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SDGs as a framework for local policy

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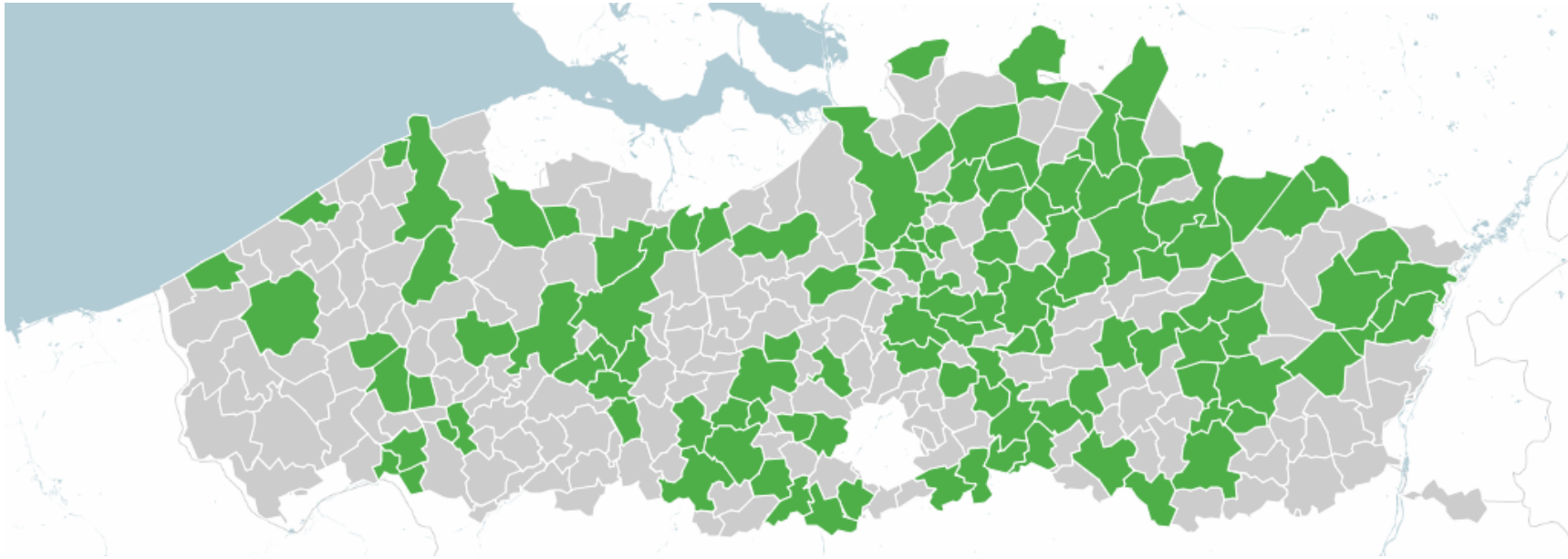
Why using the SDGs as a framework for local policy

- 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 sustainability
- 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 declaration of engagement for the SDGs
- 170 participated in the Sustainable Municipality Week
- 60% integrated SDGs in multi-annual policy plan



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

=> 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 Jeugdendienst 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 Kwaliteitsverantwoordelijke zorg |

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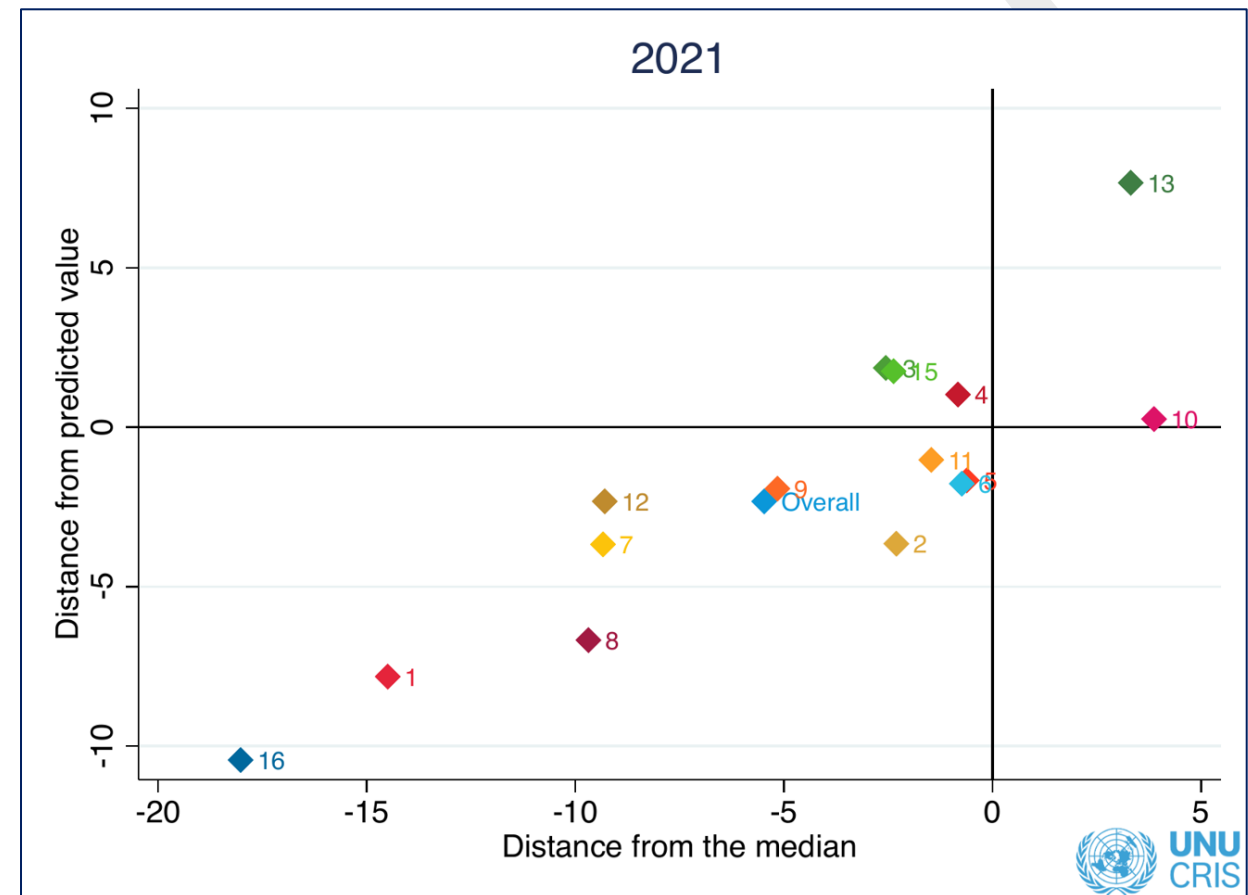
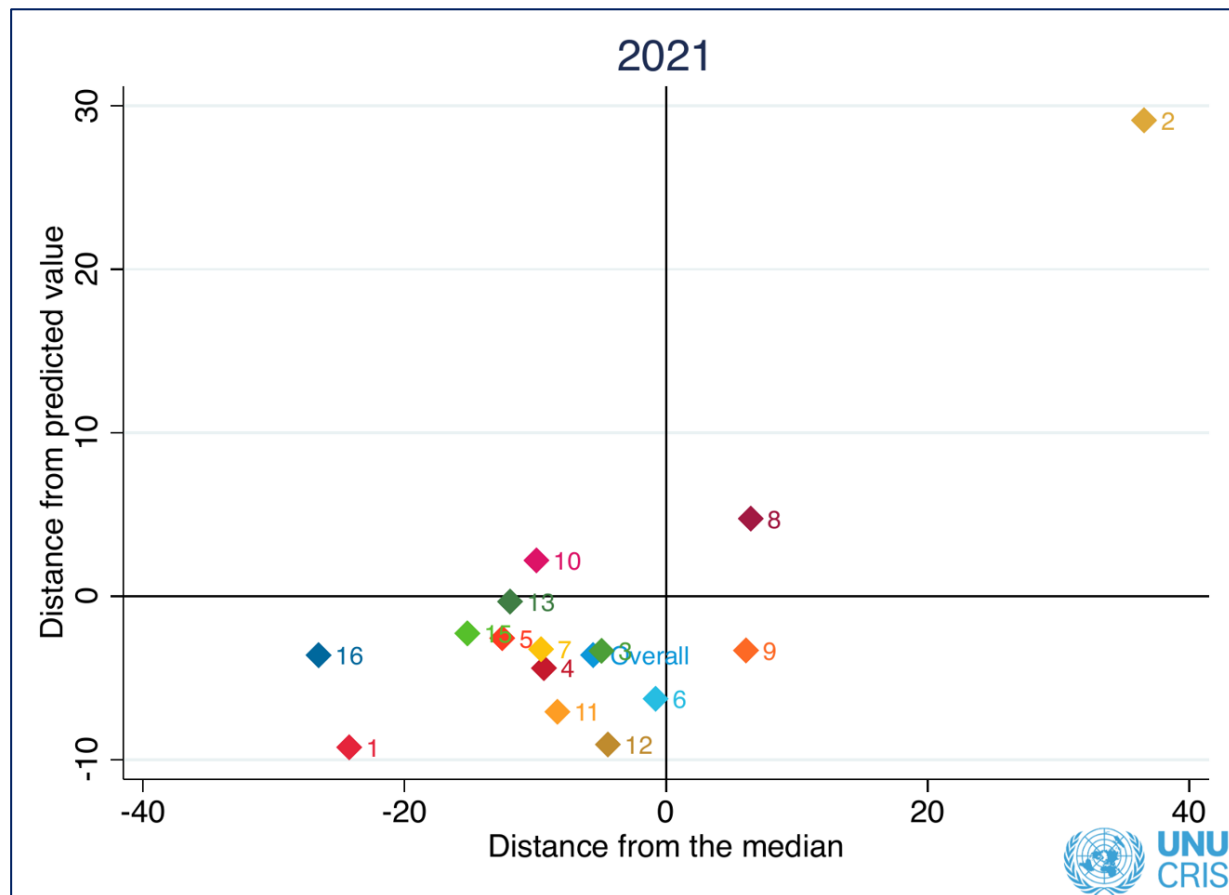


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4. What to do if your context analysis is already completed

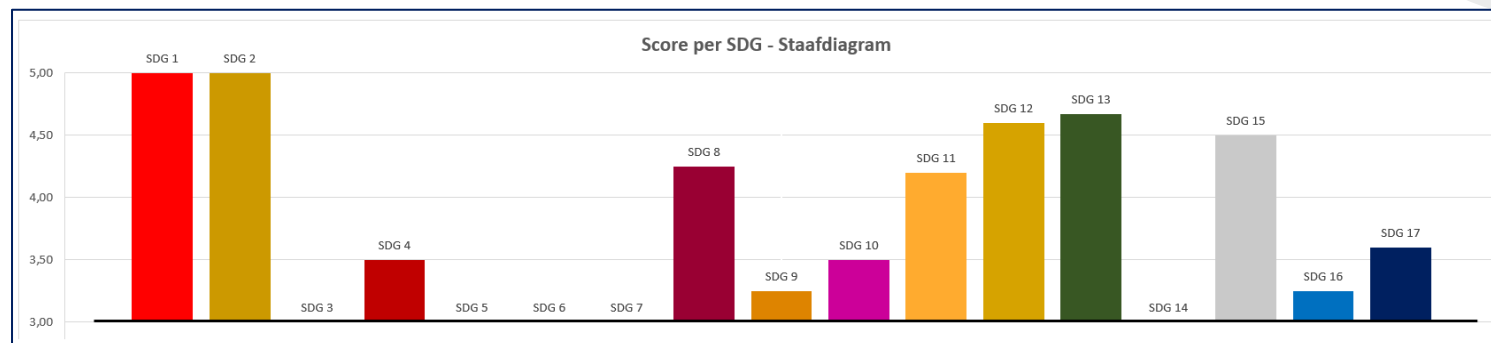
Using SDG data to feed your context analysis

- ⇒ www.sdgmonitor.be (> 200 indicators, compare score with other municipalities in Flanders + see evolution over time)
- ⇒ Flemish VSR 2023: detailed infographics per municipality:



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⇒ Test policy proposals or municipal projects against the SDGs



SDG check

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SDG circle exercise

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



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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>