

What role the 2030 Agenda could play at the European and National level?

Some points for discussion

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Framework for Internal policy coherence for sustainable development

- SDGs based on an understanding that issues such as poverty, environmental degradation, inequality, over-consumption, corruption and increasing conflicts are all **inter-linked**. None of these issues can be solved on their own: **connected solutions are required for connected problems**.
- SDGs cover the **three dimensions of SD**: economic, social and environmental policy plus governance. All to be considered when policies are being developed and implemented.
- **Key principles**: 2030 Agenda principles “leave no one behind” and “respect of planetary boundaries”

Framework for Internal policy coherence for sustainable development

- **Therefore it SDGs provide a framework for Internal policy coherence for sustainable development:** Fiscal consolidation, debt reduction measures, structural reform policies, economic governance cannot harm 'upward social convergence' and has to be aligned with Human Rights Obligations.
- **How?**
 - E. g. integrating 2030 Agenda (social) indicators in the European Semester and
 - E. g. ex ante assessment of economic reform policies on the basis of existing human rights standards

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Framework for holding government and the private sector to account

- SDGs are **universal**: not anymore about ‘the South’ but about **all countries**. As the EU and its member states signed up to the 2030 Agenda, they have committed to reaching its goals and targets over the next 15 year period.
- SDGs create a framework that can help civil society to **hold governments and the private sector to account** to a greater extent.
- SDGs Reinforce/complement tools to monitor progress towards upward social convergence:
 - Overlap of targets and Overlaps of indicators between **2030 Agenda and Europe 2020**: Eurostat will use Europe 2020 indicators, among others, to monitor the implementation of the Agenda within the EU.
 - @EU level an SDGs Progress Report is expected by the 15th of November 2017.

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Framework for holding government and the private sector to account

- @the National Level Governements have to adopt National SD strategies, identifying the main SD gaps in their countries and monitor progress
- National Voluntary Reports are presented at the UN HLPF. In 2017, HLPF focus is "*Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world*" including Goal 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere



- EU countries that will present report in 2017: Belgium - C. Republic - Denmark - Cyprus - Italy - Luxemburg - Netherlands- Portugal - Slovenia - Sweden
- Points to be included in the reports: Incorporation of the Sustainable Development Goals in national frameworks; Integration of the three dimensions + how other principles of the 2030 Agenda, for example, leaving no one behind, have been mainstreamed in the implementation of the SDGs.

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How can we use the 2030 Agenda @National Level?

- as a **leverage for ongoing demands** e. g. in Italy for adequate minimum income against poverty but need to ensure that correct indicators are used
- as a **convergence platform for CSOs** to articulate joint demands.
- Agenda 2030 offers civil society the possibility of **breaking out of the 'policy 'silos'** in which many of us operate and encourages unprecedented levels of cross-sectoral collaboration and co-operation: In many countries where EAPN members are active there are attempts to build SDGs platforms including CSOs coming from different sectors

THANK YOU !

