Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development
A Conceptual Framework to guide SDG implementation

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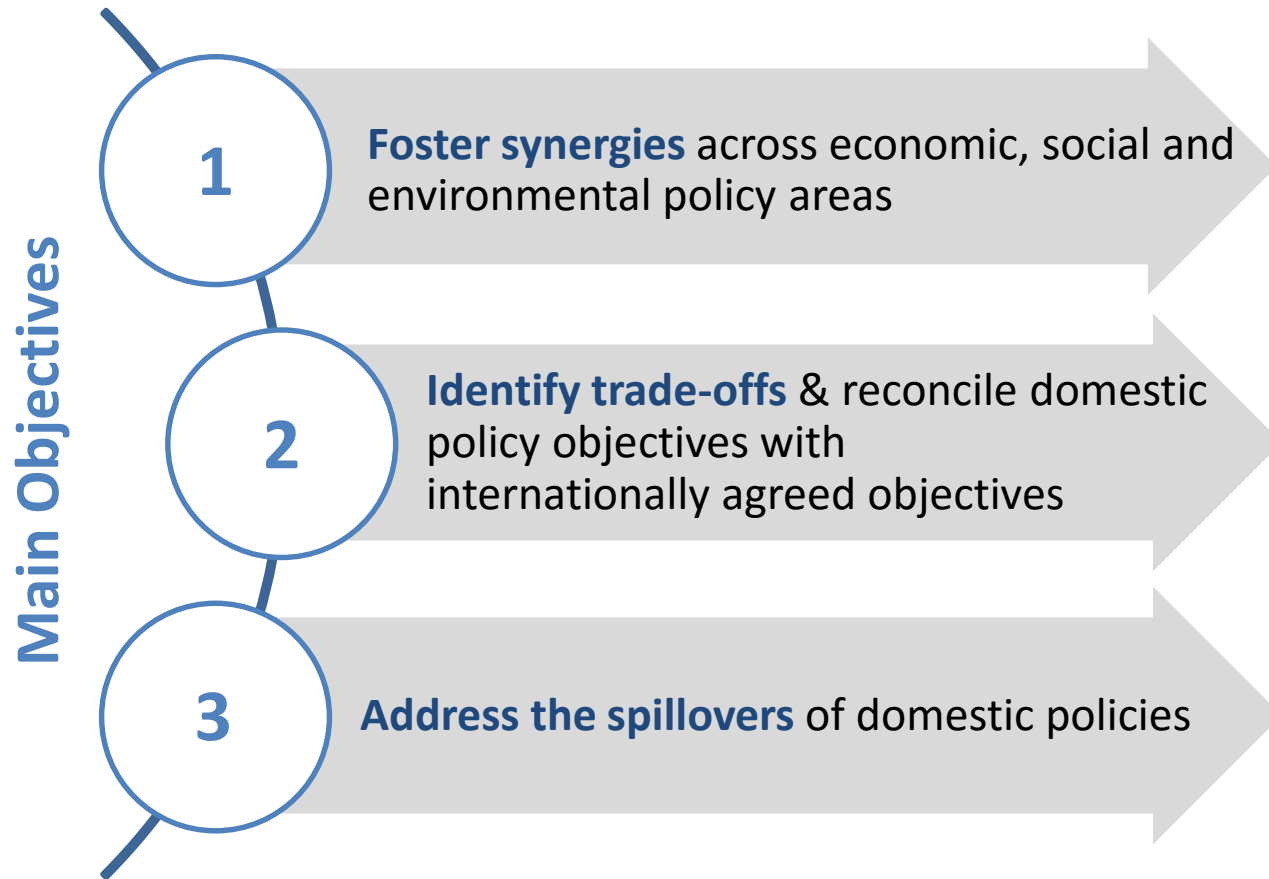| 1 NO POVERTY | 2 ZERO HUNGER | 3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING | 4 QUALITY EDUCATION | 5 GENDER EQUALITY | 6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION |
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"The 2030 Agenda compels us to look beyond national boundaries and short-term interests and act in solidarity for the long-term. We can no longer afford to think and work in silos."
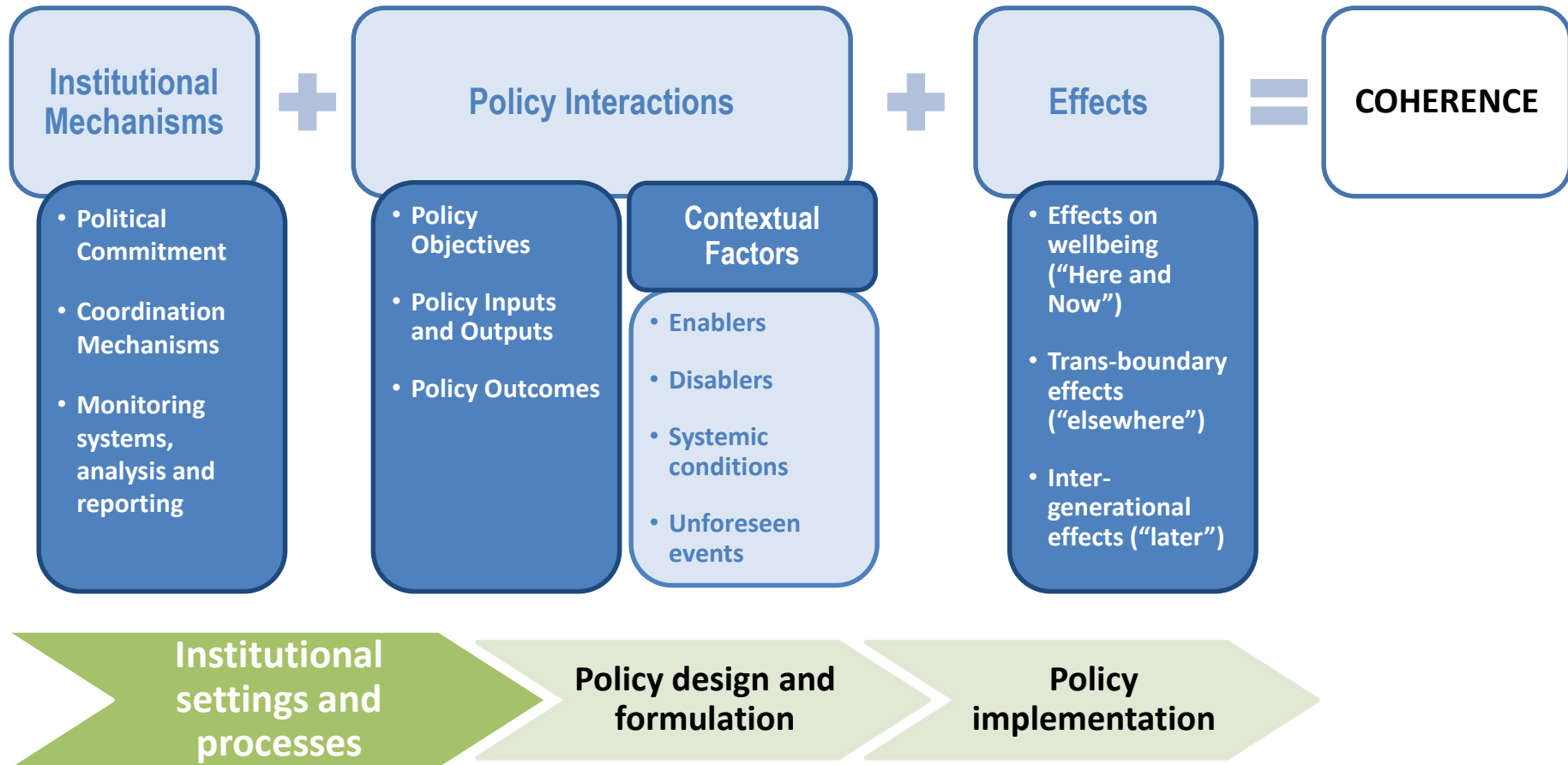
Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development (SDG17.14)

Main Objectives

1 — **Foster synergies** across economic, social and environmental policy areas

2 — **Identify trade-offs** & reconcile domestic policy objectives with internationally agreed objectives

3 — **Address the spillovers** of domestic policies

KEY ELEMENTS OF THE PCSD FRAMEWORK

Institutional Mechanisms

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Policy Interactions

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Effects

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COHERENCE

- Political Commitment
- Coordination Mechanisms
- Monitoring systems, analysis and reporting

- Policy Objectives
- Policy Inputs and Outputs
- Policy Outcomes

Contextual Factors

- Enablers
- Disablers
- Systemic conditions
- Unforeseen events

- Effects on wellbeing ("Here and Now")
- Trans-boundary effects ("elsewhere")
- Inter-generational effects ("later")

Institutional settings and processes → **Policy design and formulation** → **Policy implementation**

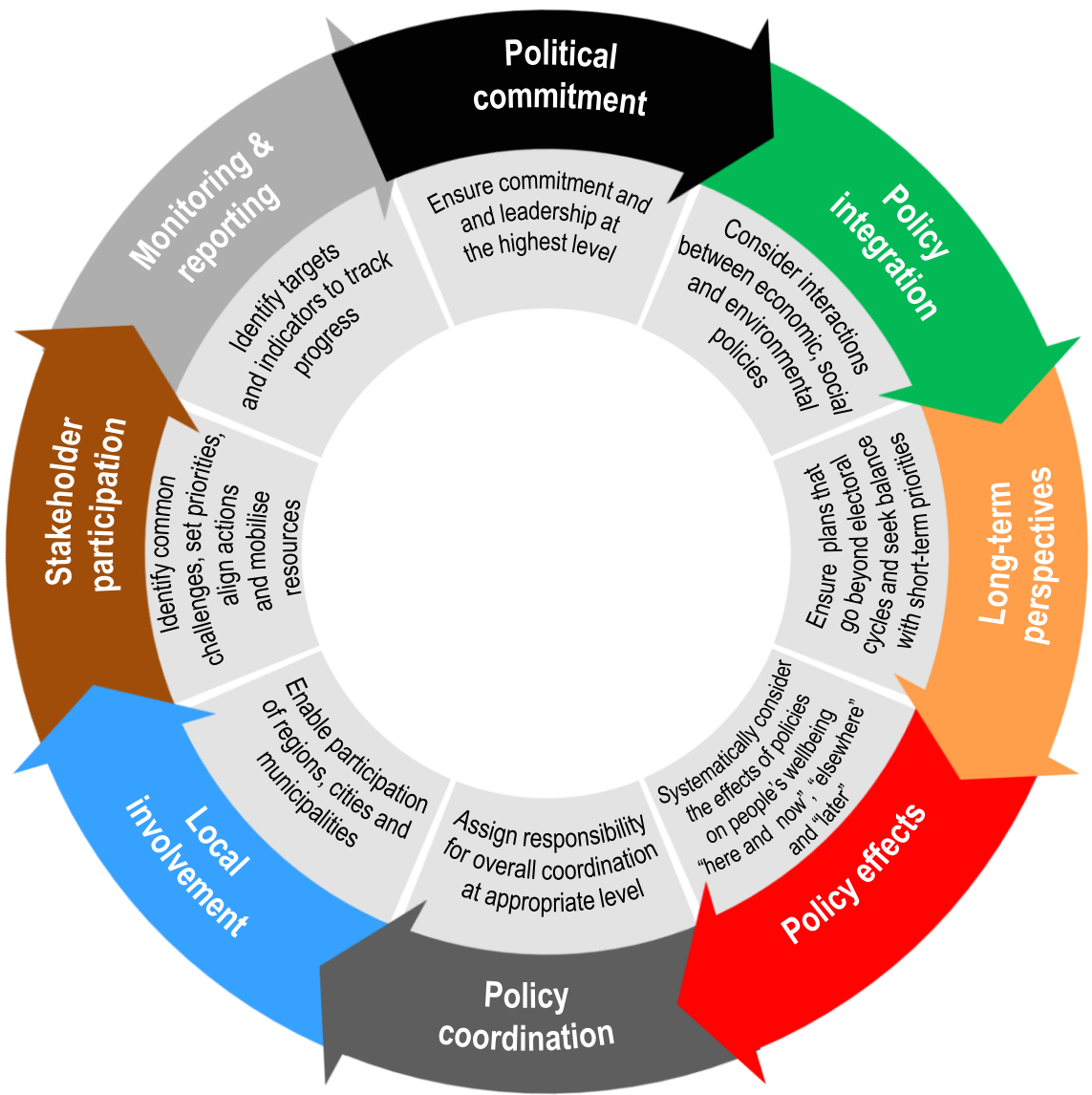# A HIGHLY INTEGRATED AGENDA: TOOLS FOR IDENTIFYING PRIORITIES

Source: adapted from the presentation by Amb. Csaba Kőrösi, PR of Hungary to UN: "From SDGs to Post-2015 Agenda" at the OECD in Paris on October 7th, 2014.

BUILDING BLOCKS FOR A COHERENT AND INTEGRATED IMPLEMENTATION

8 PCSD BUILDING BLOCKS

Political commitment — Ensure commitment and and leadership at the highest level

Policy integration — Consider interactions between economic, social and environmental policies

Long-term perspectives — Ensure plans that go beyond electoral cycles and seek balance with short-term priorities

Policy effects — Systematically consider the effects of policies on people's wellbeing "here and now", "elsewhere" and "later"

Policy coordination — Assign responsibility for overall coordination at appropriate level

Local involvement — Enable participation of regions, cities and municipalities

Stakeholder participation — Identify common challenges, set priorities, align actions and mobilise resources

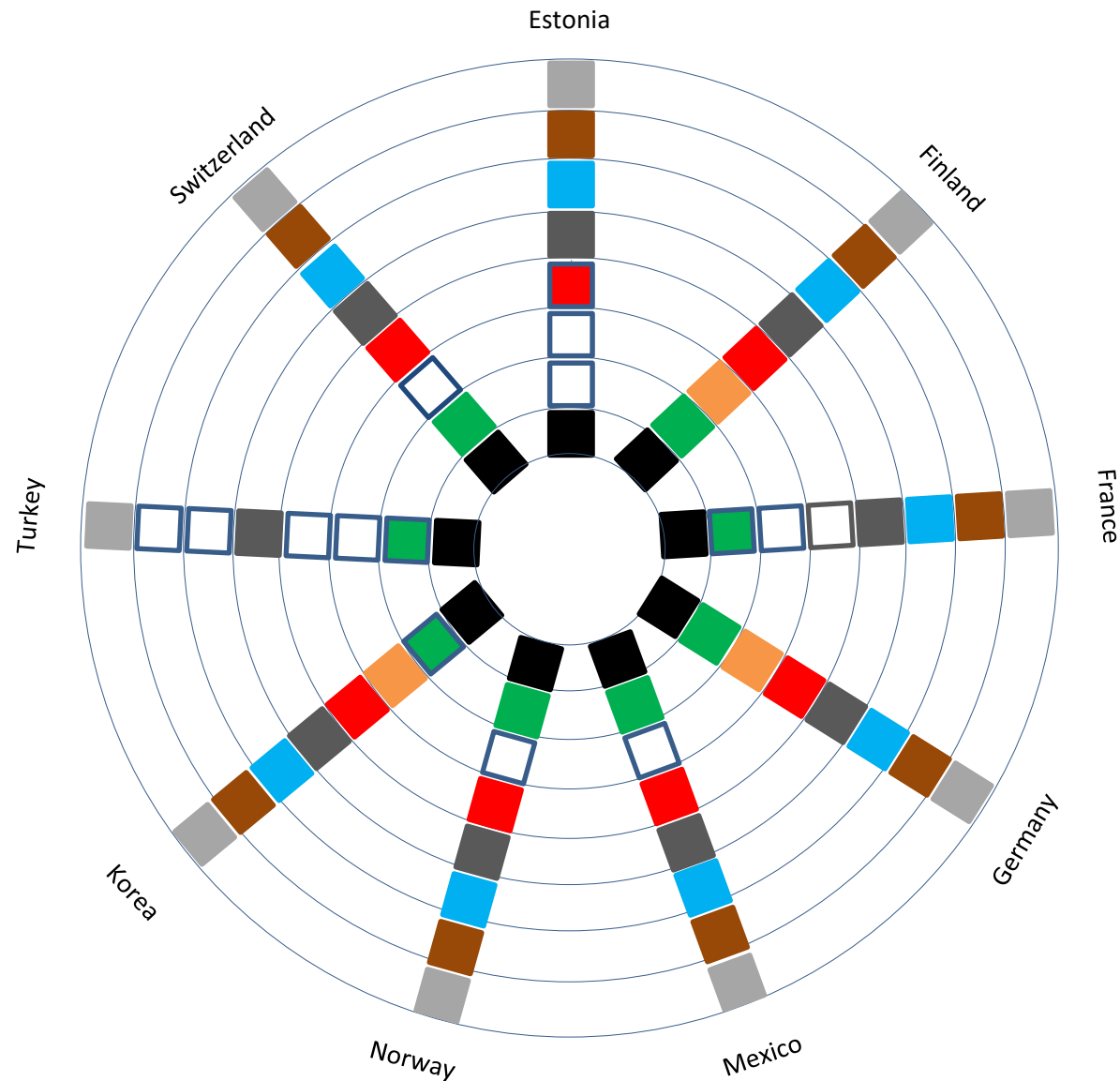**Monitoring & reporting** — Identify targets and indicators to track progress

Checklist

- *Is there a clear statement at the highest political level backed by action plans?*

- *Have policy inter-linkages (synergies and trade-offs) been considered in sectoral strategies and policy proposals?*

- *Are there mechanisms in place to ensure sustained efforts beyond electoral cycles?*

- *Have the potential transboundary and intergenerational effects been identified?*

- *Are there mechanisms in place to mitigate potential negative effects?*

- *Is the coordination mechanism located strategically to promote coherence and resolve policy conflicts?*

- *Are implementation responsibilities clearly divided and actions aligned across levels of government?*

- *What mechanisms are in place to ensure that stakeholder input feeds into decision-making processes?*

- *Are there mechanisms in place to monitor policy impacts and report to the public?*

Source: OECD (2017), *Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development 2017: Eradicating Poverty and Promoting Prosperity,* OECD Publishing, Paris.

PCSD Building Blocks

- Political commitment
- Policy integration
- Long-term perspective
- Policy effects
- Policy coordination
- Local involvement
- Stakeholder participation
- Monitoring and reporting

Estonia
Finland
France
Germany
Mexico
Norway
Korea
Turkey
Switzerland

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- Innovate and adapt
- Dialogue at all levels
- Learn by doing and from each other
- OECD stands ready to help…