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Results of the survey among Sustainable Development Coordinators [Governance mechanisms & structures]

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5. Governance mechanisms & institutional structures

- Sectoral policies → better connected and balanced with reconct to EU CDC
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- Establishing institu horizontal integrati

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- Stronger coordinat
 EU SDS key challenges/objectives should be included in NSDSs
 - Clear responsibilities for political levels for implementing EU SDS objectives

SD committee at EU level with clear mandate (raising profile for SD, act in nge with Commission & Council)

> existing institutional structures efficiently (SD Coordinators

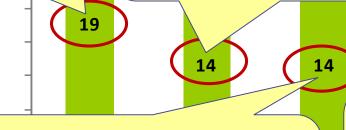
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- Involving stakeholders at all stages of policy cylce
- European Parliament and national SD councils should be involved more actively

- EU SDS progress report → should include implementation efforts on MS and sub-national levels
- Common guidelines and structures for individual MS reports
- EU SD indicator set should be used at MS level

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6. Lessons from implementing NSDSs

- Inter-ministerial committees and national SD councils are important to foster horizontal policy integration → each ministry should be aware of the strategy and contribute to its effective implementation
- Inclusion of capacities of societal stakeholders in strategy development and implementation are considered as very important
- Cooperation among the different political levels for implementing strategy objectives (measures, actions)
- **SD Action Plans** in several Member States define concrete measures and actions for strategy objectives across ministries and sub-national authorities
- Concrete mid-term targets of NSDSs helped to better communicate strategy and to increase the understanding of SD in society.

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7. Future EU SDS as added-value for NSDSs in Member States

- Future EU SDS should be strategic and guiding document for MS and their efforts to move towards more SD → objectives of future EU SDS and NSDSs should be harmonized
- Translate objectives of future EU SDS into concrete actions and targets for implementation in the Member States → fostering implementation through benchmarking / exchange of good practices and best ideas
- More detailed outline of horizontal policy integration → guidance of how to establish coherence between policy sectors import for implementation phase
- Better link and more coordination between future EU SDS and post-2010
 Lisbon Strategy → would help the MS to coordinate the two strategies on national level

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8. Improving coherence of EU SDS and the NSDSs

- Strong political commitment for SD on all political levels necessary to foster implementation of objectives of future EU SDS and NSDSs
- Better coordination and coherence of key challenges and objectives of future EU SDS and NSDSs
- Strong monitoring mechanisms on implementing the future EU SDS would foster coordination between EU SDS and NSDS processes → EU SD indicator set should be further developed and used in EU and MS

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Agenda

09:00 - 13:00

<u>Session 3</u>: Options and opportunities for the future EU SDS – Governance mechanisms & institutional structures

09:00 "Integrating sustainability assessment into sustainable development policy-making"
 Annika Lindblom, Finnish National Commission on Sustainable Development

09:20 Governance mechanisms & institutional structures - Results of the survey among SD coordinators from the EU Member States

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09:30 Parallel working groups

- 1) Options and opportunities for the future EU SDS Governance mechanisms & institutional structures
- 2) Impact assessment for sustainable development

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

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Working groups in Session 3

5 working groups on "governance mechanisms" &

3 working groups on "impact assessment for SD".

WG 1 WG 2 WG 3 WG 4 WG 5	Sissy Freytag Inge Lardinois Willi Zwirner Jörg Mayer-Ries Gerald Berger	Governance mechanisms
WG 6 WG 7 WG 8	Daniel Wachter André Martinuzzi Michal Sedlacko	Impact assessment

→ WGs 1-4 will be in the main conference room, WGs 5-8 in separate rooms.