dividend'. In periods of economic and financial crisis or of unsustainable public debts, they can also make a significant contribution to restoring budget equilibrium and greening the economy.

OUR WORK

Green Budget Europe is being run as a project of the Berlin-based think tank, policy advocacy and NGO Green Budget Germany (FÖS e.V.).

The GBE expert network on EFR serves to promote debate and political progress on the international stage and at EU level and within EU member states.

We are in regular contact with EU institutions and meet representatives of each EU Presidency to present our ideas. We organise and participate in seminars and conferences all over Europe to formulate priorities and identify windows of opportunity for the implementation of MBI for the environment. We also organise an international conference every year in a different European country to investigate a particular topic in more depth. We produce expert responses to EU consultations, detailed policy papers, media articles, and book chapters for publication.



GBE IN THE FUTURE

GBE has a rapidly expanding office in Brussels and is working on several European-wide projects on EFR:

CEPRIe is about an ongoing dialogue with policy makers at highest level, including Finance Ministers, stakeholders from industry and civil society, research institutes and the media, supplying them with evidence-based policy recommendations and strong arguments in favour of smart carbon pricing.

FRE-COMMUNICATE! sets out to enhance the prospects for the implementation of Environmental Fiscal Reform in Europe by improving the communication of its benefits and advantages in comparison to other policy instruments. GBE and partners will develop targeted tools and strategies for key stakeholders to communicate about EFR in an accessible way.

EXPANDING THE GBE NETWORK both within and beyond Europe to boost our membership, so that GBE represents a critical mass from each European country, the EU institutions, and the business community.

We hope to support the creation of a similar network in Asia (working title "Green Budget Asia"), and perhaps elsewhere as well, in the coming years.

Our ultimate goal is to establish a shared view of best practices from diverse countries, both within and beyond the European Union and to implement as much of the above as possible.

Your contributions and support are most welcome!