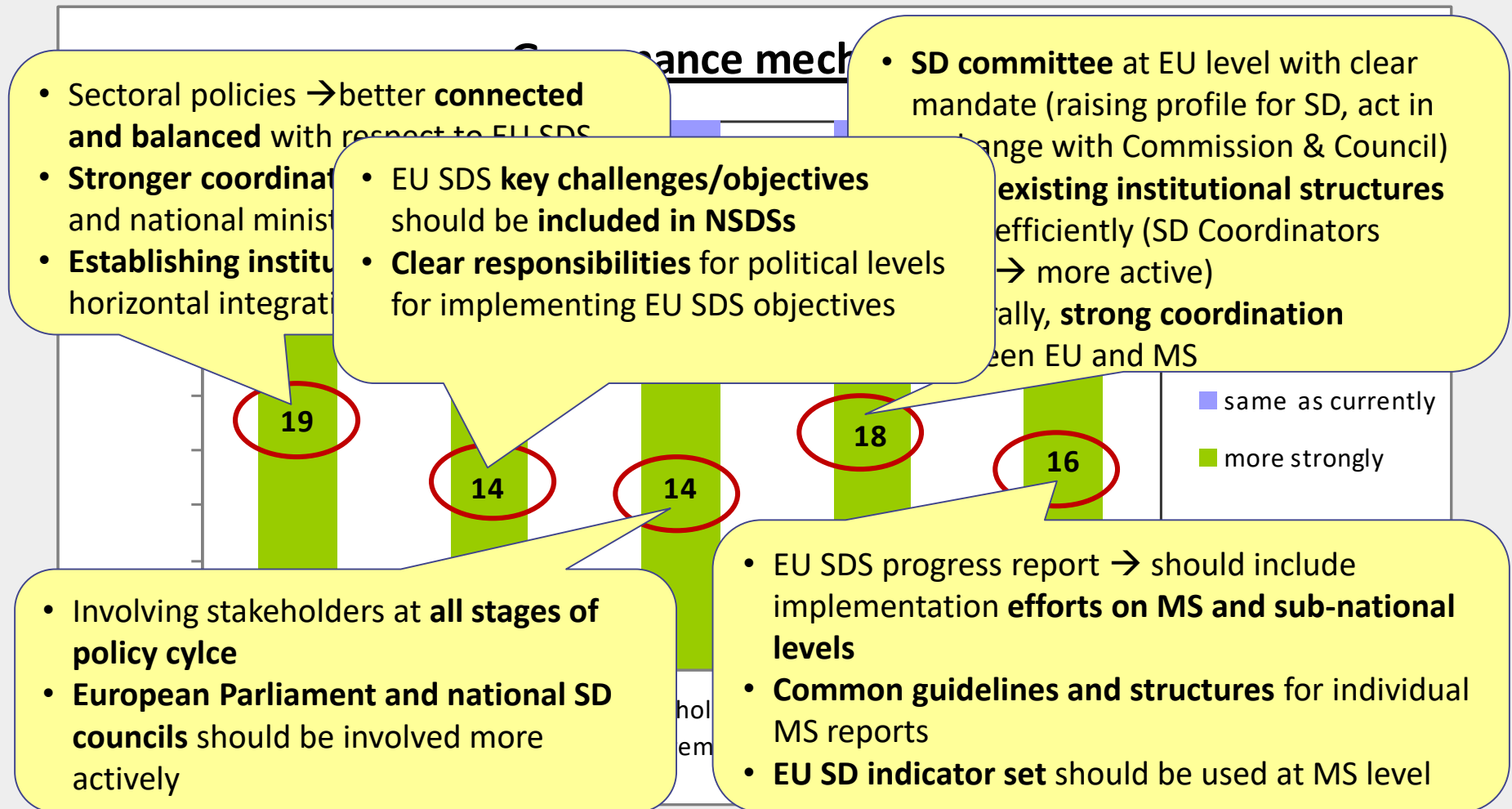


Results of the survey among Sustainable Development Coordinators [Governance mechanisms & structures]

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5. Governance mechanisms & institutional structures





6. Lessons from implementing NSDSs

- **Inter-ministerial committees and national SD councils** are important to foster horizontal policy integration → each ministry should be aware of the strategy and contribute to its effective implementation
- Inclusion of **capacities of societal stakeholders** in strategy development and implementation are considered as very important
- Cooperation among the **different political levels** for implementing strategy objectives (measures, actions)
- **SD Action Plans** in several Member States – define concrete measures and actions for strategy objectives across ministries and sub-national authorities
- **Concrete mid-term targets** of NSDSs helped to better communicate strategy and to increase the understanding of SD in society.



7. Future EU SDS as added-value for NSDSs in Member States

- Future EU SDS should be **strategic and guiding document** for MS and their efforts to move towards more SD → **objectives of future EU SDS and NSDSs should be harmonized**
- Translate objectives of future EU SDS into **concrete actions and targets** for implementation in the Member States → fostering implementation through benchmarking / exchange of good practices and best ideas
- Future EU SDS should outline **clear responsibilities for the different political levels** → should be developed through an intensive dialogue between EU and MS
- More **detailed outline of horizontal policy integration** → guidance of how to establish coherence between policy sectors important for implementation phase
- Better link and **more coordination between future EU SDS and post-2010 Lisbon Strategy** → would help the MS to coordinate the two strategies on national level



8. Improving coherence of EU SDS and the NSDSs

- **Strong political commitment** for SD on all political levels necessary to foster implementation of objectives of future EU SDS and NSDSs
- Better **coordination and coherence of key challenges and objectives** of future EU SDS and NSDSs
- **Strong monitoring mechanisms** on implementing the future EU SDS would foster coordination between EU SDS and NSDS processes → EU SD indicator set should be further developed and used in EU and MS

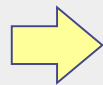
Agenda

09:00 – 13:00 *Session 3: Options and opportunities for the future EU SDS – Governance mechanisms & institutional structures*

09:00 “Integrating sustainability assessment into sustainable development policy-making”

Annika Lindblom, Finnish National Commission on Sustainable Development

09:20 Governance mechanisms & institutional structures - Results of the survey among SD coordinators from the EU Member States
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09:30 Parallel working groups

- 1) Options and opportunities for the future EU SDS – Governance mechanisms & institutional structures
- 2) Impact assessment for sustainable development

11:00-11:30 *Coffee break*

Working groups in Session 3

5 working groups on “governance mechanisms” &
3 working groups on “impact assessment for SD”.

WG 1	Sissy Freytag	}	<u>Governance mechanisms</u>
WG 2	Inge Lardinois		
WG 3	Willi Zwirner		
WG 4	Jörg Mayer-Ries		
WG 5	Gerald Berger		
WG 6	Daniel Wachter	}	<u>Impact assessment</u>
WG 7	André Martinuzzi		
WG 8	Michal Sedlacko		

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