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*Economic Development and Environmental Gain* presents a clear and positive statement on how to effect the transition between the conventional expectation of environmental loss and the new prospect of environmental gain. Incorporating a comparative review of Europe-wide policies and practices, it sets environmental management in economic programmes within a framework of sustainable development.

Specific themes covered include European Union environmental initiatives and institutions, inward investment and environmental finance, and a detailed consideration of regional economic programmes in the EU Structural Funds, including their history of environmental impact. Lessons from this review are combined with examples of successful practice to derive a methodology for realizing environmental gain and generating regional environmental competitiveness.

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