“LET’S TRY SOMETHING NEW, SHALL WE?”

- The Finnish National Commission on Sustainable Development, 2014

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Finland has a long tradition of sustainable development policies
Sustainable Development Goals

1. No Poverty
2. Zero Hunger
3. Good Health and Well-Being
4. Quality Education
5. Gender Equality
6. Clean Water and Sanitation
7. Affordable and Clean Energy
8. Decent Work and Economic Growth
9. Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
10. Reduced Inequalities
11. Sustainable Cities and Communities
12. Responsible Consumption and Production
13. Climate Action
14. Life Below Water
15. Life on Land
16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
17. Partnerships for the Goals
Preliminary thoughts how to implement Agenda2030:

• Discussion on the National Action Plan to implement the Agenda2030 only started in autumn
• Supported by the recently adopted decision by the Government
• Proposal: Action Plan to be adopted by the Parliament 12/2016

Many elements and mechanisms in place, but we need for a new approach

Key elements:
• Gap analysis: ”Is Finland ready for Agenda 2030”.
• Administration’s check – where we are on/off track, existing processes
• Development Cooperation Policy Programme, to be adopted by 2015
• Administration’s (all sectors) policy programmes
• Engagement of civil society and all stakeholders
• Communication plan
• National SD indicator set (Findicator.fi – service)
• Society’s Commitment to Sustainable development
Society’s Commitment to Sustainable Development

National Commission on Sustainable Development

Chair: Prime Minister
Vice-chair: Minister of the Environment

Challenges, Prepares, Evaluates

Scientific panel (6 professors)
Society’s Commitment to Sustainable Development

Equal prospects for well-being
Good health, education and employment for all members of the society.

Participatory society for citizens
All citizens can fully take part in developing our society. More transparent administration.

Sustainable work
A high employment rate, improved productivity, profitability and quality of work. Promotion of green economy.

Sustainable local communities
Strengthened local communities by supporting an active civil society. Pleasant and healthy living environments.

Carbon-neutral society
A roadmap towards a carbon-neutral society by the year 2050. Improved energy efficiency, increased share of renewable energy. Intelligent infrastructures.

Resource-wise economy
Finland, a pioneer in socially responsible business operations. Sustainable and competitive solutions, both nationally and globally.

Lifestyles that respect the carrying capacity of nature
Lifestyles based on non-material consumption and services that sustain such lifestyles.

Decision-making that respects nature
Strengthened guidance that promotes biodiversity and the sustainable use of natural resources.
Society’s Commitment to Sustainable Development

A unique innovation born in Finland

Vision:
A prosperous Finland within the limits of the carrying capacity of nature.

Companies → The public sector → NGOs → Concrete actions → Clusters

NOW → 2020 → 2030 → 2040 → 2050
Society’s Commitment to Sustainable Development

We are off to a good start

So far ~ 160 commitments have been made

• Over 4/5 reported that their implementation has benefited their organization
• Sustainable development is now understood to mean concrete measures.
• Operators consider the commitment to be a clear and functional tool for promoting sustainable development
• Nearly all (94%) of them would recommend the commitment to other.

• Tool to engage business!!
LEAVE NO-ONE BEHIND
LEAVE SOMETHING BEHIND
LEAVE NO WASTE BEHIND
Social innovation born in Finland – applicable anywhere?

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