

# National experience with implementing the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development: Updating the German Sustainability Strategy



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# The German Sustainable Development Strategy



Nachhaltigkeits-  
strategie  
für Deutschland

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Sustainable Development

[www.deutsche-nachhaltigkeitsstrategie.de](http://www.deutsche-nachhaltigkeitsstrategie.de)



# Structure

- I. SDS update to bring the strategy in line with the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development
- II. Institutional set-up
  - Interministerial cooperation
  - Cooperation with other relevant actors
  - Vertical integration
- III. Challenges
- IV. Peer Review





# Coalition treaty 2018

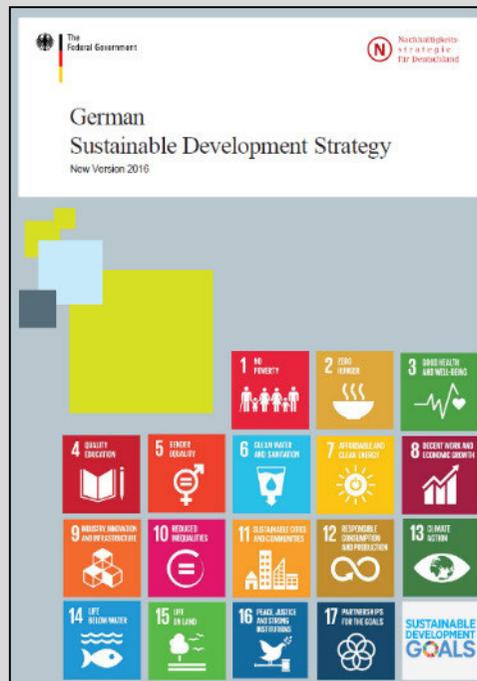
- **“2030 Agenda „as guiding principle for German Policy”**
- **“The implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the promotion of sustainable development are a yardstick of government action. We want to continuously and ambitiously further develop the national Sustainability Strategy.”**
- “Our mandate is the ambitious implementation of the ... 2030 Agenda with its 17 SDGs and of the Paris Climate Agreement with participation of the civil society”
- “We will comprehensively adhere to the principle of sustainability”
- Environmental Protection is „part of an all-encompassing Sustainability Policy”
- “We will develop further the national program for sustainable consumption and strengthen the competence center for sustainable consumption.”
- “In order to live up to the role model function of the public administration the Government must implement its action-program Sustainability and refine it.”

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Koalitionsvertrag  
zwischen  
CDU, CSU und SPD  
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# SDS: key framework for national implementation of 2030 Agenda



- German Sustainable Development Strategy was updated in 2016 to become key implementation framework for 2030 Agenda
- Measures at three levels
  - effects in Germany
  - effects by Germany with global impact
  - measures with Germany (bilateral cooperation)
- Central role of the Federal Chancellery for Sustainable Development



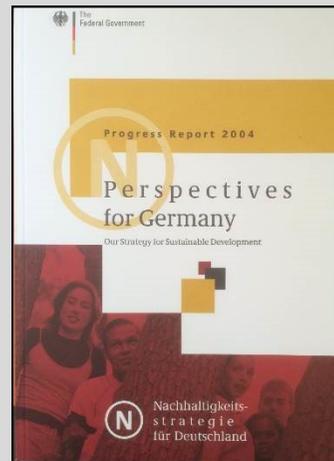


# Sustainable Dev. Strategy

- Continuity and Progress since 2002 -



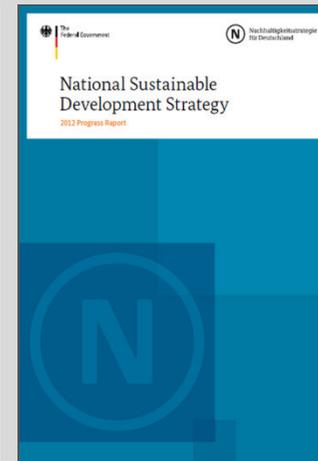
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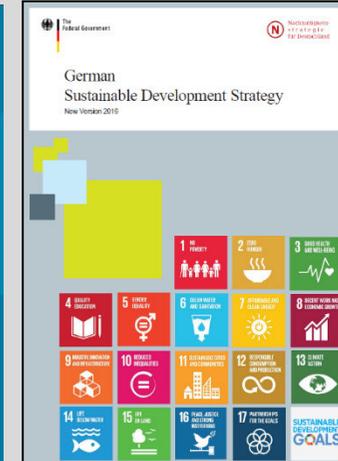
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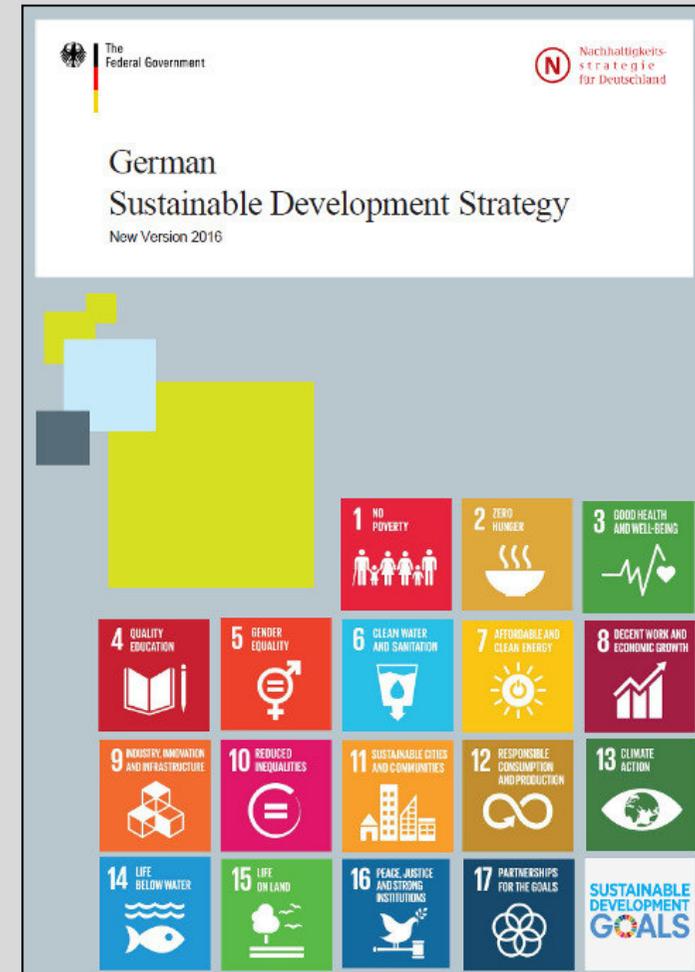
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# Structure of the Strategy

- **Aim of the Strategy:** Frame for implementing the SDGs in Germany
- **Structure of the Strategy**
- Chapter A: Current challenges for sustainability
- Chapter B: German Sustainable Development Strategy
  - the strategy's aim
  - the strategy's architecture (e.g. institutions, management, communication)
  - role of Bundesländer/municipalities, civil society, EU, international processes
- NEW - Chapter C: Germany's contribution to achieve the SDGs
- Chapter D: Key partners





## New structure of the Strategy: **SDG-Structure, Stronger related to measures**



content and political priorities

measures for SDG-implementation

national indicator and goal

activities for implementation of the national goal

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measures for SDG-implementation

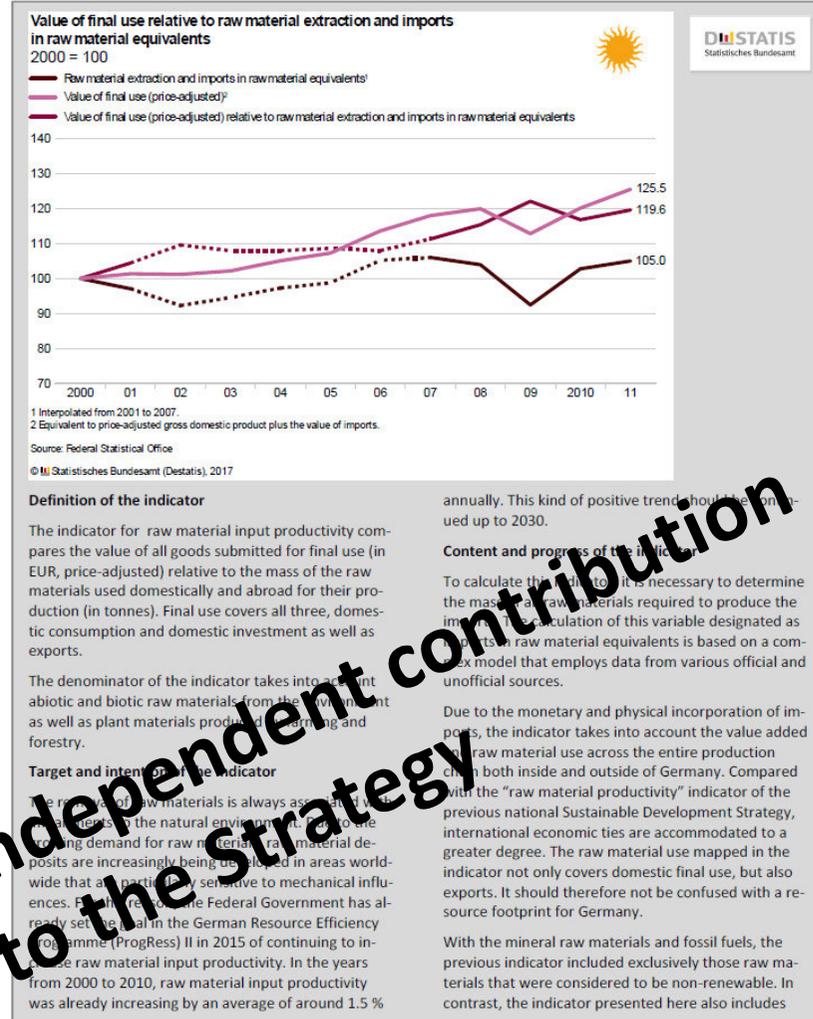
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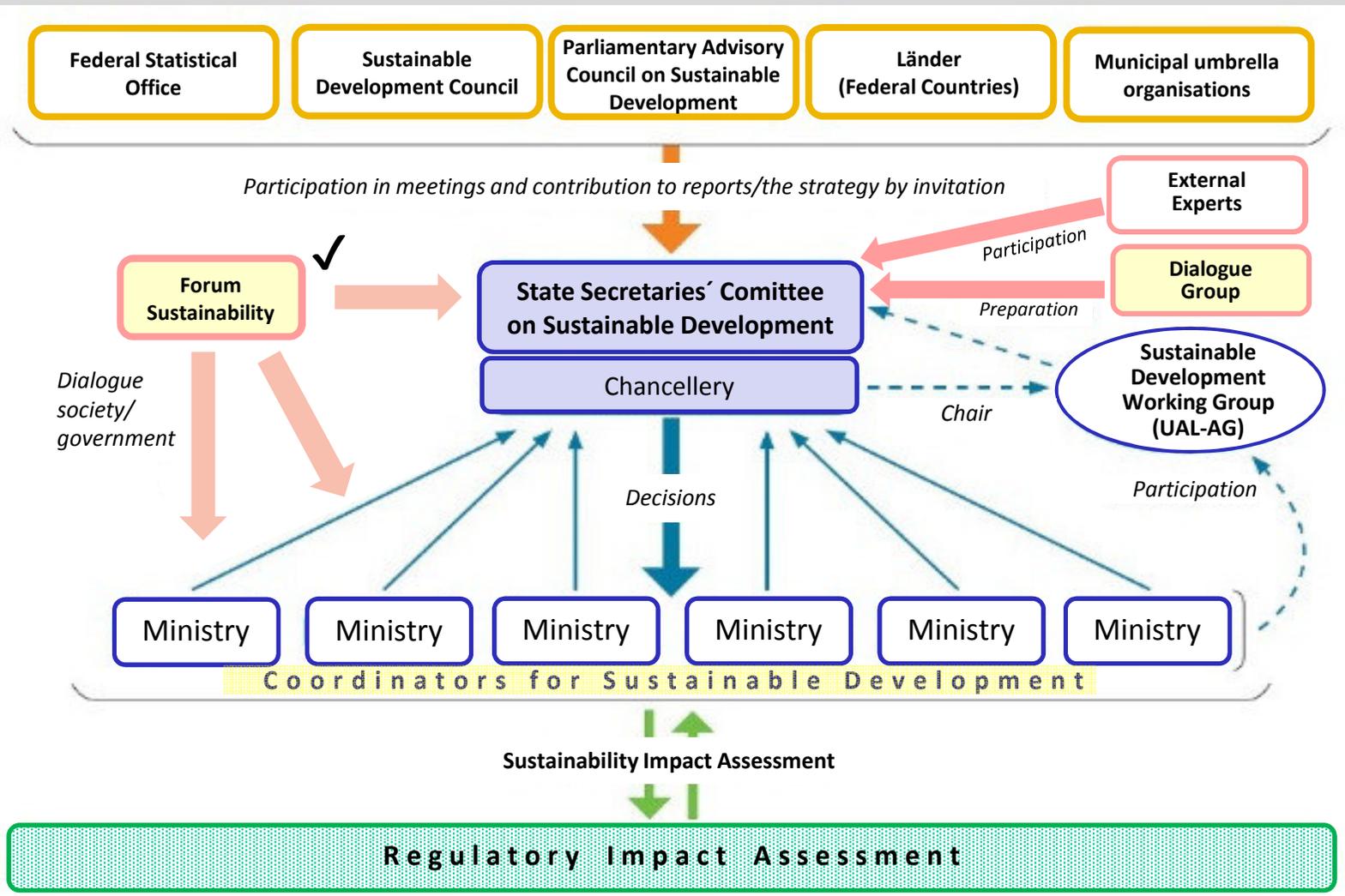
# National indicators and goals

- **Every SGD** is linked to at least one **national goal** (mostly quantified, otherwise qualitative)
- Goals are to be achieved until **2030**
- **63 indicators, 38 areas** (2002 strategy: 38 indicators, 21 areas)
- **New areas** e. g. poverty/inequality, water, sea, consumption, combat corruption
- **Biannual analysis and evaluation** by Federal Statistical Office (independent)



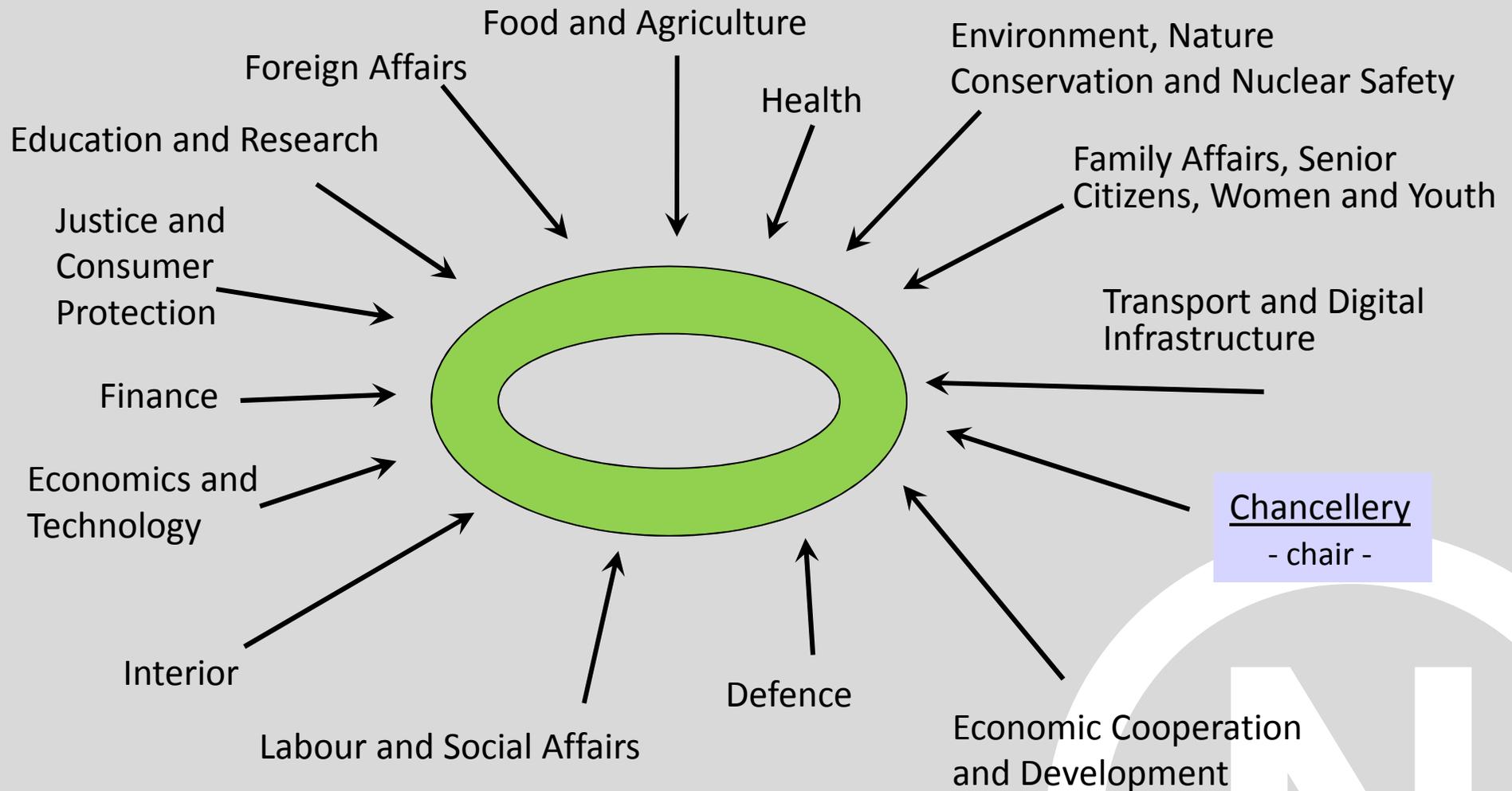


# Sustainability Management System (Institutions)





# State Secretaries Committee





# State Secretaries Committee

- Central steering institution of the Strategy
- Work on key issues with participation of external experts (input + discussion)
- Chair: Head of the Federal Chancellery
- Participation Council f. SD and Parl. Advisory Council
- Decisions are published



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## The German Council for SD

- Inaugurated April 2001
- 15 members, appointed by the Chancellor for three years (last: October 2016)
- Advises the Federal Government on all matters relating to sustainable development
- Important stakeholder in the public dialogue



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# Parliamentary Advisory Committee on Sustainable Development

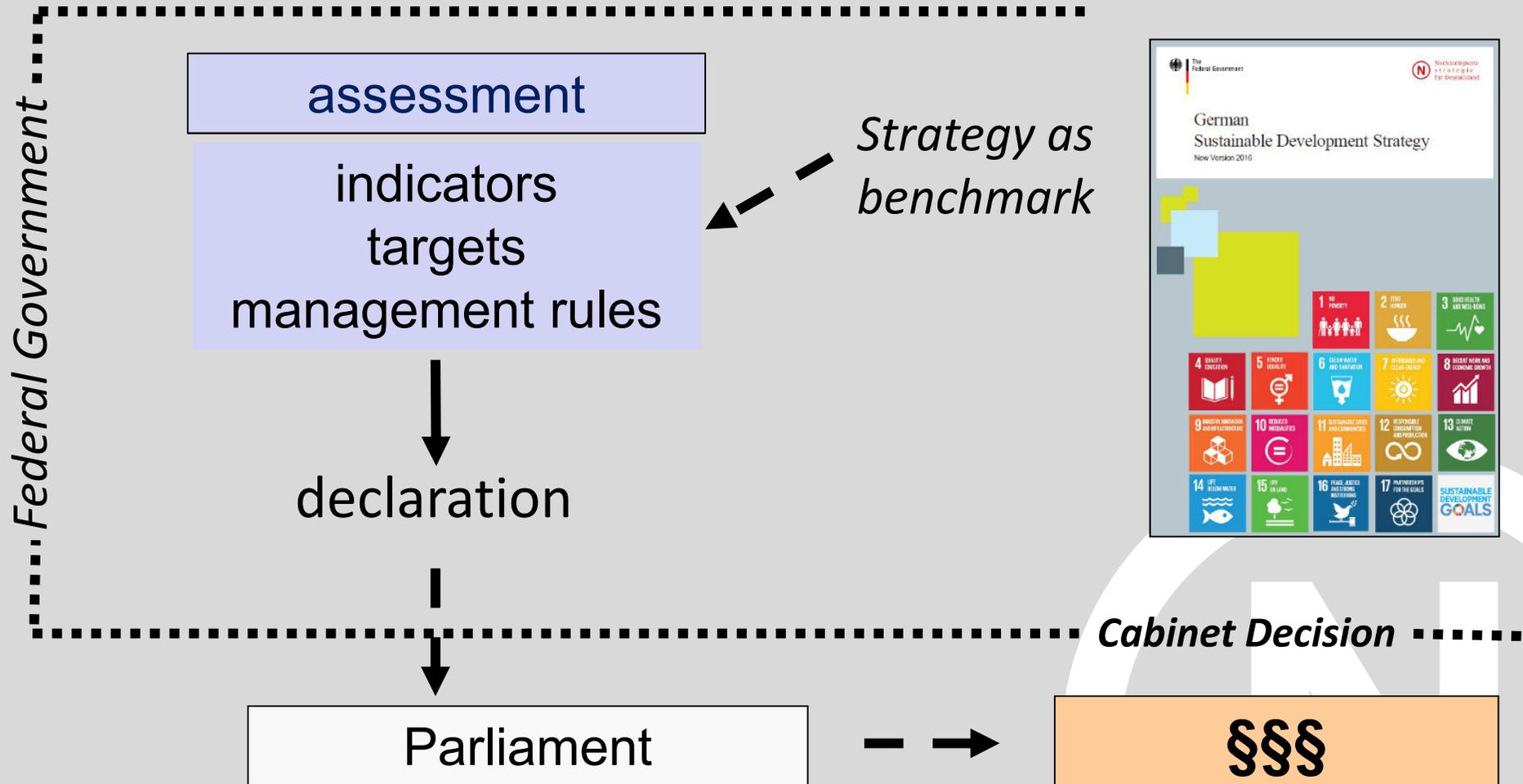
- Gives the German SDS a parliamentary dimension
- Plays a role in developing goals, measures and instruments
- Enters into dialogue with other parliaments, particularly in the European Union
- Evaluates the sustainability impact assessment of the Federal Government



# Sustainability impact assessment



“A declaration must be made on whether the impact of the project is in line with sustainable development, especially what the long-term impact of the project will be.” (Art. 44 Par. 1 fourth sentence Standing Orders of the Ministries („Gemeinsame Geschäftsordnung der Bundesministerien“/ GGO) of 27 May 2009)





## electronic sustainability assessment www.enap.bund.de

eNAP - eNachhaltigkeitsprüfung

Prüfung abschließen

Speichern

Laden



### SDG 13 MASSNAHMEN ZUM KLIMASCHUTZ

Umgehend Maßnahmen zur Bekämpfung des Klimawandels und seiner Auswirkungen ergreifen

13 MASSNAHMEN ZUM KLIMASCHUTZ



- KEINE ARMUT
- KEIN HUNGER
- GESUNDHEIT UND WOHLERGEHEN
- HOCHWERTIGE BILDUNG
- GESCHLECHTERGLEICHHEIT
- SAUBERES WASSER UND SANITÄREINRICHTUNGEN
- BEZAHLBARE UND SAUBERE ENERGIE
- MENSCHENWÜRDIGE ARBEIT UND WIRTSCHAFTSWACHSTUM
- INDUSTRIE, INNOVATION UND INFRASTRUKTUR
- WENIGER UNGLEICHHEITEN
- NACHHALTIGE STÄDTE UND GEMEINDEN
- NACHHALTIGER KONSUM UND PRODUKTION
- MASSNAHMEN ZUM KLIMASCHUTZ

#### 13.1 Klimaschutz

##### Treibhausgase reduzieren

Ist dieser Indikatorenbereich für das Regelungsvorhaben relevant?

relevant  nicht relevant

##### 13.1.a Treibhausgasemissionen

Ziel: Minderung um mindestens 40 Prozent bis 2020, um mindestens 55 Prozent bis 2030, um mindestens 70 Prozent bis 2040 und um 80 bis 95 Prozent bis 2050 jeweils gegenüber 1990

##### Ihre Begründung:

Das Regelungsvorhaben Test adressiert den Bereich "Treibhausgasemissionen" (Indikator 13.1.a) der Deutschen Nachhaltigkeitsstrategie. [...]

##### 13.1.b Internationale Klimafinanzierung zur Reduktion von Treibhausgasen und zur Anpassung an den Klimawandel

Ziel: Verdopplung der Finanzierung bis 2020 gegenüber 2014

##### Ihre Begründung:

Das Regelungsvorhaben Test adressiert den Bereich "Internationale Klimafinanzierung zur Reduktion von Treibhausgasen und zur Anpassung an den Klimawandel" (Indikator 13.1.b) der Deutschen Nachhaltigkeitsstrategie. [...]

##### Anderweitige Relevanz für den Bereich "Klimaschutz"

##### Ihre Begründung:

# Vertical policy coherence

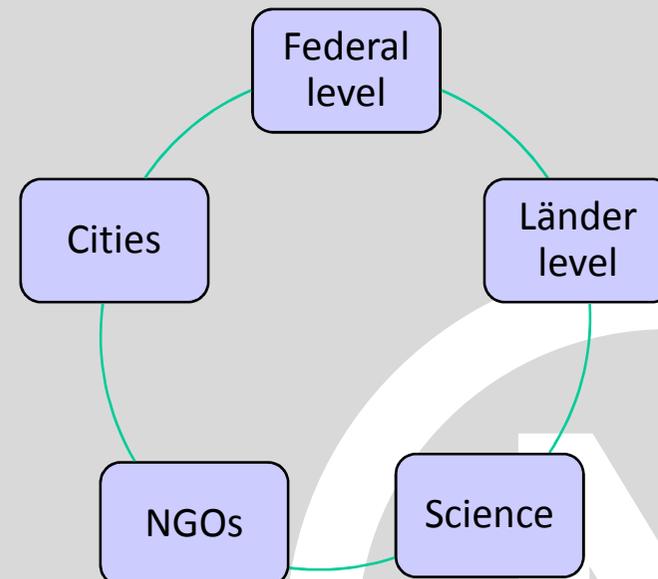
## **Exchange between Federal Govt. and Federal Countries:**

- *Meetings of ChefBK/ Heads of state chancelleries of the countries*
- *Periodic exchange Federal/Country-level on working-level*

## **Working groups**

- I. *Urban SD management*
- II. *International urbanisation*
- III. *Research and innovation: innovation platform „future city“*
- IV. *Smart cities and SD*

## **Interministerial task force „Sustainable urban development from a national and international perspective“**





# Challenge 1

## Strengthening policy coherence

To increase the importance of sustainability policy and coherent treatment in the individual ministries, the ministries have **appointed a single central contact person** (ideally at Director-General level) for issues relating to sustainable development.

### *Ministry coordinator for sustainable development/tasks*

- *central contact person for issues relating to sustainable development;*
- *is involved at interdepartmental level in the implementation of the German Sustainable Development Strategy and the 2030 Agenda in the policy of respective ministry;*
- *is involved at interdepartmental level in promoting the consideration into account of sustainability aspects in the legislative and regulatory process (sustainability impact assessment according to Art. 44 par. 1, fourth sentence of the GGO) and in ministry strategies.*



## Challenge 2

### Greater involvement of social stakeholders

- **Sustainability Forum**

Regular dialogue format with social stakeholders

- Government presents progress on implementation of 2030 Agenda.
- Social organisations report on steps to implement 2030 Agenda, comment on progress of implementation by Government.

- **Scientific Platform Sustainability 2030**

Aim: Highlight in close cooperation between science, society and policy-makers progress and shortcomings in implementing SDGs in Germany, by Germany and with Germany. Representatives of social stakeholders are involved in the platform's work.

- **Planned: Dialogue Group**

15 NGOs/stakeholders participating in preparation of meetings or State Secretaries Committee





# Peer Review 2018



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- Sound institutional architecture
- Broad stakeholder involvement
- Sub-national activities

- Address off-track promptly
- Stronger role of central coordination
- Communication



# Next Steps

2018



Next update of the strategy



- Further development of indicators
- Federal Government decides on supplementing aims/changes with new indicators
- International independent Peer Review of Council for SD

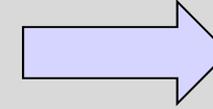
Next indicator report  
Federal Statistical Office

2019

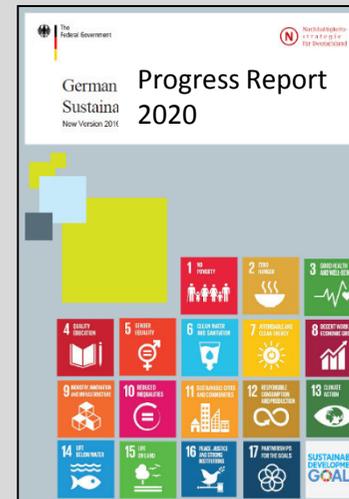


Elaboration of new progress report

2020



Next progress report



2021

Next German Voluntary National Review at the HLPF





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