



# SUSTAINABLE ICELAND

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# Overview

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# 1. Government Working Group

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## First steps

- Working Group established in 2017
- Status report published in 2018
- Priority targets
- First VNR in 2019
- SDG Mainstreaming



## Youth Council for the SDGs

- Twelve representatives
- 13-18 years old
- Meet with the Government once a year
- Recommendations to the Government



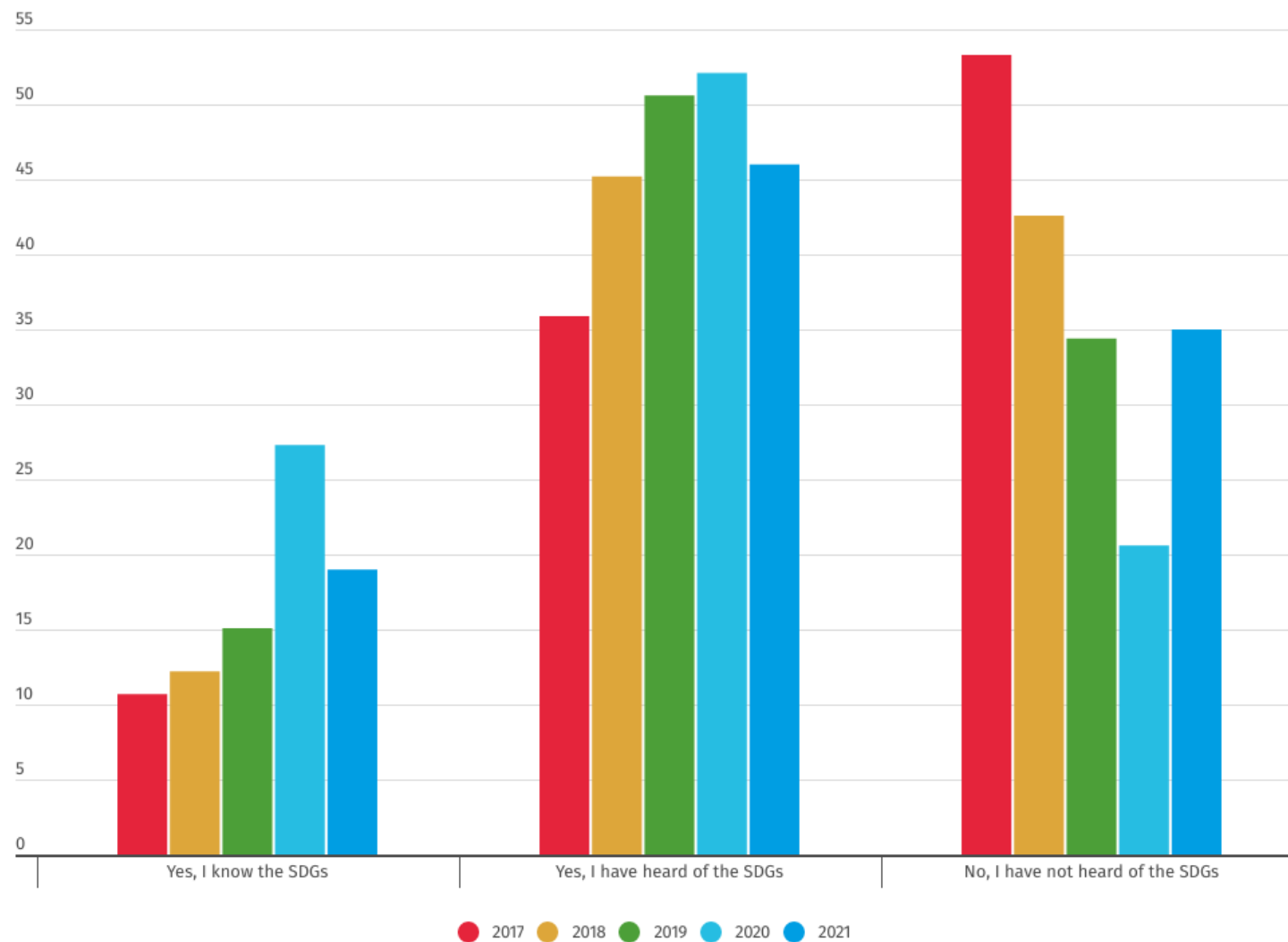
## Raising Awareness



- Campaigns
- Project Portal
- SDG Dashboard



## Raising Awareness





## Early Stakeholder Engagement

- Municipalities
- The Business Sector
- Civil Society
- Academia
- Youth
- Toolboxes





## What was missing?

1. Political engagement
2. Stakeholder involvement
3. Wellbeing Economy
4. National Indicators
5. National Strategy for Sustainable Development



## 2. Sustainable Iceland

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## Sustainable Iceland: Organisational Chart

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**The Prime Minister | Government of Iceland**

**Sustainability Council**

Parliament  
Municipalities  
Private Sector – Labour Unions  
Civil Society  
*Meets three times a year*

**Steering Group**

Representatives from all Ministries + Association of Local Authorities  
*Meets once a month*

**Team**

Employees from Prime Minister's Office, Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Statistics Iceland  
Full time and part time

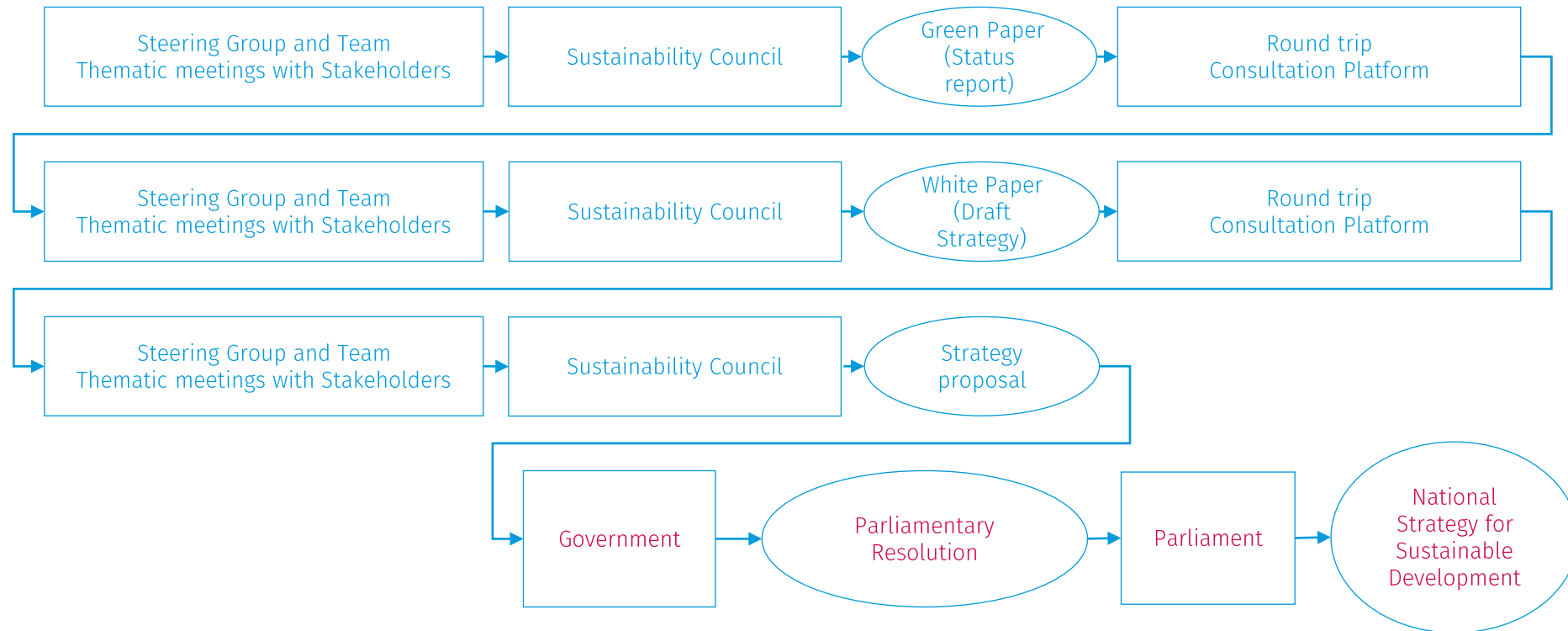


## The aim of Sustainable Iceland

1. Form a National Strategy for Sustainable Development
2. Develop, adapt, and review indicators for sustainable development, including SDG indicators and wellbeing indicators
3. Strengthen international cooperation on sustainable development
4. Strengthen stakeholder engagement and cooperation with the business sector, local governments, labour unions and civil society
5. Communicate results and progress on sustainable development to the public, the government and partners, nationally and internationally



# The Road to a National Strategy for Sustainable Development





## Key Topics

1. Economy and Circular Economy
2. Health and Well-being
3. Education, Culture and Science
4. Transport and Infrastructure
5. Food, Land and Water
6. Energy and Climate
7. International Cooperation

## Values

1. Equality and Human Rights
2. Just Transition
3. Inclusion – Leaving No One Behind
4. Long-term Approach
5. Resilience
6. Global Responsibility



### 3. Key Learnings

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## Key Learnings

- Constantly evaluate your work and think about how you could do things differently
- Build on existing mechanisms
- Learn from others
- Ensure political engagement
- Set ambitious goals





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