



# Forum on the Impact of the Implementation of Response Measures

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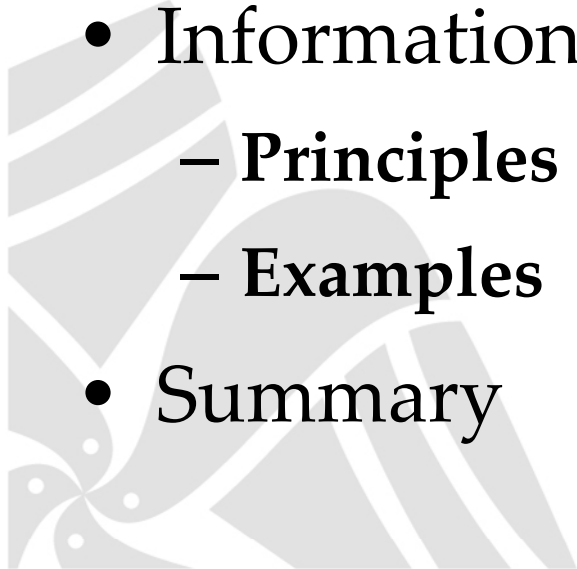
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# Overview



- Addressing **climate change** – setting the context
- Addressing **the impacts of action** against climate change on third countries
- **Information sharing**
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- Summary

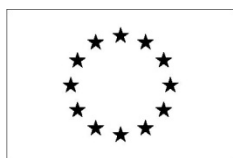




# Context and action



- Tackling climate change requires:
  - Keeping global mean temperature increase to **below 2°C** compared to pre-industrial levels;
  - Decreasing **GHG emissions**;
  - Ensuring **sustainable development for all** under climate and carbon constraints ;
  - Benefitting from positive **impacts** and minimising adverse impacts of RM;
  - Ensuring meaningful **broad participation**.



# Addressing the impacts of climate policies



- If countries are likely to be affected by a proposed measure or policy, the EU:
  - **Assesses** what the specific impacts are/may be;
  - **Analyses** how undesired effects can be avoided, minimised or mitigated;
  - **Weighs** its policy **options** in this respect;
  - **Determines** what **trade-offs** have to be addressed in the final policy choice.

We do it both for internal and external impacts.



# Information sharing by the EU



- Active **engagement** with our partners (bilateral, regional);
- Open **exchange** and consultation
  - International reporting;
  - EU Green Papers and White Papers;
  - Impact Assessments including online consultations;
  - Access to EU documents and environmental information;
  - Participation in international conferences, meetings and workshops;
- Organization of the EU workshops and technical meetings;
- Involvement in **common research programs**



# Examples



- **IMPACT ASSESSMENTS** (workshops and technical meetings, online consultation):
  - RES/ Biofuels case – a problem was spotted (unforeseen effect on agricultural sector in developing countries) → consultation → new impact assessment → legislation changed
- **COMMON RESEARCH PROGRAMS**
  - The European research programme (FP7) is open to participation of all countries of the World. Specific international co-operation actions are dedicated to developing countries and emerging economies. A new follow up program is **Horizon 2020** (2014-2020)
- **BILATERAL AND REGIONAL COOPERATION**
  - **European Neighborhood Policy Initiatives**, a 4 year program to start January 2013
  - **South Africa – European Commission Forum** on Environment and Sustainable Development (FESD) with a working group dedicated to climate change.



# SUMMARY



The EU's priorities in activities related to information sharing:

- Developing policies so as to **maximise the positive impacts** and **minimise the negative ones**.
  - Direct and active **involvement** at international level;
  - Extensive **reporting** by the EU (on potential impacts of RM);
  - Extensive **consulting** with all relevant stakeholders, including DCs, NGOs and citizens.
  - Enabling **broad access** to all relevant information
- Staying **open to find new ways** of effectively improving the manner in which we collect information, we share information with third Parties, and we use this information in the context of policy development.



Thank you for your attention.

