

Translating the SDGs into reality

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Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development











SUSTAINABLE GOALS DEVELOPMENT GOALS

17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD





































MAPS



- ✓ Mainstreaming
- ✓ Acceleration
- ✓ Policy Support



Promising momentum on SDGs

- High-Level Political Forum: in total 111
 Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) have been presented, 24 of which are EU Member States.
 - Belgium among the first EU Member States to present VNR with *Pathways to Sustainable Development* in July 2017.
 - Belgium engaged to transform into reality



Promising momentum on SDGs

- Many EU Member States have made institutional and consultative arrangements for implementing the SDGs and are currently establishing follow-up mechanisms
- SDG coordination committees
- Aligning SDGs and budgetary frameworks
- Measuring and monitoring SDG progress



What about Europe and universality?

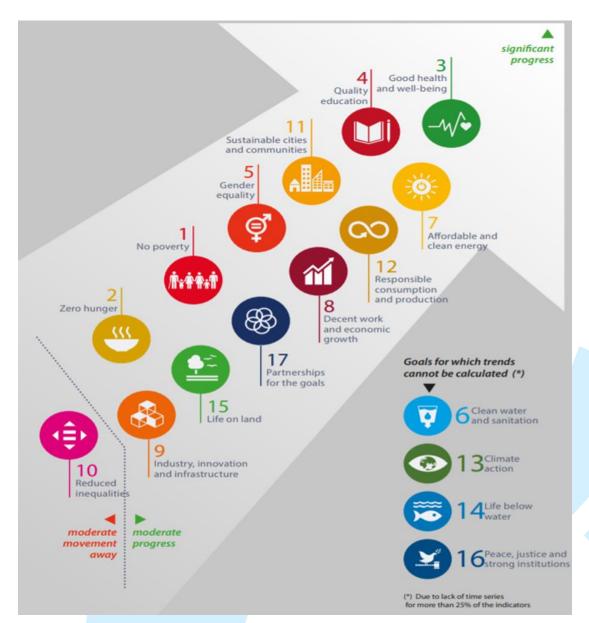
- Reaffirmation of commitment to SDGs
 - Joint Statements at UN General Assembly
 - SDG multi-stakeholder platform
 - Reflection Paper Towards a Sustainable Europe by 2030
 - Eurostat monitoring of EU SDG progress
 - EU plans to present its plan for internal and external SDG implementation at 2019 HLPF



What about Europe and universality?

- Challenges:
 - Inequality is on the rise in Europe
 - Gender inequality
 - Youth unemployment has gone down to 14.8% in August 2018, but still high in Southern Europe.
 - Greenhouse gas emissions: EU on the way to 20/20/20 goals
 - Pollution

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Translating the SDGs into reality



- ✓ At local level
- ✓ By galvanizing the public
- ✓ By engaging the private sector



12 years left to achieve the goals, we count on you!