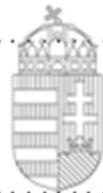


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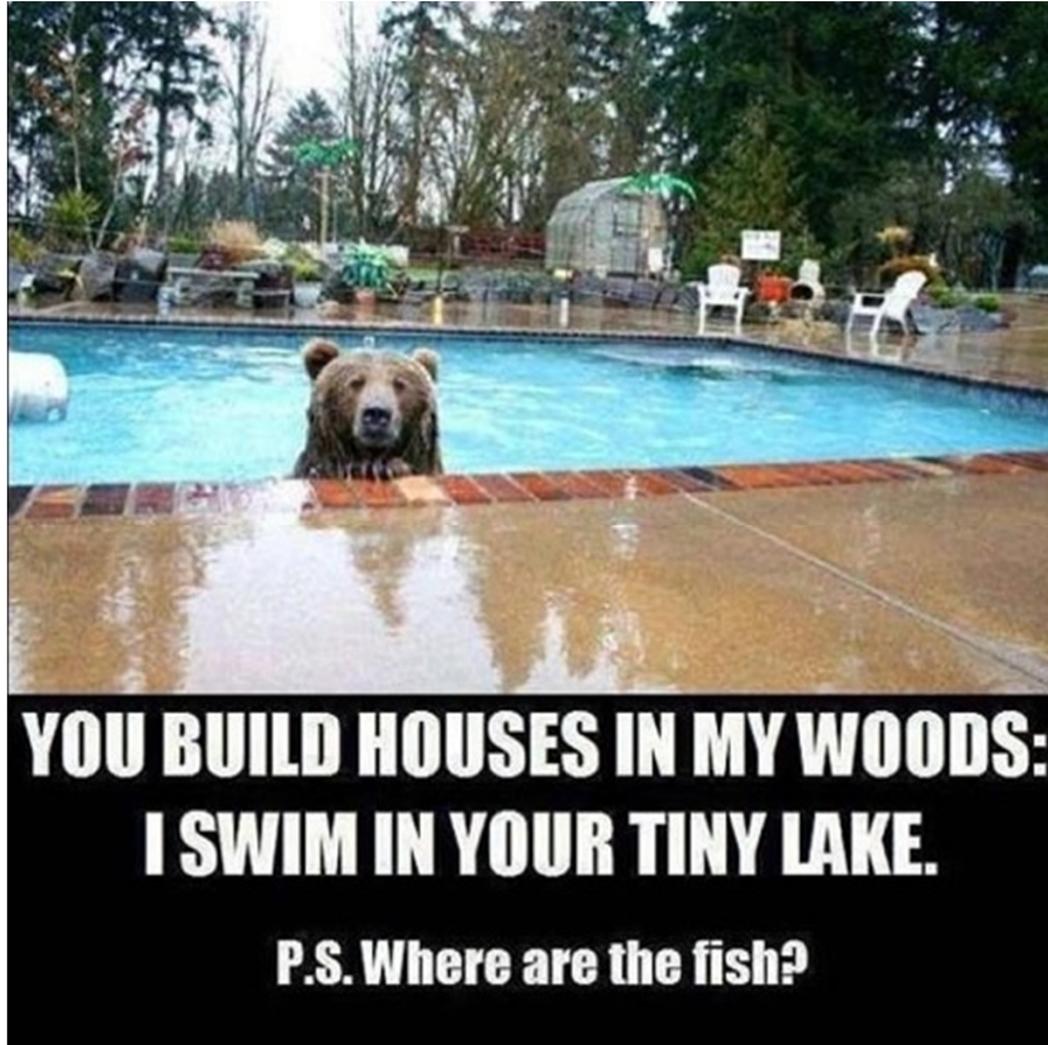
MAINSTREAMING ENVIRONMENT IN COHESION POLICY

*- Improving the
environmental
performance of
development
programs*

Most often: conflict between
environmental and economic goals



Sometimes: trade-offs



Rarely: a peaceful coexistence



Multisolving: Mainstreaming biodiversity into tourism



Results of successful multisolving



Horizontal principles & policies: the European added value / net social benefit

- Reduces/mitigates/off-sets harmful social and environmental impact, ensures sustainability
- Applicable throughout development work
- Promotes preferred values, ensures „preferred quality”

Getting real about horizontals

- How much DO horizontal principles cost in terms of money, time and hassle, and how much benefit do they really bring?
- What is the real added value if they are implemented as intended?
- And what are the costs and benefits of carrying on BAU?
- What model of implementing horizontal principles works best? - eg, selection criteria, assisted project design, any other solution?

Integration challenges

- Multisolving / multi-objective interventions - complicated if not complex
- Program level or project level integration?

Typical anomalies

The targeted ***problem solved at project site, but appears elsewhere:***

- ring roads designed to reduce traffic in town centres divert traffic to other residential areas
- savings for ministries – increased maintenance costs for municipalities
- water and sewage treatment facility development makes water fees unaffordable to local population while health expenditure on state level is likely to decrease

Benefits cannot be accounted for:

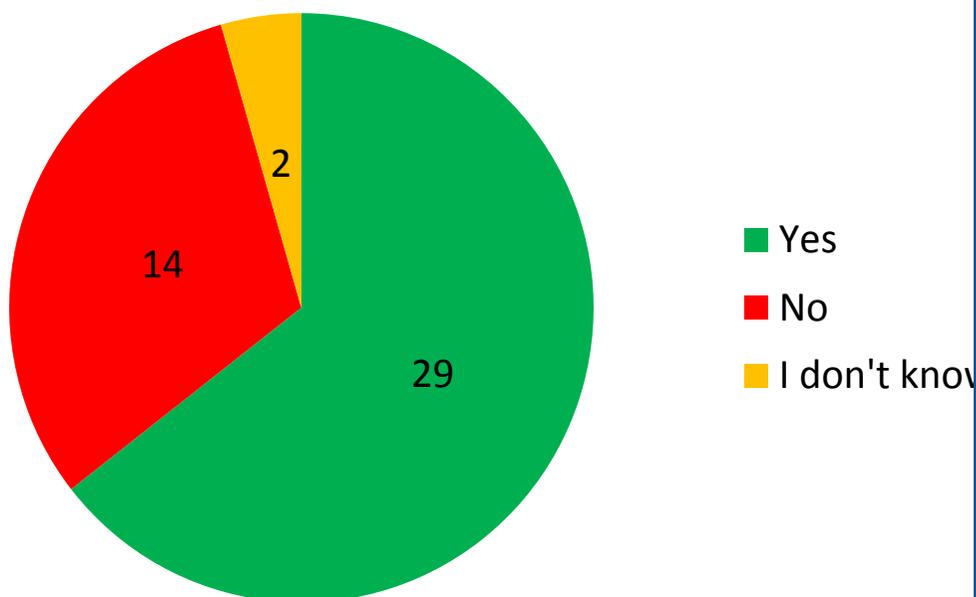
- economic development investments in less polluting sectors – energy use & CO₂ emissions reduction probably achieved but cannot be tracked



QUESTIONNAIRE ON
ENVIRONMENTAL INTEGRATION:
PROJECT PREPARATION, EVALUATION

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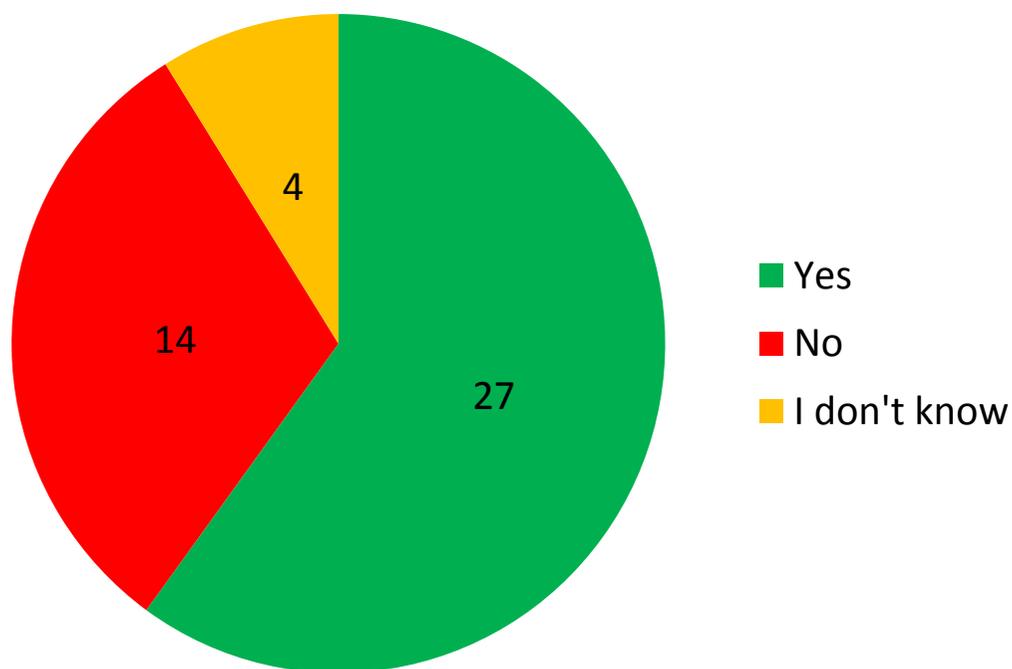
Do **calls for project proposals** refer specifically to environmental integration/sustainable development requirements?



- 29 YES
- Environmental references:
 - env. priority axis calls
 - selection criteria
 - 'positive' projects
 - specific technical requirements
 - impact of the project on environment (positive, neutral, negative)
 - permits
 - compatibility with SEA

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Do you include horizontal environmental requirements as **part of the funding contract?**

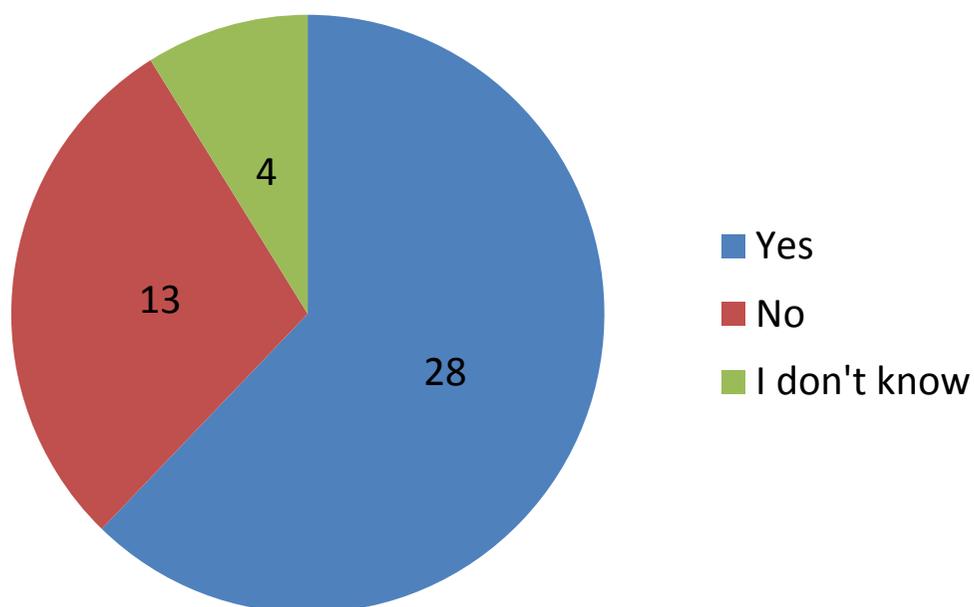


□ 27 YES

- condition on fulfilling the commitments from the project application
- commitment to fulfil the planned indicators

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Do you have **regional or national guidelines** to support environmental integration requirements?

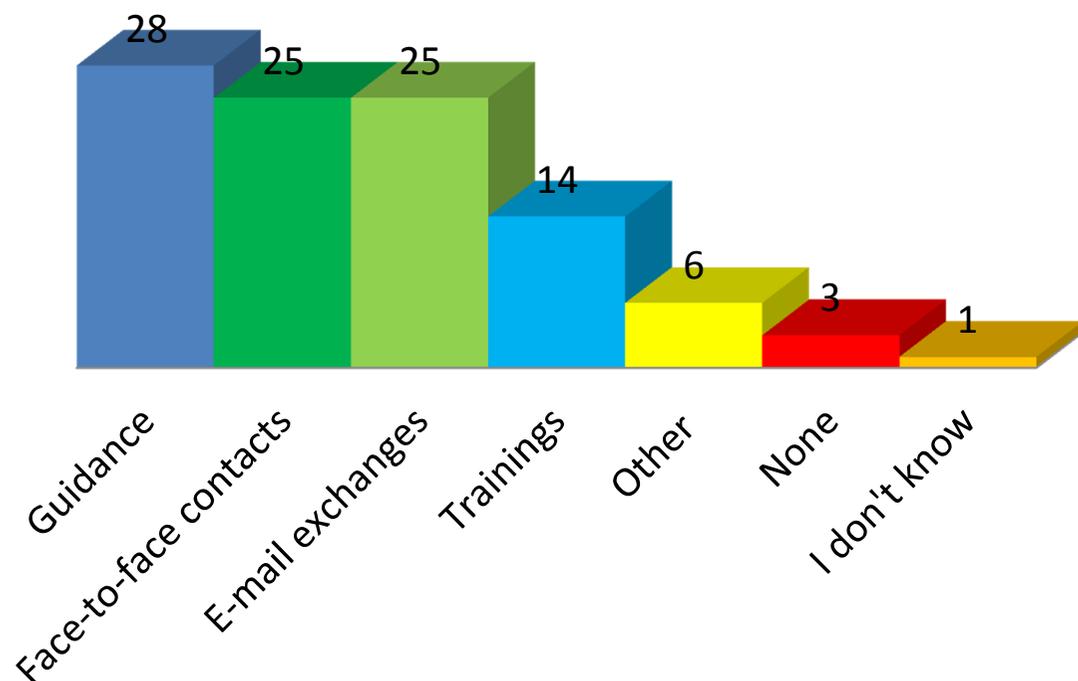


28 YES

- guidelines on mainstreaming of env. policy and CC
- support guides to beneficiaries for development of best environmental practices
- guidelines for documenting EIA for co-financed projects
- guide for investments, taking into account CC and disaster resilience
- Cross-Cutting Themes Guidance, Themes Matrix, Annexes, Factsheets and Glossary

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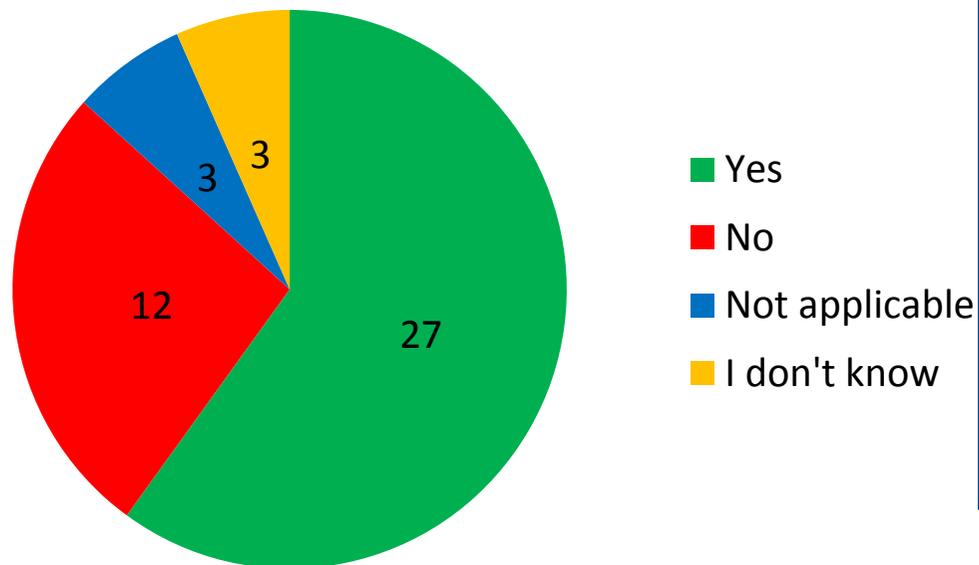
What type of **assistance** do you provide **to beneficiaries** to support environmental integration/sustainable development requirements?



- Guidance (28)
- Face-to-face (25)
- E-mails (25)
- Trainings (14)
- Other (6)
 - telephone exchanges
 - web-service: provision of gen. info on the horizontal principles and specialized info on specific themes such as low carbon economy in the Structural Funds

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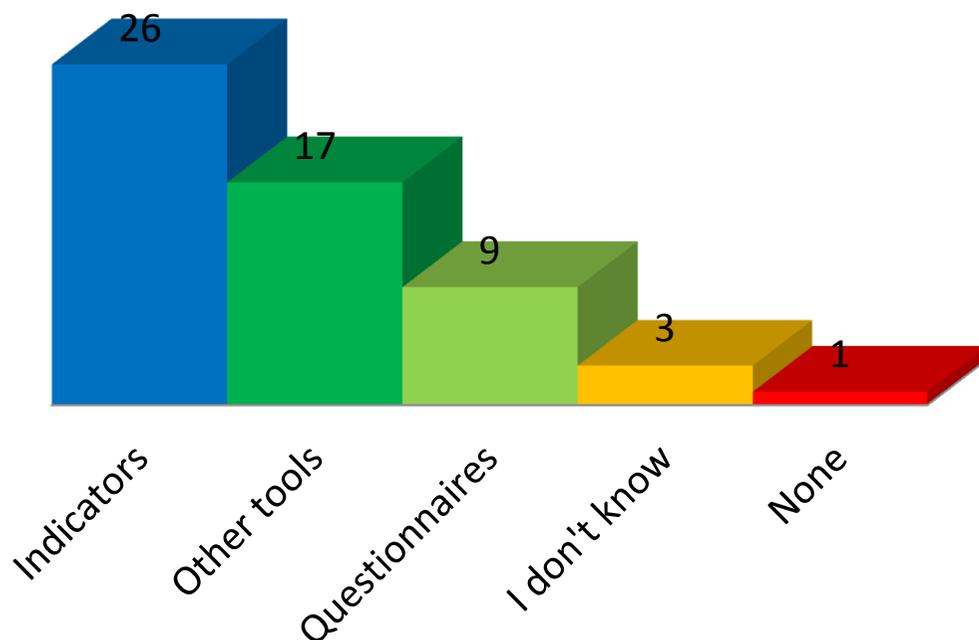
Do you have **indicators** which are used to show the contribution made by projects towards environmental integration/sustainable development as a horizontal principle?



- ☐ 27 YES – monitoring indicators for SD/env. integration
- ☐ But some indicators:
 - examples of typical environmental indicators used for OP
 - common indicators
 - references to the climate tracking requirements

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How is the **performance** of environmental requirements **monitored**?



□ Indicators (26)

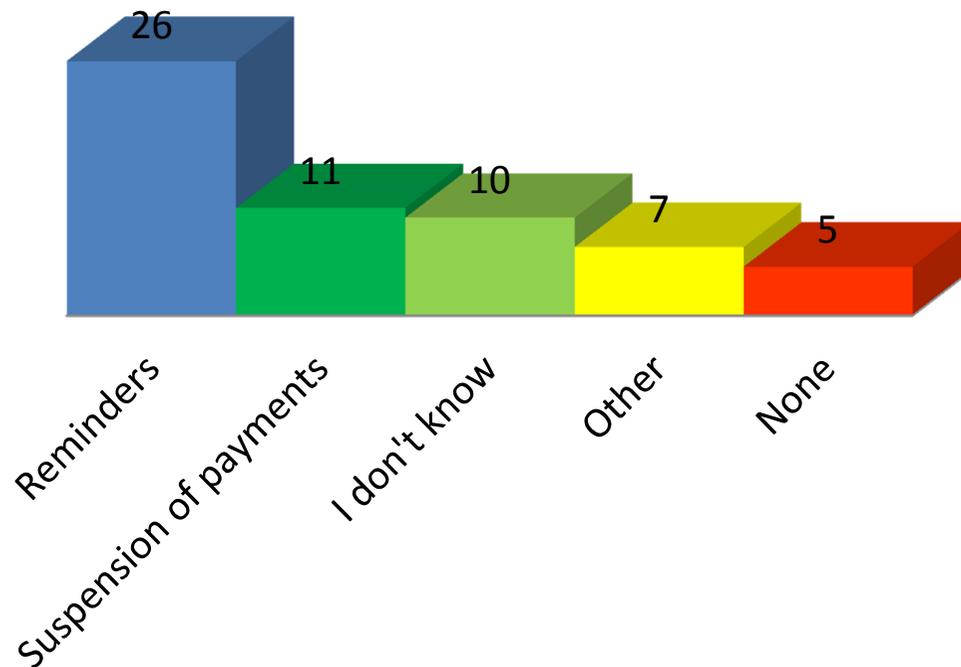
- users of alternative transportation (instead of cars)
- enterprises adopting or improving their sustainable development strategies
- contribution in energy saving and RES promotion

□ Other tools

- project reports
- on-spot controls
- develop an organisational Eco Code
- BREEAM excellent
- CEEQUAL
- SUDS ...

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What **actions** do you take **if** horizontal environmental requirements are **not implemented?**



- Reminders (26) most 'popular'
- If they do not work, 'suspension of payments'
- Other
 - recovery of grants
 - termination of contracts

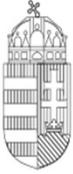
Next steps

Ensure adequate monitoring

- Indicators defined for the program
- Context
- Unintended impact

Evaluate to understand results

Set up EU level learning community on HOW BEST to integrate environmental considerations



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