

ESDN Conference

Implementation of the Post-2015 Agenda at the EU and national level

Session 4: Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for SD at the national level: Overview of activities and plans in the context of national SD strategies

Implementation Plan for the 2030 Agenda for SD

- * At the national level : cooperation between federal and subnational authorities a.o. through translation of SDGs in a common long term vision for SD.
- * In the federal and subnational entities, the priority is to implement the 2030 agenda and SDGs through :
 - Communication on SDGs to the public, stakeholders and authorities in order to draw their attention and ensure their involvement => translate 2030 agenda into concrete measures
 - Renewal or adaptation of strategies or plans including SD strategies to ensure coherence with SDG's = core and transversal policies
 - Integration of SDG's in sectoral policies
 - > Objectives and targets in a strategic approach (management plans, ministries action plans)
 - Fostering Partnerships with civil society & private sector

Key challenges in the implementation phase

- **Integrate the mainstream** without losing ambition of 2030 ASD : Avoid SDGs and SD strategies to be at the margin of the governmental policies
- **Involvement of all ministries** (not only those dealing with SD, Environment, or Int. Cooperation): actual administrative structure at the federal and regional level are fit for purpose but need full political support to ensure commitments (ambition of a transformative and universal agenda)
- Indicators and framework for an efficient **follow up and review** process
- **keep actual dynamic** on the long term – requires pressure on governments coming also from Parliament and stakeholders
- Secure **participation from all stakeholders** to guarantee a balanced approach on the multiple dimensions

Helpful initiatives from EU level ?

- Belgian **institutional framework** in place will remain efficient if it received political support
- -> EUSDS gave a boost and a structured initiatives at the Federal and regional levels. Integration of SDG's in EU level policies could **inspire** us but need for immediate action at MS and EU levels.
- **Guidelines on Follow-up and Review** framework could help our governments to establish a reporting mechanisms towards UN level
- Focus on some **priorities** could structure the debate at EU and national level – BUT without loosing the need for a transversal approach