Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development
A Conceptual Framework to guide SDG implementation

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“The 2030 Agenda compels us to look beyond national boundaries and short-term interests and act in solidarity for the long-term. We can no longer afford to think and work in silos.”
WHY PCSD (SDG 17.14) IS SO CRITICAL FOR ACHIEVING THE SDGs

Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development (SDG17.14)

1. **Foster synergies** across economic, social and environmental policy areas

2. **Identify trade-offs** & reconcile domestic policy objectives with internationally agreed objectives

3. **Address the spillovers** of domestic policies

Institutional Mechanisms
- Political Commitment
- Coordination Mechanisms
- Monitoring systems, analysis and reporting

Policy Interactions
- Policy Objectives
- Policy Inputs and Outputs
- Policy Outcomes

Contextual Factors
- Enablers
- Disablers
- Systemic conditions
- Unforeseen events

Effects
- Effects on wellbeing ("Here and Now")
- Trans-boundary effects ("elsewhere")
- Inter-generational effects ("later")

COHERENCE

KEY ELEMENTS OF THE PCSD FRAMEWORK

Institutional settings and processes
Policy design and formulation
Policy implementation
A HIGHLY INTEGRATED AGENDA: TOOLS FOR IDENTIFYING PRIORITIES

**Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

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**Goal on Means of Implementation (MOI)**

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**ICSU Seven-point scale**

-3 Cancellation
-2 Counteracting
-1 Constraining
0 Consistent
+1 Enabling
+2 Reinforcing
+3 Indivisible

**Dimensions of SD**

- Economic
- Social
- Environmental

Source: adapted from the presentation by Amb. Csaba Körösi, PR of Hungary to UN: “From SDGs to Post-2015 Agenda” at the OECD in Paris on October 7th, 2014.
BUILDING BLOCKS FOR A COHERENT AND INTEGRATED IMPLEMENTATION

8 PCSD BUILDING BLOCKS

- Is there a clear statement at the highest political level backed by action plans?
- Have policy inter-linkages (synergies and trade-offs) been considered in sectoral strategies and policy proposals?
- Are there mechanisms in place to ensure sustained efforts beyond electoral cycles?
- Have the potential transboundary and intergenerational effects been identified?
- Are there mechanisms in place to mitigate potential negative effects?
- Is the coordination mechanism located strategically to promote coherence and resolve policy conflicts?
- Are implementation responsibilities clearly divided and actions aligned across levels of government?
- What mechanisms are in place to ensure that stakeholder input feeds into decision-making processes?
- Are there mechanisms in place to monitor policy impacts and report to the public?

INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES FROM SOME OECD COUNTRIES

Estonia

PCSD Building Blocks
- Black: Political commitment
- Green: Policy integration
- Orange: Long-term perspective
- Red: Policy effects
- Grey: Policy coordination
- Blue: Local involvement
- Brown: Stakeholder participation
- Grey: Monitoring and reporting

• Innovate and adapt
• Dialogue at all levels
• Learn by doing and from each other
• OECD stands ready to help…