



Government
of Montenegro

COUNCIL & OFFICE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

ARCHITECTURE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF
NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

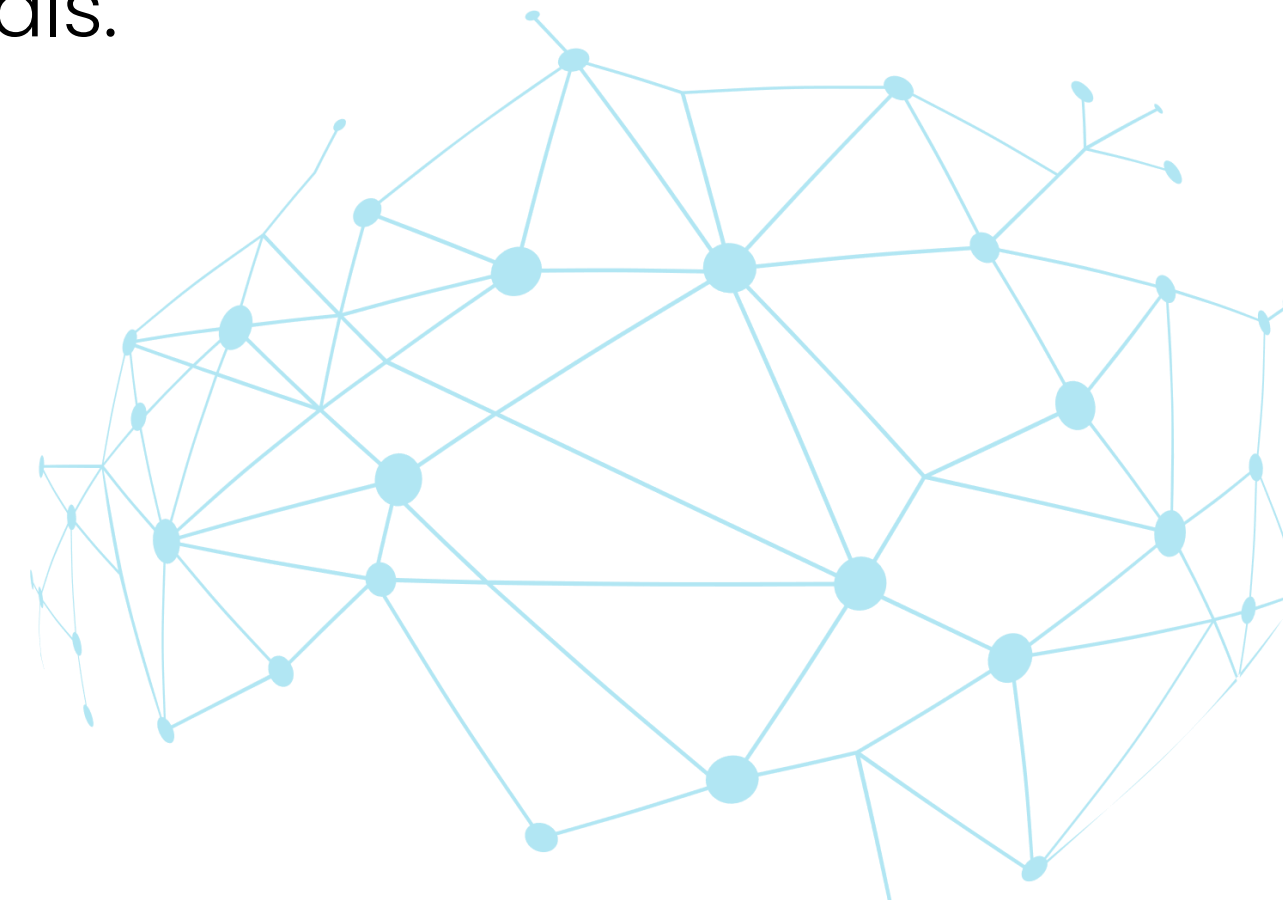


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MANDATE

Coordination and direction of policies in accordance with the Sustainable Development Goals.



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INSTITUTIONAL POSITION

Support to the Council for Sustainable Development



Ensures the horizontal positioning of the National Council for Sustainable Development in relation to the sectors in charge of implementing sectoral policies.

Harmonization of policies



Harmonization of public policies and development projects with the principles of sustainable development.

Coordination of the SDGs implementation



Through coordination and guidance, implementation monitoring, reporting and evaluation of the SDGs implementation, the National Strategy for Sustainable Development and the accompanying Action Plan.

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HISTORY

2021

The Office for Sustainable Development returned to the General Secretariat of the Government.



2011

The office was integrated into the then Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism as the Department for Support to the Work of the National Council.



2005

The Office for Sustainable Development was established in 2005, within the General Secretariat of the Government of Montenegro.



National Council

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Founded in 2002

as an advisory body of the Government of Montenegro for implementation of the sustainable development policy.

2006–2021. underwent several reforms

which, inter alia, included possibilities of establishing the expert working groups.

President and 39 members

All ministers in the Government, the Parliament secretary, professional institutions, financial institutions, business associations, universities, the Academy of Sciences, trade unions, NGOs, independent experts, youth and the media.

Presided by the President or the Prime Minister

The President of the National Council is the President of the Government or the State, and the Secretary of the National Council is the head of the Office for Sustainable Development.

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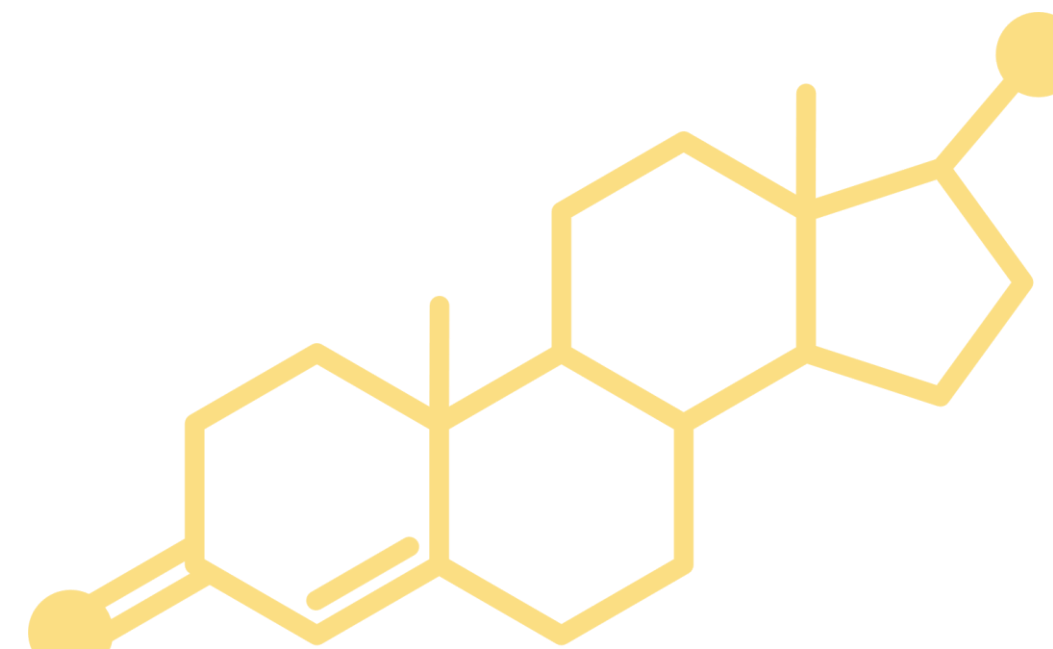


THE STRUCTURE

6 working groups

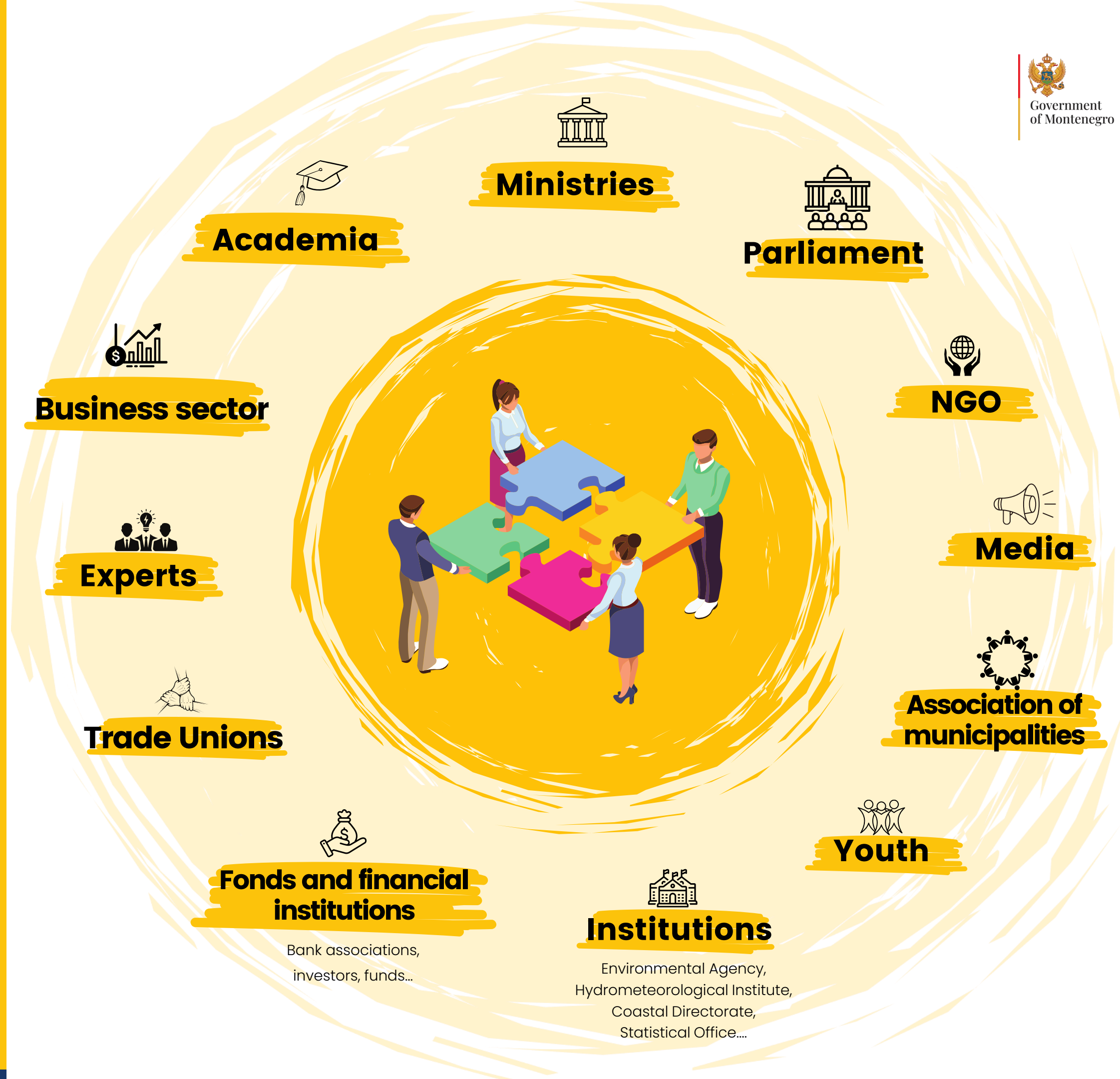
- monitoring the implementation of sustainable development policy;
- mitigation and adaptation to climate change;
- integral management of the coastal area of Montenegro;
- sustainable development at the local level;
- financing for sustainable development:
- just transition.

With the proposal of a new working group for human and social capital.



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Bank associations,
investors, funds...

Environmental Agency,
Hydrometeorological Institute,
Coastal Directorate,
Statistical Office...

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The role of the Office for Sustainable Development

SEKRETARIAT

OF THE COUNCIL



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The role of the Office for Sustainable Development



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IMPORTANCE & POWER

Broad consultative process



The largest forum for the mobilization of all interested actors, exchange of opinions and participatory decision-making on development issues through consensus.

Undisputed legitimacy of decisions



The Council's decisions cannot be challenged because they have been verified by all interested parties. In addition, the decisions were verified through the reports of the Council verified by adopting the conclusions at the Government sessions.

Harmonization of sustainable development policies



Harmonizes sectoral, strategic, planning and program documents and regulations with the Sustainable Development Goals and promotes dialogue and partnership building for development.

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EXAMPLES

Focus on major development topics



**Hydropower Plant
Komarnica**



**TE Pljevlja i
Coal Mine**



**Mine in
Mojkovac**

Major development topics can be the focus of discussion at the sessions of the National Council from the perspectives of economic activity, environmental protection and social dimensions.

Participation in the consideration of such important issues by all members of the Council ensures that decisions are made based on the views of all social structures.

Reporting on country's behalf



National reporting to UN



Two National Voluntary Reports on the implementation of the Sustainable Development policy - in 2016 and 2021. The Office for Sustainable Development coordinates the preparation of the Report. According to the SDG Index, Montenegro advanced by 15 positions, from 86th to 67th place.

Monitoring the National SD Strategy



These reports provide an overview of the implementation of the National Sustainable Development Strategy until 2030 (NSDS), and thus the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals in Montenegro. Reporting on the implementation of NSDs 2030 has been done continuously since 2016.

Reaching a consensus on the 2030 Agenda



Montenegro, as one of the 32 UN members, prepared in 2023 a Statement on the country's commitment to meeting the SDGs. The statement resulted from broad national consultations and an expression of social consensus and the country's commitment to the 2030 Agenda.

Data collection importance and methods



Relevant data are key to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals because they provide a basis for informed decision-making, monitoring progress, and identifying priorities.

EU dimension



When the EU Commission assesses country's progress, it takes into account various aspects, including reforms, legal harmonization, economic development, social cohesion, fight against corruption, climate change and environmental protection.

MAPS Conclusions

Analysis of interlinkages between the EU accession process and Agenda 2030

Complementarity of two major development processes in the country



EU Accession



Agenda 2030

- **strong synergy** between the EU accession process and the realization of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals

- **two thirds** of SDG targets [109 out of 169 i.e. 65%] have a strong connection with EU Acquis chapters

- **Key chapters:**



- **greatest compliance in:**



Complementarity of two major development processes in the country



EU Accession



Agenda 2030



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EU Accession



Agenda 2030

SDGs integrated into EU policies

- EU played an active role in shaping the Agenda 2030.
- Agenda 2030 fully aligned with the values and goals of EU policies.
- In 2019, a document was adopted for consideration - "Towards a Sustainable Europe by 2030" - as part of the reflection process on the future of Europe.
- The EU puts the SDGs at the core of EU policy, legislation and funding - "Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals - A comprehensive approach".
- "Green Deal" - nationally confirmed through the signing of the Sofia Declaration for the Western Balkans, through the green agenda for the WB.

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Climate change & sustainable energy

The EU is a leader in addressing climate change and promoting sustainable energy. Through its European Green Plan, the EU aims to become the first climate-neutral continent by 2050.



Sustainable development & reduction of inequality

Through its cohesion and development aid policies, the EU works to reduce regional disparities and promote equal opportunities for all its citizens.



Environmental protection & resource preservation

Through its legislation and policies, the EU seeks to protect natural resources and promote the sustainable use of land, water and seas.



Promoting peace & justice

Through its external policies and aid programs, the EU supports peace building, democratization and the rule of law in various parts of the world.



Global partnership & cooperation

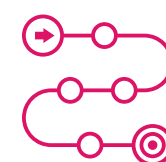
The EU works with international partners, including other countries, international organizations and civil society, to promote sustainable development globally.

Tools / Policies

of sustainable development



Mode of action: NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL



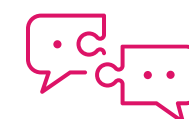
Professional guidelines for the development and implementation of public policies and development projects based on the principles of sustainable development.



Improving the system of financing for sustainable development.



Encouraging scientific research, education, technology exchanges and exchanges of knowledge and skills relevant to sustainable development, as well as capacity building for sustainable development at the national level.

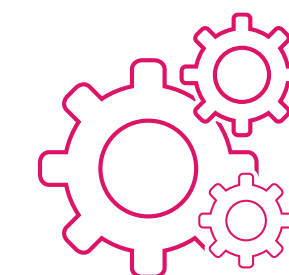


Promoting dialogue and partnership building for sustainable development.



The state actively directs donor funds.

8 medium-term priority areas for investment of foreign donations.



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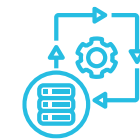
CURRENT INITIATIVES

System of coordination of strategic partners



Improvement of cooperation between interested parties, which will result in more efficient implementation and monitoring of reforms, increased possibilities of financing development projects. This mechanism will be located in the Office for Sustainable Development in Gov't General Secretariate.

Launching and maintenance of the Information System for Monitoring and Reporting – ISMR



The goal is to make work more efficient and planning processes more predictable. It provides a comprehensive overview of strategic documents, operational goals, current activities within the goals, performance indicators (KPI), responsible persons, connection with the budgeting module.

Improvement of the information platform for monitoring the implementation of the SDGs



According to the indicators of www.sdgmontenegro.me in cooperation with UNECE, the United Nations system in Montenegro and Statistical Office (MONSTAT).

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NEXT STEPS



- Focus on the organization of the 37th session of the National Council for Sustainable Development in accordance with the "Summit of the Future" theme, at UNHQ in September.
- Strengthening the capacity of the Office for Sustainable Development, in accordance with the recommendations of the National Council for SD and the State Audit Institution.
- Harmonization of legal acts which regulate the system of strategic planning and the creation of a special normative act [based on the comparative practices of EU members].
- Implementation of projects financed from the Montenegro SDG Acceleration Fund, as well as prioritization of ideas for potential financing from this Fund.
- Drafting of the Action Plan and responsibilities of all relevant actors for the implementation of the 'Declaration of commitment to the implementation of the SDGs'.
- Introduction of classification and budget targeting with SDGs - Financing for sustainable development in cooperation with UNDP and the Ministry of Finance.

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NEXT STEPS



- Development of the Communication Strategy for Sustainable Development, to support the implementation of the National Strategy for Sustainable Development.
- Signing of the Memorandum on Cooperation with the United Arab Emirates Government, which includes cooperation on the Program for the Exchange of Experiences.
- Involvement of interested parties in the implementation of SD the policies, primarily academic community, the economic sector, young people and citizens.
- Development and improvement of project proposals for potential financing from domestic and international funds and available financial resources.
- Publication of the Report on the work of the Office for Sustainable Development for 2022/23, which will be submitted and presented to the Parliament of Montenegro.

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OFFICE CAPACITIES



Optimal framework

for monitoring and guiding the implementation of the NSDR and reporting on sustainable development policy – Seven positions: 1 manager + 6 advisory positions



Currently

Organizational unit within GSV. Four positions: 1 managerial + 3 advisory positions.



2020

One more official engaged.



2017–2020

Within the Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism. One official.



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Thank you.

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