

Identification and Prioritisation of Capacity Building Issues and Needs for Integration of Environment into Structural Funds and Cohesion Fund

Please rank the issues identified in order of priority for your environmental authority, country or based on your experience. Please feel free to modify the text of the issues/needs or add additional ones into the table.

1. **Human Resources**
2. **Institutional Issues**
3. **SF / CF Project Cycle**

Capacity Building Issues and Needs		Score: 5 = top priority; 1 = lowest; 0 = no need
1.3	Improved understanding and awareness of the need to integrate environmental issues in SF and CF programmes within all institutions	4.18
2.1	Guidance and procedures on how institutions are to deal with integration of environment into programmes	3.88
3.1	Improved capacity for integration of environment into the planning process, including SEA	3.82
3.5	Capacity for project appraisal and selection, including use of EIA procedures, environmental indicators, and inclusion of environment into cost/benefit analyses	3.82
3.4	Capacity of national and regional authorities to promote and assist the project development/preparation process	3.76
1.2	Improved experience, knowledge, and skills in dealing with all issues related to EU funds within environment authorities	3.71
3.3	Assistance to final beneficiaries for project development and preparation	3.65
3.6	Capacity for monitoring implementation of projects, including environmental monitoring indicators	3.65
2.11	<i>Strong linking of environmental objectives with economic objectives</i>	<i>3.60</i>
1.1	More actual staff (in numbers) to deal with environment integration in all institutions	3.41
2.2	Well-defined, appropriate role of EA in the SF/CF process	3.41
1.4	<i>Improved capacity to promote the benefits of integrating environment into SF and CF programmes and individual projects</i>	<i>3.40</i>
3.7	<i>Improved capacity for integration of environmental concerns into procurement policies and practices (green procurement)</i>	<i>3.40</i>
2.7	Capacity to develop and negotiate a Technical Assistance project to support capacity-building for environmental integration	3.24
2.10	<i>Capacity of the Managing Authority to negotiate the environmental theme in the national package</i>	<i>3.20</i>
2.8	Capacity to plan and carry out a Technical Assistance project (once funded) to obtain results in integration of environment	3.06
2.3	Structured agreement between the various institutions involved (EAs, MAs, others) on integration of environment	3.00
2.6	Integration and exchanges of personnel/experience at international, national, regional, local levels	2.94
3.2	Improved capacity to deal with external economic and social partners for environmental issues (or improved capacity of the partners)	2.88
2.4	Improved contacts and working relations between EAs, MAs (and regions)	2.71
2.5	Access to existing tools and guidance prepared by/for other governments, regional, development agencies, NGOs	2.71
2.9	<i>Well-defined, appropriate role of environmental NGOs in the SF/CF process</i>	<i>2.40</i>