



Environment and climate

Analysing the operation from the perspective of climate and the environment makes it possible to identify any environmental links that might have not come to light if you had not thought about them specifically. This is also a good way to ensure that the planned operation does not have negative consequences for the environment. Above all, it has to do with establishing how the operation can contribute to a “Just Transition”, which can make it more urgent for more people and contribute to the objective of fair and sustainable development.

All applications must therefore answer questions about which climate and environmental issues affect the target group and the operation, and how the operation, in turn, can have an effect on the environment. Applications must also answer questions about how the project can promote a just transition in the area in which it is to be carried out.

Ask yourselves the following questions when planning your operation, and regularly during the follow-up:

- How do the activities under the operation affect the environment and climate, and how can we reduce our negative impact and improve the positive footprint?
- Is the target group of the operation affected directly or indirectly by a more unstable climate and environmental disruption? If not now, what consequences are expected to be highly noticeable over the coming decades?
- Is there a risk that climate change and environmental disruption may affect the implementation and results of the operation?
- How much awareness regarding climate change and environmental disruption – and their consequences—is there in the area covered by the operation?
- What are the most significant climate and environmental issues that are engaging citizens in the area where the operation is being run? How can the operation be designed to address these issues?

- Can the project/the operation be used to educate the members of the target group about their rights and improve their opportunities to tackle issues concerning the environment, climate transition and climate adaptation?
- How can the project/the operation contribute to a just transition in society? (By promoting political reforms and climate-adapted jobs, preparing society for the effects of the climate and environmental crises, popular education, etc.)?
- What knowledge do we and our partner organisations possess regarding the climate and environment, and where do we need to learn more? (For example, are we aware of how environmental issues affect women and men differently, and do we know how solutions can be designed to enhance equality?)
- The Palme Center encourages the seeking of partnerships/alliances with just transition as their objective, so as to increase the chances of success for a quick and just transition. What other players can we work with in the project to contribute to this aim?

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