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SDGs as a framework for local policy

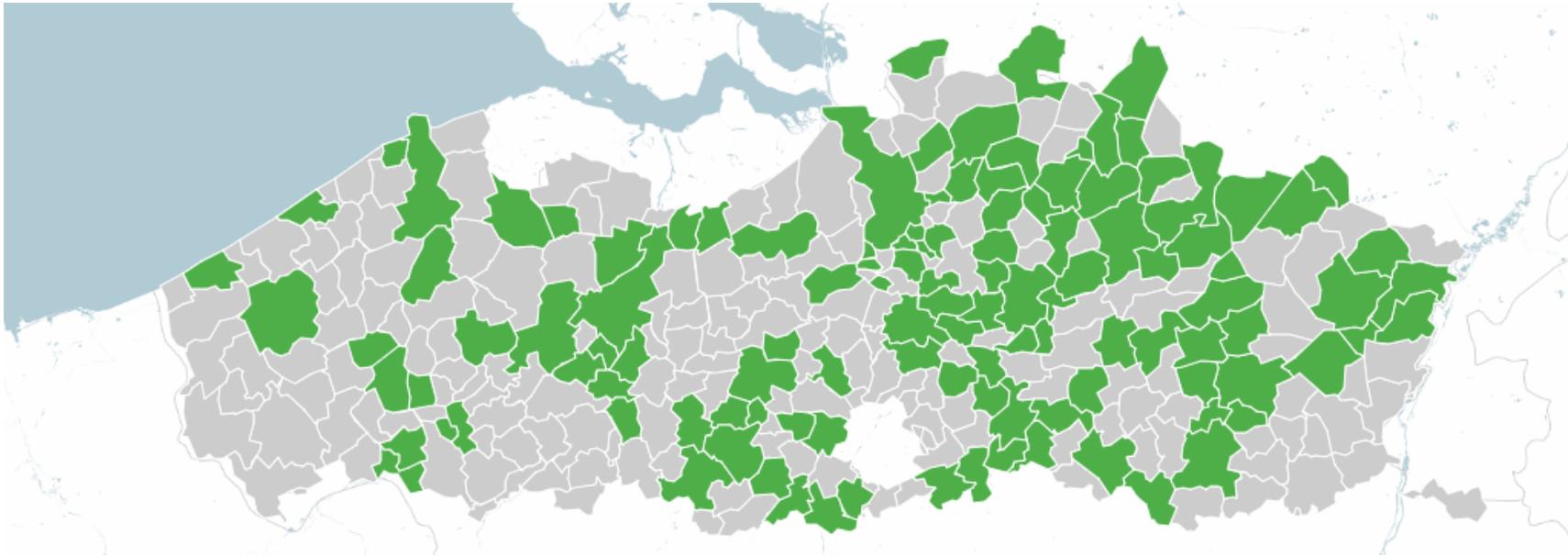Heleen Voeten – Association of Flemish Cities and Municipalities

Why using the SDGs as a framework for local policy

- Local governments are key to initiate local and bottom-up transition (65%)
- All SDGs touch upon competences of local governments
- Societal trend to take more account of sustainabilit
- Framework for integrated policies
- Reference point for long-term decisions
- Common language, internally and externally
- Gives local policy an international dimension

Flemish local governments localize the SDGs

➢ 118 signed <u>declaration of engagement</u> for the SDGs

➢ 170 participated in the <u>Sustainable Municipality Week</u>

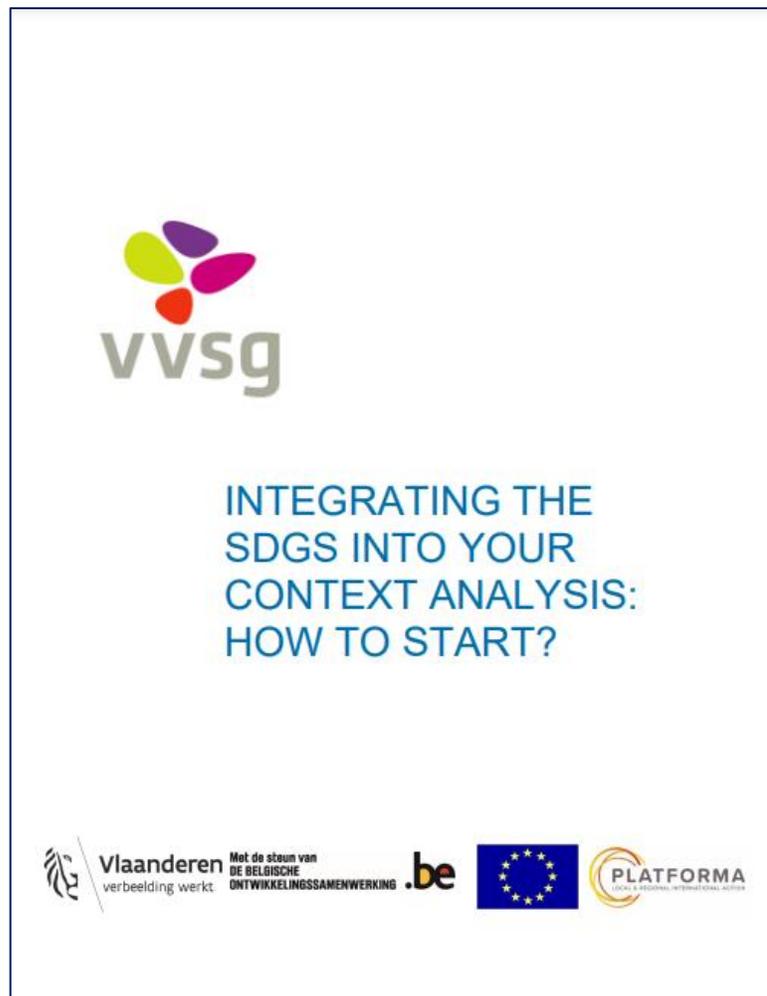➢ 60% integrated SDGs in multi-annual policy plan

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=> SDGs as a framework for the municipal context analysis

Clusteropdeling van Hoogstraten

Cluster	Duurzame steden	People	Prosperity	Planet	Peace & Partnerships
SDGs	SDG 11	SDG 1, 2, 3, 4 en 5; en zelfontplooiing	SDG 7, 8, 9 en 10	SDG 6, 12, 13, 14 en 15	SDG 16 en 17
Trekker	Algemeen directeur	Manager burger	Manager ruimte	Expert milieu	Manager interne organisatie
Mede-werkers	Planoloog Mobiliteitsdienst Wonen Museum Jeugddienst Dienst samenleving	Cultuur en vrije tijd Sociale dienst Sportdienst Welzijn Bibliotheek Dienst onderwijs Communicatie-dienst	Patrimonium-beheerder Dienst lokale economie Sociale dienst Openbare werken Toezichthoudende ambtenaar Toerisme Dienst internationale ontwikkeling	Openbare werken Milieudienst Technische dienst Duurzame ontwikkeling	HRM Juriste Communicatie-dienst Lokaal dienstencentrum Kwaliteitsverant-woordelijke zorg

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Key success factor for SDG-integration into local policies: capitalising on existing processes

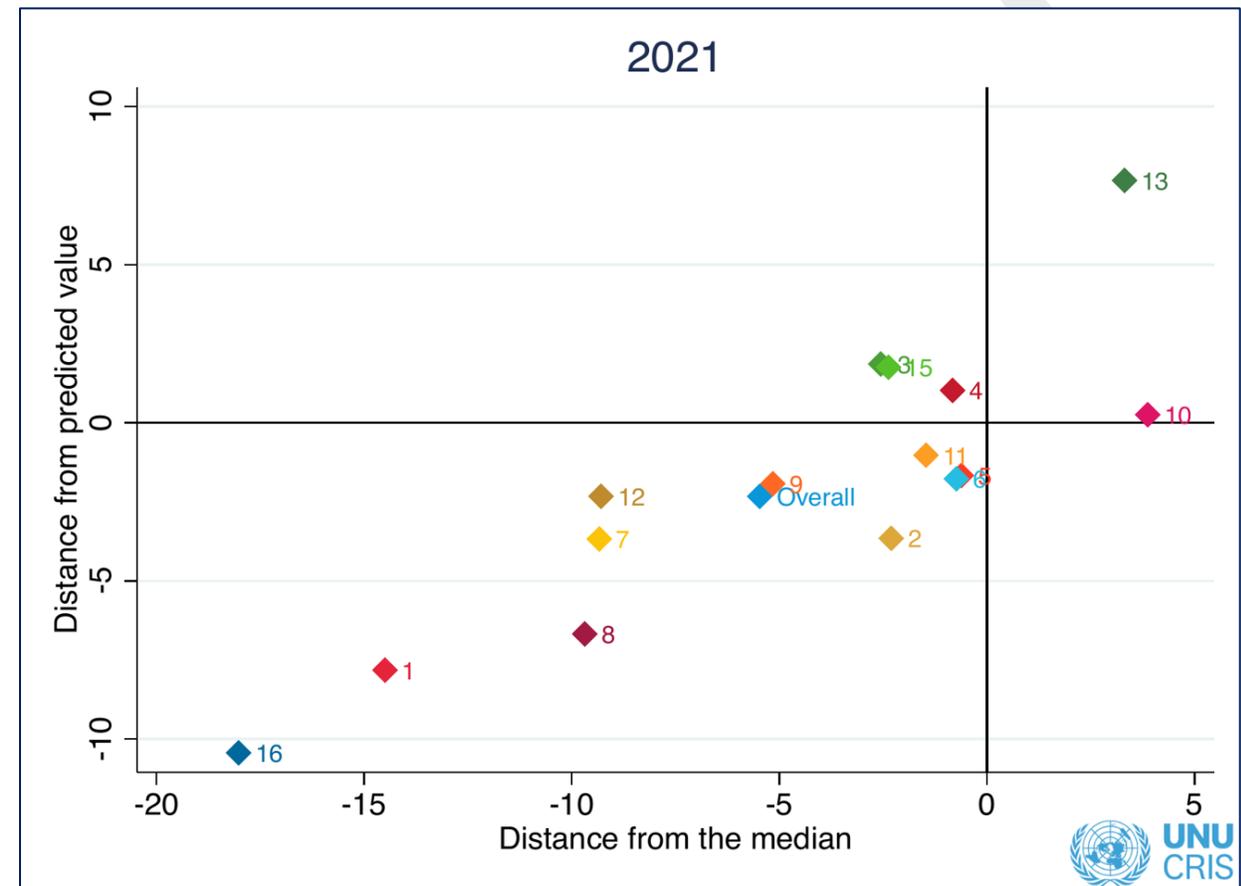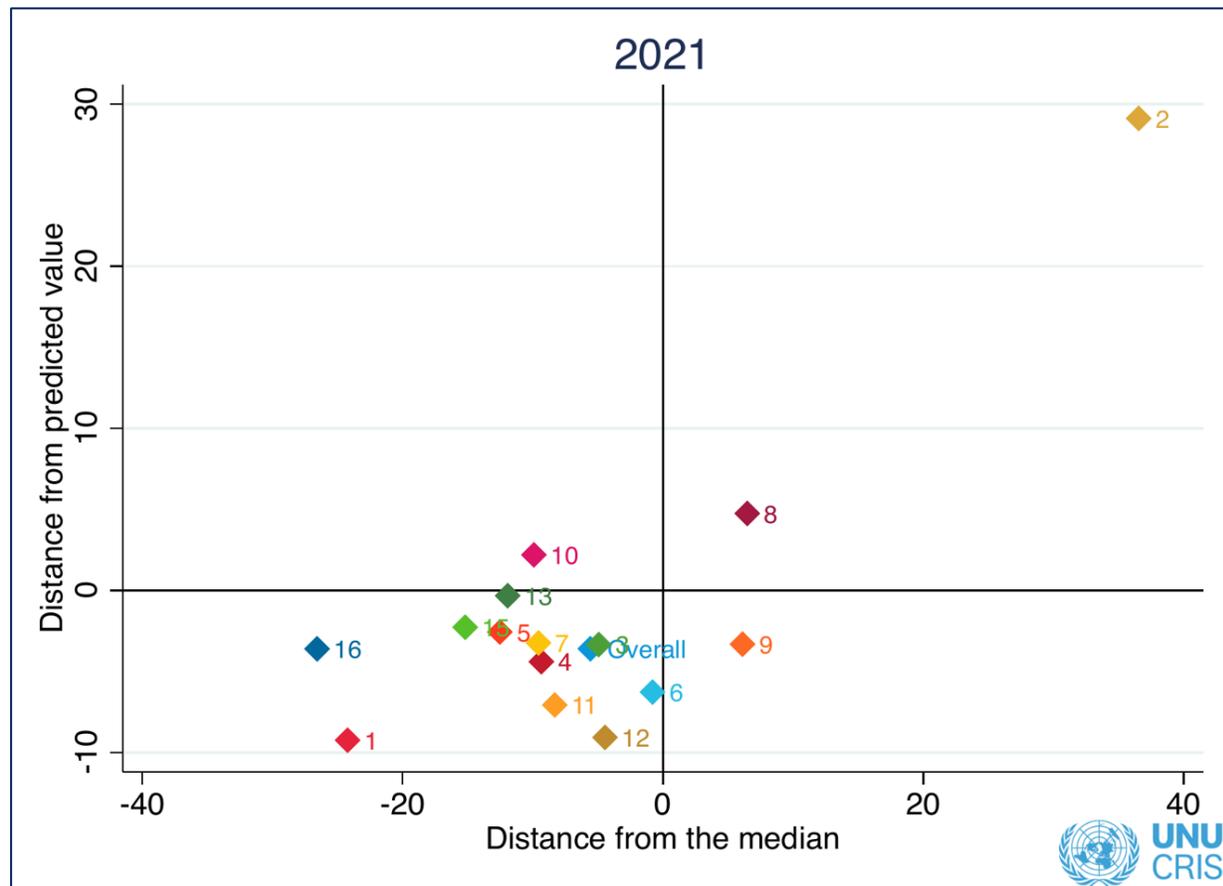=> SDGs as a framework for the municipal context analysis

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1. Using SDG data to feed your context analysis
2. SDGs as a framework for your context analysis
3. Integrate SDGs in other frameworks for your context analysis
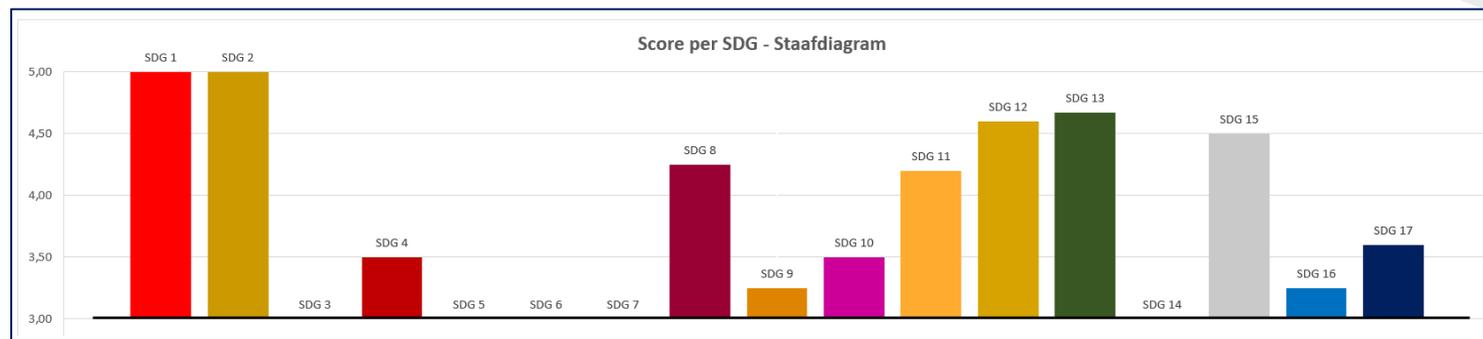4. What to do if your context analysis is already completed

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Using SDG data to feed your context analysis

⇒ **www.sdgmonitor.be** (> 200 indicators, compare score with other municipalities in Flanders + see evolution over time)

⇒ Flemish VSR 2023: detailed infographics per municipality:

$\Rightarrow$ Test policy proposals or municipal projects against the SDGs

SDG circle exercise

Score per SDG - Staafdiagram

SDG check

See also: https://www.vvsg.be/kennisitem/vvsg/sdg-documents-in-foreign-languages

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Key success factor for SDG-integration into local policies: capitalising on existing processes

=> Integrate SDGs in monitoring and reporting on local policies

- In quarterly and/or annual reporting
- Linking council proposals to the SDGs
- Displaying evolutions of SDG indicators via public websites (e.g. Harelbeke)
- Specific SDG report (e.g. VLRs city of Ghent)
- More qualitative reporting with a focus on good practices

Het Gentse duurzaamheidsrapport 2022
Focus op Prosperity
Voluntary Local Review

Het Gentse duurzaamheidsrapport 2021
Focus op People

Het Gentse duurzaamheidsrapport 2020

=> Integrate SDGs in monitoring and reporting on local policies

Recommendations to improve local SDG monitoring (VSR)

➢ Local authorities: monitor indicators that provide information on the effect of your policy
➢ Other levels of government: lack of certain indicators + lack of disaggregated data
➢ Other levels of government: use local data for SDG monitoring at regional and national level.

VIDEO: Good practice: city of Harelbeke

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More VVSG tools in English:
https://www.vvsg.be/kennisitem/vvsg/sdg-documents-in-foreign-languages and
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2P79Wamqlc&list=PLVS3uSKPMxK84MD3rKc0pFVQDaB75IWUr