



# GREEN BUDGET EUROPE

Green Budget Europe (GBE) brings together representatives of the research community, ministries, international organisations, decision-makers, businesses and civil society organisations seeking to shift the tax burden from labour to pollution and resource-use.

## WHO ARE WE?

Green Budget Europe (GBE) is a non-profit civil society organisation advocating for environmental fiscal reform. Based in Brussels, GBE works together with like-minded organisations, economists and fiscal experts across Europe and beyond to promote low-carbon and circular economy objectives.

Members of the GBE expert platform include several former EU Commissioners, renowned academics and researchers, policy-makers and ministry staff, prominent politicians, as well as civil society and business representatives.

## OUR MISSION

Climate change is a result of the greatest market failure that the world has seen - Sir Nicolas Stern. The failure to adequately price pollution and resource-use is the key factor leading to global warming and environmental degradation we see today. Green Budget Europe promotes the use of Environmental Fiscal Reform (EFR) in order to bring tax and spending in line with environmental goals. Green taxes, reform of harmful subsidies, emissions trading, green public procurement, border tax adjustments, deposit-refund schemes and promotion of renewable energy can help correct distortions.

Consequently, GBE recognises the importance of more tax on pollution and resource-use accompanied by reduced labour taxes. We believe this reform process – frequently referred to as a Green Tax Shift – should be done in a socially equitable way.

## OUR VISION

Key to our work is the idea that if fiscal policy is not in line with environmental objectives, it leads to false price signals that cause pollution, inefficient resource-use and the erosion of natural capital. These price signals should be corrected to keep the economy on a sustainable path. We work towards:

- A fairer, more just society, where polluters pay now, instead of leaving future generations to pick up the bill.
- A competitive and prosperous EU, which leads the world in innovative and pioneering technologies.

## OUR OBJECTIVES

- Creating the framework conditions necessary to achieve a transition to a resource-efficient, low-carbon and climate resilient economy.
- Promoting circular economy objectives through fiscal incentives and by phasing out environmentally harmful subsidies.
- Fostering the efficient and cost-effective implementation of EU climate and environment policy.
- Improving the enforcement of EU environment and climate action legislation.

## JOIN OUR NETWORK

Join us in this exciting project and share our vision of Europe as a pioneer and international example of green fiscal policy, green technology and green economy. To receive more information on our membership options, please scan the QR code below or send us an e-mail to [info@green-budget.eu](mailto:info@green-budget.eu). GBE will then contact you.

