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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

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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 loosing ambition of 2030 ASD: Avoid SDGs and SD strategies to be at the margin of the governmental policies

- **Involvment 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