

Results of the survey among Sustainable Development Coordinators [Key objectives and topics]

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- during April & May 2009, the ESDN Office undertook a **survey** based on telephone interviews **with SD coordinators from 21 Member States**

- on expectations regarding **governance mechanisms** of the future EU SDS

1. General aim and purpose of the future EU SDS
2. Key challenges (objectives, topics) of the future EU SDS
3. Specifications of key challenges
4. Inclusion of Lisbon Strategy priorities in the future EU SDS

→ Results will be presented

- 1) key objectives and topics (18 June, afternoon before working groups)
- 2) governance mechanisms and institutional structures (19 June, morning before working groups)

1. General aim and purpose of the future EU SDS

- future EU SDS should be a **general development strategy** with a **long-term view** (meta-strategy for all sectoral policy strategies)
- should include a **set of limited key challenges** (well defined and precisely formulated)
- should reflect upon the challenges posed by the global financial and economic crisis + comprise a clear definition of the **link between economic growth and SD**
- should define horizontal and vertical policy integration as well as outline **clear governance mechanisms and institutional structures**
- concrete measures for the **implementation** of the EU SDS should be formulated **in an Action Plan**
- EU SDS should clearly define the **role of the EU in pursuing international SD objectives**

2. Key challenges (objectives, topics) of the future EU SDS

- SD coordinators seem **generally content with the key challenges** included in the current EU SDS
- However, **macro-economic issues should be included** as additional key challenge (addressing the link between economic growth and SD in the EU SDS)

Some of the current key challenges should either be expanded, split or addressed differently

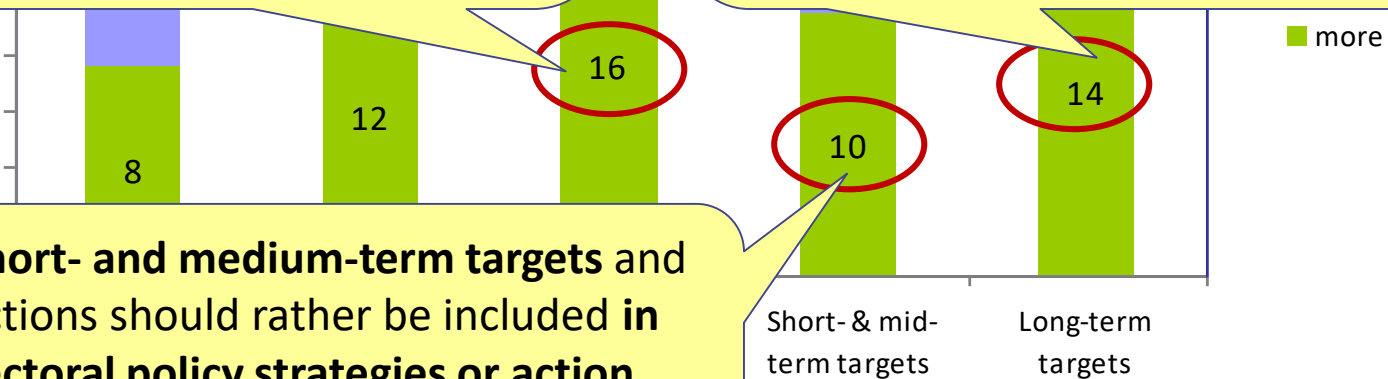
- the **cross-sectoral character of each key challenge** should be better specified
- a strong **link to the policy sectors is necessary** (where objectives and targets of key challenges are decided in sectoral policy circles)
- future EU SDS should include **links to the Lisbon Strategy objectives** for each key challenge
- **revise** the current key challenges with regards to the challenges posed by the **financial and economic crisis**
- detailed objectives and targets of the key challenges should be defined in a **separate Action Plan** (for MS and sub-national levels)

3. Specifications of key challenges

- for several of the current key challenges, **more quantified targets and actions** would be useful (good example: targets and actions in climate change)
- should be realistic and based on scientific evidence

- EU SDS should **include more long-term targets and actions** in the key challenges
- the future EU SDS as a strategic development strategy with a long-term perspective

- **Short- and medium-term targets and actions** should rather be included in **sectoral policy strategies or action plans**



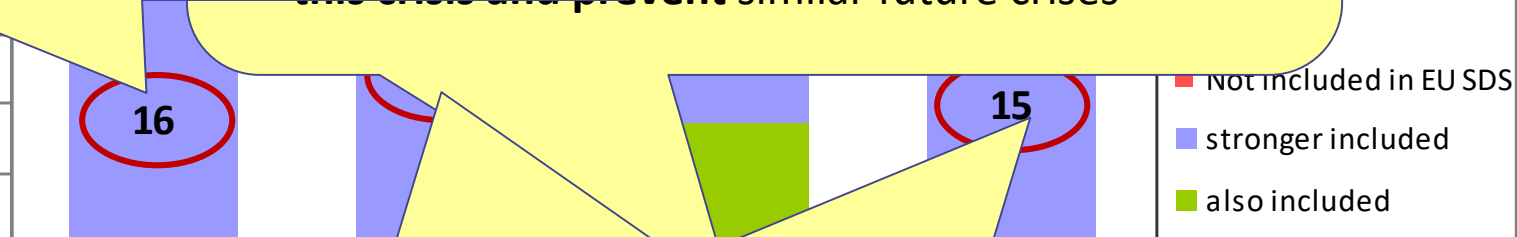
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4. Inclusion of Lisbon Strategy priorities in the future EU SDS

Priority necessary for the future EU SDS

- EU SDS should deal with issues like eco-efficient or green technologies, clean energy, etc.
- **link R&D and innovative systems**

growth in relation to SD
challenges for SD posed by the
economic crisis,
could contribute to overcome
similar future crises



- deal with **specific issues important** **context of SD**, e.g. linking sustainable and job creation, inter-generational equal opportunities, work-life-balance, working models, active aging and re- etc.

- is crucial for transport, construction of buildings, energy efficiency and climate change
- should also be **addressed in relation to quality of life**
- continue and ultimately **increase its efforts on the challenge of climate change**

Agenda

14:30 – 16:15 Session 2: Options and opportunities for the future EU SDS – Key objectives and topics

14:30 “Results and lessons learned from the Spring Alliance process”
John Hontelez, European Environmental Bureau (EEB)

14:50 **Key objectives and topics – Results of the survey among SD coordinators from the EU Member States**
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 **15:00** **Parallel working groups**
Options and opportunities for the future EU SDS – key objectives and topics

16:15-16:45 *Coffee break*

Working Groups in Session 2

8 parallel working groups on the same topic.

- WG 1 Sissy Freytag
- WG 2 Inge Lardinois
- WG 3 Daniel Wachter
- WG 4 Holger Dreiseitl
- WG 5 André Martinuzzi
- WG 6 Michal Sedlacko
- WG 7 Wilhelm Zwirner
- WG 8 Gerald Berger

→ WGs 1-4 will be in the main conference room, WGs 5-8 in separate rooms.