Results of the survey among Sustainable Development Coordinators

[Governance mechanisms & structures]

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5. Governance mechanisms & institutional structures

- Sectoral policies → better connected and balanced with respect to EU SDS
- Stronger coordination between EU and MS
- Establishing institutions that foster horizontal integration

- SD committee at EU level with clear mandate (raising profile for SD, act in exchange with Commission & Council)
- Using existing institutional structures more efficiently (SD Coordinators → more active)
- Generally, strong coordination between EU and MS

- EU SDS key challenges/objectives should be included in NSDSs
- Clear responsibilities for political levels for implementing EU SDS objectives

- Involving stakeholders at all stages of policy cycle
- European Parliament and national SD councils should be involved more actively

- EU SDS progress report → should include implementation efforts on MS and sub-national levels
- Common guidelines and structures for individual MS reports
- EU SD indicator set should be used at MS level
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 import 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
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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
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**Working groups in Session 3**

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

WG 1  Sissy Freytag
WG 2  Inge Lardinois
WG 3  Willi Zwirner
WG 4  Jörg Mayer-Ries
WG 5  Gerald Berger

WG 6  Daniel Wachter
WG 7  André Martinuzzi
WG 8  Michal Sedlacko

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