



# Support to developing countries

Concept Name

Description

## A Data description (metadata)

### Data description

*Background, main characteristics of dataset*

This dataset provides data on how much financial, capacity building and technology support the EU Member States and other countries have either planned, committed, or provided to developing countries in relation to climate change mitigation or adaptation. The dataset holds further details on the provided support, e.g., the recipient of support, the financial instrument, the funding source, the concrete projects which benefited or the targeted sector.

The Member States submit their data to the European Environment Agency (EEA) via the online platform Reportnet 3. Reporting is mandatory for EU Member States. Some information is only mandatory to report if the data is available. The data is then quality checked by DG CLIMA at the European Commission. DG CLIMA also performs aggregation of the data and combines them with other data sources (European Investment Bank, European Commission).

This data is being collected under Article 19 of the [Governance Regulation 2018/1999](#). The Regulation aims to help the EU meet its 2030 climate and energy targets by setting common rules for planning, reporting and monitoring. The Regulation also ensures that EU planning and reporting are synchronised with the ambition cycles under the Paris Agreement.

#### How to navigate the dataset?

The data publicly available on [Reportnet 3](#) is presented in one Excel document for each Member State. Each document consists of separate sheets in the following table formats:

- Annex III Table 1: Provision of support *committed and provided* of public resources through *bilateral and regional channels*, including technology development, transfer, and capacity building where relevant
- Annex III Table 2: Provision of support *committed and provided* of public financial resources through *multilateral channels*, including technology development, transfer, and capacity building where relevant
- Annex III Table 3: Information on financial support mobilised through *public interventions*
- Annex III Template 1: Information on financial support mobilised through *public interventions per activity* to be used in cases where it is impossible for a Member State to fill Table 3
- Annex IV: Provision of qualitative methodological information as applicable and other information on definitions and methodologies
- Annex V Table 1: Available information on the *planned provision* of support
- Annex V Template 1: Available information on the *planned provision* of support per activity/program/project to be used in cases where it is impossible for a Member State to fill in Table 1

More details on the data collection format and requirements reported can be found in Article 19 and Part 2 of Annex VIII of the [Governance Regulation](#), and in Article 6 and Annex III, Annex IV, and Annex V of the [Implementing Regulation 2020/1208](#).

### Statistical population

*Population about which information is to be sought*

This dataset refers to the official nationally reported support provided to developing countries and therefore applies to the entire statistical population of the national entity (e.g., bilateral institution for international cooperation) in relation to the specific information within the dataset.

### Reference period

The data refer to a calendar year.

- For Tables 1, 2, and 3, as well as Annex IV, Member States report on the financial, capacity building and technology support that they have committed and provided in the calendar year preceding the reporting deadline. For example, the data referring to support committed and provided during the calendar year 2023 is reported by the Member States by the 30 September 2024.
- For Annex V, Member States report on the planned (but not yet committed) provision of support in relation to years or periods in the future (for example, 2025 onwards for reporting in 2024).

### Frequency of dissemination

Data are disseminated annually.

### Geographical reference area

EU Member States  
EU-27 (aggregate)

### Unit of measure

Euro. Member States not part of the Euro area can report the support in their national currency.

### Basic statistical concepts and definitions

Amount of financial, capacity building and technology support provided (in Euro).

### Classifications used

The classifications used are according to the [OECD classifications for international finance](#).

### Statistical Confidentiality

Data is required to be publicly accessible, in accordance with the [Governance Regulation 2018/1999](#), Article 19 and 28, taking into account commercially sensitive data and compliance with data protection rules.

## B Data quality

### Relevance

The dataset provides insights into the financial and technology support that EU Member States and other country states have committed or already spent on climate and energy projects benefiting developing countries in the previous calendar year. Where the data is available to Member States, information on planned support is also reported.

It enables EU authorities to monitor the contribution of Member States to financial, capacity building and technology support to developing countries. The information collected and aggregated through this reporting process underpins the

overall EU figure on international climate finance, which is endorsed every year by the Council. The data are, for instance, useful to inform climate COP stakeholders every year.

Furthermore, the data is used to monitor the EU's contribution to the collective goal of developed countries in mobilising climate finance for developing countries. This collective goal is of 100 billion USD per year up to 2025 and will raise to at least 300 billion USD per year up to 2035, as agreed at the COP29 in 2024. The data is also used to help monitor the thirteenth Sustainable Development Goal (Climate Action) at the EU level.

#### Timeliness

*Length of time between data availability and the event or phenomenon they describe*

##### T + 1 year.

The data for a given year T is available within one year after the year T has concluded. For example, the data reflecting the support to developing countries provided in the calendar year 2021 were published in 2022.

The legal deadline for data reporting by Member States is the 30 September every year. The data are usually made publicly available on [Reportnet 3](#) as soon as they are released by Member States. They are disseminated on the [EEA Climate and Energy in the EU website](#) and in EU Commission documents around November/December every year.

#### Accuracy and reliability

**Source data:** The data are officially reported by Member States' national administrations from relevant financial records.

**Data collection and methods used:** Member States report data via the EEA's reporting platform [Reportnet 3](#). The EEA and DG CLIMA provide methodological guidelines for reporting to Member States. They also offer workshops every year to provide assistance to reporters in the Member States.

**Publications:** Raw data for each Member State is available on [Reportnet 3](#). Aggregated data, more contextual information, as well as visualizations of the data are presented on the EEA's [Climate and Energy website](#).

Furthermore, the European Commission uses the aggregated data in the [Climate Action Progress Report](#) and the Carbon Market Report (published together with the State of the Energy Union report) every year.

**Quality documentation:** Automatic quality assurance and quality control mechanisms are implemented in Reportnet 3. Details on the automatic quality control mechanisms are listed in the Excel document (sheet 'QC rules') available for download on the Reportnet 3 website. In [Reportnet 3](#), navigate to the relevant year of the dataflow 'Support to developing countries' and click on the button 'Download schema/s info', as seen in the image.



#### Accessibility and clarity

### Support to developing countries - Reporting year 2024 - GovReg

According to Governance Regulation 2018/1999 Article 19 and Article 6 of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1208

Obligation: Support to developing countries - GovReg

Instrument: Regulation on the Governance of the Energy Union and Climate Action

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DG CLIMA performs manual quality checks on the data.

A bespoke software tool is used for cleaning data, iteratively updating the mappings and producing output tables through an aggregation tab. Further QA/QC checks are performed on the data by making comparisons of a year's data with data from previous years. A 'four eyes' principle is implemented throughout the data aggregation tool's updates, by manually repeating the data aggregation based on Member States' summary tables.

#### Coherence and comparability

**Geographical:** Data on private finance mobilised has limited comparability due to differences in the methodologies applied by Member States.

**Over time:** The data on support to developing countries has been available since 2013. Data from 2020 onwards are not directly comparable with earlier years, due to methodological changes. The data on planned support has limited comparability, because each support unit can relate to a different year/time period.

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