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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.

Not only can financial contributions or donations assist our cause, but also your expert knowledge, ideas and contacts, or any other active contributions you may wish to make.

Because we work without institutional state support, and only a few select projects are financed, 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 (GBE) -  
a European expert platform to promote  
Market-Based Instruments (MBI)  
for the Environment**

GBE 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 thirty years of experience with numerous policy instruments one thing is certain: **market-based instruments are 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 Reforms**
- **More Effective Emissions Trading**
- **Less Environmentally Harmful Subsidies**
- **Greening EU, National and Local Budgets**

We 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 transparent prices and market-based policies that tell the ecological truth and help 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 pays principle into practice, meaning that everybody pays the full price for the environmental pollution he/she has caused.

**The cost of energy, 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 currently being run as a project of the NGO Green Budget Germany.

The GBE MBI-platform serves to promote debate and political progress on the international stage and at EU level, as well as within the EU member states.

We are in regular contact with EU institutions and meet representatives of each upcoming 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 EU Member State 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

We will continue to develop GBE to achieve:

- A GBE that represents a strong and critical mass from each European country and relevant EU institutions, including some guest representatives from other countries and institutions
- A GBE that has many more members from the business community

The further development of our principles will entail a greater precision of our shared positions on a number of points, including:

- the benefits and drawbacks of individual tools within the MBI portfolio
- the optimal combination of different tools (in particular, between taxes and emissions trading)
- better evaluation and communication of tools, for instance green public procurement or feed-in-tariffs

Our goal is to establish a shared view of best practices from diverse countries both within and beyond the European Union.

**Your contributions and support are most welcome!**