

## **Inventory of European Approaches towards environment, development and conflict prevention**

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## **Inventory of EU Member States**

**Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom**

- **Explore approaches towards environment, development and conflict prevention in EU Member States**
- **Facilitate exchange of information on environment, development and conflict prevention among EU Member States**
- **Identify national focal points to be included into a wider network on environment, development and conflict prevention**

**3 page brief on domestic approaches**

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## Priority Areas

**Diverse picture of priorities  
(A; FL; D; ES; SE; NL)**

**Water governance  
(UK, D)**

**Climate change  
(D, DK, UK)**

**Conflict resources  
(D, BE, UK)**

**Environmental security  
preventing hazards & resource strategies  
(CZ and other CEEC)**

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## Strategic Approaches

- **Supporting international fora and conventions (from OECD DAC, GDN, EnvSec Initiatives to global conventions)**
- **Developing specific programmes on Climate change, conflict resources, etc.)**
- **Developing integrative approaches on environment, development and conflict prevention (strategic documents/ roadmaps)**
- **Conflict Mainstreaming of policies and programmes**

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## **Constraints and Challenges**

- **MS recognize cross-sectoral approaches but difficult to integrate this into broader strategic frameworks**
- **Ownership of such broad domestic strategic approaches is critical**
- **Core problem: translate conflict mainstreaming into practical programme/project development and implementation (tools, indicators, etc.)**
- **Existing fora manifest sectoral divides (OECD DAC - development community / GDN - foreign affairs)**
- **There is no forum for exchange on environment, development and conflict prevention between MS or at European level with European Commission**