

SMEs in a green economy (Dimension 9): Enable SMEs to turn environmental challenges into opportunities (Small Business Act Principle 9) (SME Policy Index: Eastern Partner Countries 2012: Progress in the Implementation of the Small Business Act for Eur...

Principle 9 of the Small Business Act assesses the approaches of governments to fostering green growth and strengthening the absorptive capacities of SMEs. It assesses current strategies for greening concepts, the availability of expertise on environmental issues to SMEs, the use of environmental management system (EMS) and standards, and governments' efforts to promote EMS. SMEs will be able to benefit from green growth opportunities if they adjust their business models accordingly. Governments can support SMEs to change their practices and adapt to the challenges by greening their current strategies in the field of SMEs, industry and innovation and by promoting a policy framework for eco-efficient business and products as well as supporting eco-innovation.

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