National Council for Sustainable Development
Hungary

19th ESDN Workshop
Parliamentary Mechanisms in the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda

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The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
How to achieve the goals?
Overview of EU-27 progress towards the SDGs over the past 5 years, 2020
(Data mainly refer to 2013–2018 or 2014–2019)

1. No poverty
2. Zero hunger
3. Good health and well-being
4. Quality education
5. Gender equality
6. Clean water and sanitation
7. Affordable and clean energy
8. Decent work and economic growth
9. Industry, Innovation and infrastructure
10. Reduced inequalities
11. Sustainable cities and communities
12. Responsible consumption and production
13. Climate action
14. Life below water
15. Life on land
16. Peace, justice and strong institutions
17. Partnerships for the goals

Goals for which trends cannot be calculated (*):

(* Due to lack of data or span for more than 25% of the indicators)
Table 2 | SDG Dashboard for the European Union

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**Legend**
- SDG achieved
- Challenges remain
- Significant challenges remain
- Major challenges remain
- Data not available

**Countries**
- Austria
- Belgium
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Ireland
- Italy
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Malta
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovak Republic
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- United Kingdom

**European Union**
Hungarian National Framework Strategy on Sustainable Development (NFFS)

• The national core document of sustainable development, the National Framework Strategy on Sustainable Development 2012–2024 (NFFS) was adopted by the Parliament in 2013.

• The NFFS integrates the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

• NFFS defines 4 key national resources, 34 strategic goals and 77 associated tasks (targets). There are 12 groups of activities.
The 12 groups of activities

1. Stable Population
2. Quality Education
3. Active, Healthy Society
4. Knowledge-based Society
5. Equal Opportunities
6. Social Cohesion
7. Good Governance
8. Inclusive Society
9. Protection of Natural Capital
10. Circular Economy
11. Sustainable Workplace
12. Responsible Economic Policy
THE INSTITUTIONS OF SUSTAINABILITY IN HUNGARY

- Hungary’s **Fundamental Law** addresses the protection of the interests of future generations and the principles, rights and obligations concerning sustainable development.

- The **Constitutional Court** is mandated to protect the Fundamental Law of Hungary and authorized to (fully or partially) annul laws not in compliance with the Fundamental Law.

- As part of the single ombudsman system, the **Ombudsman for Future Generations** is the deputy of the Commissioner for Fundamental Rights responsible for safeguarding the interests of future generations.
PARLAMENTARY INSTITUTIONS OF SUSTAINABILITY

• COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (FFB)

• NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (NFFT)

Source: www.kekelit.com
National Council for Sustainable Development (NFFT)
COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (FFB)

• The Committee on Sustainable Development makes proposals, provides feedback, makes decisions in specific matters and is involved in the oversight of government work.

• The FFB plays a key role in lawmaking. Its responsibilities related to oversight functions include hearings of the competent ministers, reception of delegations and international conferences organised by the committee.
Quality of institutions and level of performance

Quality of SD institutions (EU-28)

SDG performance index (EU-28)

ranking based on Niestroy et al., 2019

source: SDSN-IEEP, 2019
## Indicators: HU-SDS - 2017/2018 Report

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Leave no government behind!

Create a balance between

(1) governmental and non-governmental action;

(2) bottom-up and top-down approaches needed!

Although the non-governmental institutions are well-established and functional, the lacks in governmental actions (focused on several topics only) are causing an unbalanced system of institutions in Hungary.

Much more balanced institutional system in Finland is resulting better performance in SD.

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EC Priorities should be real driving forces!
Thank you for your attention!