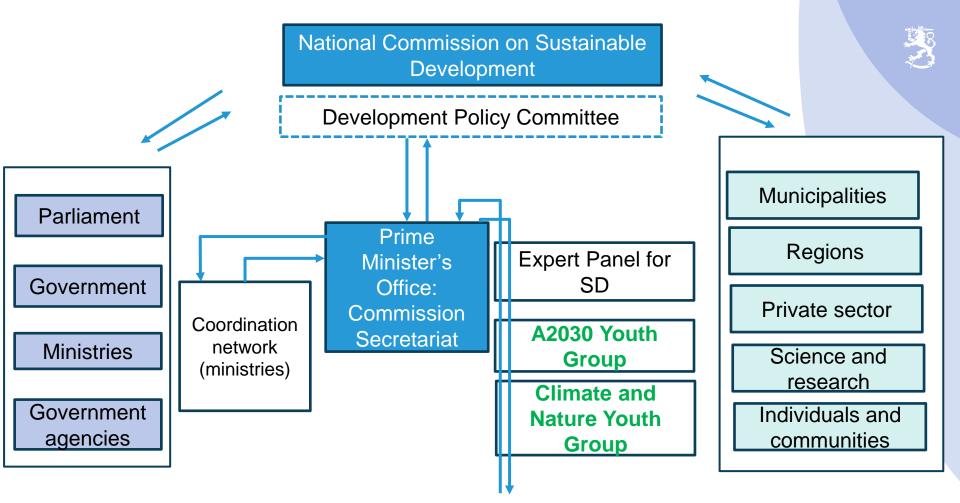


Finnish Agenda 2030 Youth Group

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Background and basics

- Founded in 2017 under the National Commission for Sustainable Development, which is chaired by the Prime Minister
- Composition: 16 people aged 15 to 30 years old, and two equal cochairs
 - Prime Minister's Office and Finnish National Youth Council Allianssi support the Group's activities
- Main goals of the Group:
 - to promote the sustainable development goals
 - to participate in the planning and implementation of measures for sustainable development.



Adapted from the assessment on the implementation of the Agenda 2030 in Finland, cf. policy brief in English (Haila, Salminen, Roiha, Uitto, Vikstedt, Vinnari, Vakkuri, Oreschnikoff, Uusikylä 2023)



Past and current activities

- The Group is actively involved in the drafting and implementation of policies and measures related to the Agenda 2030, such as:
 - Drafting the Strategy of the National Commission for Sustainable Development (2022)
 - Evaluation of the Strategy, workshops (2023)
 - Senior co-chair one of the vice chairs in the National Commission for SD (2024-2027)
- Group Strategy currently in the making
- Other activities include organising panel discussions, study trips, other events etc.

Network, network, network



Intergenerational Equity in Finland?

- The 2021 Youth Barometer on climate change and sustainable development raises the question of how the society can support young people as they face issues related to climate change and sustainable development (abstract in English can be found <u>here</u>). Some key factors:
 - Ensuring access to information
 - Maintaining hope
- <u>The Strategy of the National Commission on Sustainable Development 2022-2030</u> puts forward a message of hope: "We want to change the world and make it better in cooperation with children and adolescents, using existing solutions and developing new ones"
 - <u>'Digiraati' consultation (2022)</u>: Young people trust in negotiation and cooperation with other generations in society
- The National Youth Work and Youth Policy Programme 2024-2027 includes a goal to improve the opportunties of young people to participate and impact public discourse and decision-making
 - The Programme cites the Climate and Nature Youth Group and A2030 Youth Group as potential models for piloting the participation of young people in the work of the Government

Thank you!

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