

Rio+20 Implementation

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Implementing Rio+20 outcomes

- Outcome document has a number of actions and commitments
- Number of areas for follow-up for EU both internally and internationally.
- Recently carried out public consultation and international outreach to contribute to planning of future work.

Consultation process

- Over 125 responses were received
- Responses from public authorities at all levels, business associations, NGOs, trade unions, consumer protection groups etc.
- Just over 50 responses sent by individuals
- All responses are analyzed and a report on the consultation **will be available at the same time as the Communication.**
- **Feedback of all respondents is much appreciated and provided many insights**

Main Rio+20 outcomes

- 1. The inclusive green economy**
- 2. Action in priority areas, such as sustainable agriculture, sustainable energy, oceans and fisheries, and sustainable consumption and production...**
- 3. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**
- 4. Financing for sustainable development**
- 5. Institutional Framework for sustainable development**

EU aims to work on all of these

Inclusive green economy

- Vehicle for arriving at sustainable development, but implemented in a number of different ways by countries.
- Opportunities for business and public/private initiatives - depends on initiatives of countries and business themselves.

Inclusive green economy and priority areas

- Range of areas for furthering green economy: agriculture, energy, climate, oceans, biodiversity, forests, land use, employment and decent work, health, research, indicators beyond GDP...
- EU has range of on-going or forthcoming actions in these areas.

Sustainable Development Goals and towards a post-2015 framework

- SDGs and MDG review will contribute to post-2015 development framework.
- SDGs should apply to all countries.
- SDGs to be discussed in the UN OWG.
- SDGs could be envisaged in areas such as: energy and resource efficiency, halting land-degradation, food security, healthy oceans and marine ecosystems, health and safety in cities...

Addressing a major global challenge

- Post 2015 framework needs to address ending of poverty and giving the world a sustainable future.
- Challenges are universal and inter-related: need to be addressed by all countries.
- SDGs and the MDG review processes should converge and be integrated in post 2015 framework.

Road Ahead

- Communication from Commission to be adopted end February: addressing green economy, SDGs, experience of MDGs, towards post 2015 framework.
- Environment Council Conclusions for June coordinated with other council formations.
- EU will continue active role on institutional reform (strengthening UNEP, High Level Forum of Sustainable Development).

Road Ahead

- Communication on financing and means of implementation autumn 2013.
- EU input to UN events in coming months, such as OWG on SDGs, UN special event on MDG review.
- Green economy: important to develop through EU cooperation with all countries.

**Thank you for your
attention**

