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Dear reader,

Please find enclosed the Report of the first informal meeting, from 16-18 June 2002 in The Hague, The Netherlands, of practitioners in European countries that are involved in the development and implementation of National Strategies for Sustainable Development (NSSDs). It was a real pleasure to meet with so many colleagues and to learn from each other's information and experiences!

We touched upon many issues, ranging from the involvement of the public at large during the process of developing NSSDs and the reasoning behind the choice of key themes, to linkages between NSSDs and the European Strategy for Sustainable Development. In this respect, it was very fruitful that representatives of the Commission of the European Communities, the European Environment Bureau and the Focal Point of the European Environmental Advisory Councils actively participated in the meeting.

We learned that practitioners who work in this field have a lot in common: they go through comparable processes at the national level, they work together at the EU level and of course, there are close relationships between the processes at both levels. At the same time we learned that it is important to look at the specific cultural, historical, institutional and political situation in a country as a basis for a national strategy. Moreover, we acknowledged that for the near future it is worthwhile to further explore the relationship between Strategies at the national level and the Strategy at the EU level.

I hope that the facts, faces and future challenges such as reported here are of interest to you and serve as a stimulus to continue learning from each other. I look forward to this!

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1. INTRODUCTION

“Facts, Faces and Future Challenges” related to National Strategies for Sustainable Development (NSSDs) was the key theme of an informal workshop that was held from 16-18 June 2002 in The Hague, The Netherlands. About thirty practitioners from 16 European countries, who are involved in the development and implementation of NSSDs met in The Hague to get to know each other and to learn from each other’s approaches and experiences. Also, representatives of the Commission of the European Communities, the European Environment Bureau and the Focal Point of the European Environmental Advisory Councils participated in the workshop.

The goal of the workshop was to exchange experiences on:

1. the process of developing a strategy: its organisation and structure, the role of governmental and non-governmental organisations, interaction with key actors in society and the use of targets and objectives.
2. the main contents of the strategies that are produced within the EU and accessing countries: key themes that are addressed, including EU and international aspects of these themes.
3. barriers and challenges of implementation: institutions and actors involved in the process of implementation, co-ordination mechanisms for managing the implementation process, measuring and reporting progress, interaction at the EU level.

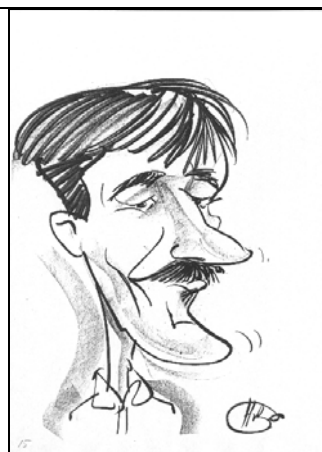
In order to engage active participation and benefit as much as possible from each other’s experiences, the three key issues of the workshop were dealt with in interactive working sessions. The outcomes of these sessions were discussed in plenary.

In this Report the main issues that were discussed during the workshop are presented, as well as key conclusions and recommendations that came out of discussions:

- Chapter 1. “Faces”: who participated in the workshop and which were themes of interest to them?
- Chapter 2. “Facts”: outcomes of discussions on the process of developing NSSDs, their contents and challenges and barriers for their implementation. In appendix 2, an overview of the state of the art (June/July 2002) of NSSDs in European countries is presented.
- Chapter 3. “Future Challenges”: conclusions and recommendations that came out of the workshop sessions.

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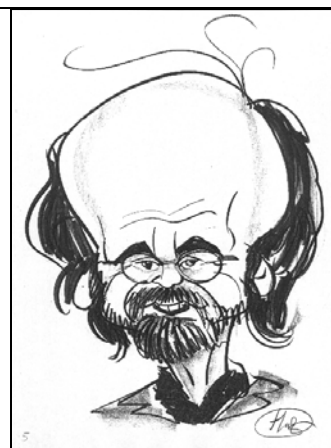


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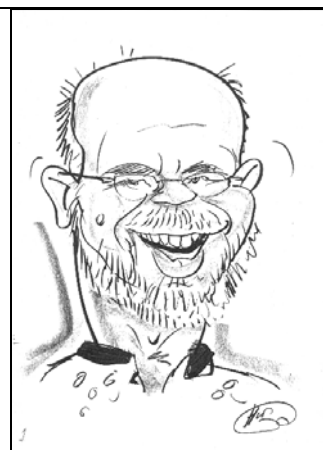


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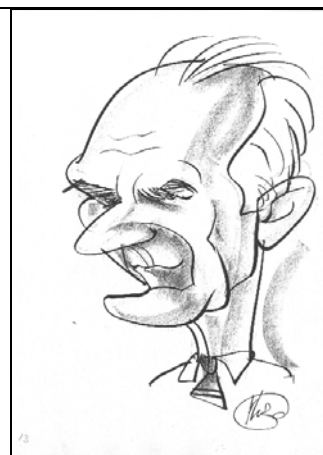


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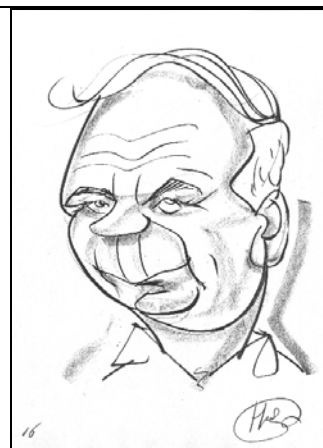
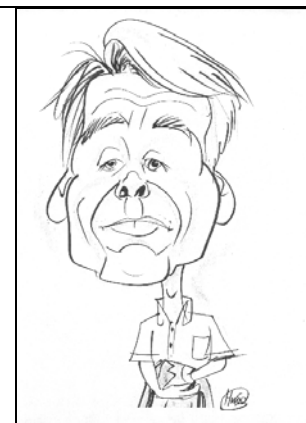


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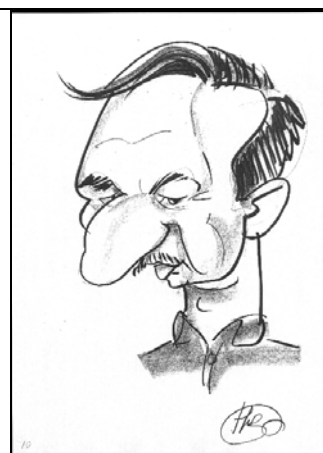


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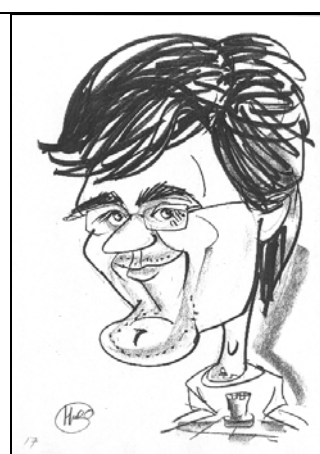
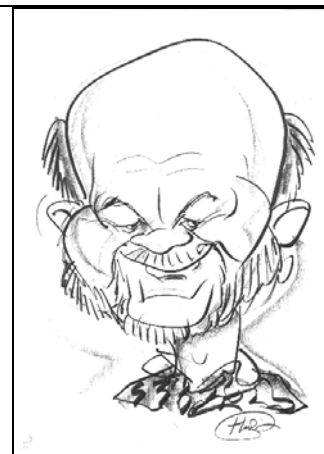


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2.2 Which themes are of interest to participants?

Apart from formal meetings at EU level there is no formal or informal structure through which information on NSSDs is distributed or exchanged amongst practitioners involved in this field. The workshop in The Hague was, in fact, the first occasion for practitioners in European countries that work on NSSDs to meet informally with each other.

For this reason key goals of the workshop were to get to know each other and to exchange basic information on each other's NSSDs, i.e. on the process of development and implementation, as well as on their contents. An inventory was made of key themes of interest to participants. These were addressed during the workshop sessions:

- With regard to the **process** of developing NSSDs:
 - how to get and keep effective political attention?
 - how to get and keep politicians, stakeholders and the public at large interested in long term perspectives and objectives?
 - which models may be used to organise and manage the process?
 - how and when to involve stakeholders?
 - how and when to involve the public at large?
 - how to achieve that 'win-win' situations are created?
 - how to keep people involved in the process motivated?
 - how and when should advisory bodies be involved?
- With regard to **implementing** NSSDs:
 - which institutional arrangements and mandates are needed?
 - which infrastructural arrangements are needed?
 - is vertical integration needed, how to organise and manage this?
 - how to measure progress?
 - how to report on progress made?
 - how to build upon learning experiences?
- With regard to **contents** of NSSDs:
 - how to promote sustainable development so that it is understood by the public at large?
 - on which issues should NSSDs focus in order to balance the three dimensions of sustainable development?
 - how to set priorities?
 - how to move from a single issue approach to an integrated approach, through which also global issues are addressed?
 - how to deal with rapid changes in society?
 - what is the philosophy behind the choice of themes in NSSDs

3. FACTS WITH REGARD TO NATIONAL STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

3.1 Process of developing NSSDs

The following key questions were addressed on the process of developing NSSDs:

- (1) how has the process been designed?

Participants noted that, in general, two different types of approaches are chosen for designing the process: a concrete approach through using targets and timetables (abbreviated Tartim) and a 'process oriented' approach that focuses on procedures and measures.

It was stated that the process can be managed top-down, or bottom-up. It was felt that it is dependent upon the specific situation in a country, ranging from its culture of managing strategy processes, its political and institutional structure, to the nature of problems that need to be addressed, whether the process should be managed top-down or bottom-up. Also, a top-down approach may be used at one stage in the process and a bottom-up approach at another stage. In any case it is important to explain to people that are involved in this process the approach that is chosen, what is expected from them and what can be expected from the project team / government.

So, practitioners involved in designing processes for developing NSSDs should pay specific attention to communication with key actors in this process. These actors may be members of the project team itself, of other departments, representatives of target groups and NGOs, or the public at large. It is important to develop an understanding of the interests of all of these actors in the field the NSSD focuses on and to develop mechanisms and instruments for communicating on these interests. Mechanisms and instruments may entail the use of a specific language or wording to address specific matters, of symbols or even songs. And of course material in writing, such as studies and brochures, but also instruments such as publicity through the internet or television.

- (2) who was / is involved from the part of the government, target groups, NGOs, the academic world and from advisory councils?

It was noted that formal and informal structures are used for managing the process and for involving key actors. In most countries the Minister of Environment has lead responsibility in designing and managing the process. In many cases this process is set up as a co-operative effort of this Minister and other Ministers, ranging from Ministers for Economic and Social Affairs, to Ministers for Agriculture, Transportation and Education. Project teams that consist of representatives of such Ministries perform the daily management of the process. In most cases the project team organises input for the strategy through high level task forces, groups of NGOs, research institutes, advisory bodies and through consulting target groups. However, it is often the case that a draft NSSD is produced first and subsequently, target groups or the public at large are involved. In some countries an approach is chosen through which stakeholders and the public at large are involved in the process right from the start.

- (3) how has / is the interaction within the government parties as well as with the other parties involved (been) executed, with specific focus on the decision-making process?

At the moment, the issue of NSSDs is quite low on political agendas in most European countries. For a successful result it is important that the process is steered in a clear and convincing manner by the Minister who has lead responsibility and is supported and driven by the motivation of government as a whole that sustainable development is of key importance. It is generally felt that an NSSD is of importance to make sustainability tangible from the point of view of social, economic and environmental policies. If no NSSD is developed, for example due to the fact that such a strategy is low on political agendas, it is feared that sustainable development will be surpassed by sectoral policies.

3.2 Challenges and barriers of implementing NSSDs

Participants addressed the following questions in focusing on implementation aspects:

- (4) who is leading the process and which parties are involved?

Participants noted that it is dependent upon a country's political and institutional structure, as well as on its regulations, how the process of implementation is lead. However, when institutional arrangements must be made in order to guide the implementation process, it is important to think of the best approach from the point of view of all aspects concerned. So, from the point of view of social, economic and environmental aspects that are addressed in the NSSD. Several possibilities for institutional arrangements were mentioned: co-ordination of the implementation process is rotated amongst Ministers, appointment of a Minister that has lead responsibility on the implementation of the NSSD, appointment of the Prime Minister as co-ordinating Minister or assigning the Minister for Environment with lead responsibility.

Moreover, it was noted that implementation bodies at the governmental level must fit in with the constitutional arrangements that already exist in a country. If new arrangements need to be made, an option is to link the team that co-ordinates implementation to a State Secretariat or a Secretariat of General Affairs in a country. Furthermore, key to a successful implementation process is that implementation at the regional, provincial and local level (dependent upon the institutional structure of a country) is obligatory. Also the involvement of NGOs, the public at large and of organisations that represent stakeholders of the NSSD at these levels, is seen as vital to a successful implementation process.

- (5) how do you approach the issue of integration (various layers within the themes / different levels of government), who is directing this?

A way to deal with integration in terms of the contents of the concept of sustainable development is to look at key issues that may help to determine the balance sustainable development aims at:

- 'employment' lies at the heart of interrelationships between economic and social aspects;
- 'decoupling' is crucial when decisions related to economic and environmental issues are taken;
- 'liveability' may be seen as a way to express linkages between environmental and social/cultural aspects.

Another approach is to judge the three aspects against standards like 'here and now', 'later' and 'elsewhere'. Participants feel that a lot of experience was built up with decisions related

to balancing the economic and social dimension of sustainable development, as well as with balancing the economic and environmental dimension of this. However, the challenge is to find the balance between environmental and social issues.

It was noted that in order to deal with integration, both in terms of contents and in terms of organisational and institutional arrangements, it should be defined where the gains of co-ordination are as well as where policies can be complementary. A framework for addressing these matters may result from answering the following questions:

- what do we mean by integration?
- what do we want to achieve and why do we want this?
- what is our model for this and which paradigms determine our way of looking at things?
- what are we heading for?

Furthermore, it may be helpful to see which criteria should govern integration. These may be criteria such as: equity (shared values, solidarity and inter-generational), efficiency (cost/benefit/incidence, common objectives, common instruments) and institutional accountability (democratic, transparent and responsive).

- (6) what is the greatest challenge in the implementation process and what do you wish to accomplish with all this, in other words, what do you hope will the results be?

The use of targets, indicators and timetables is considered key to a successful implementation process as well. These help to define specific measures and actions that need to be undertaken by stakeholders, to communicate and interact with stakeholders, to monitor and report on the progress made. In many countries comprehensive progress reports are produced that are used for political debate on the progress made, but also to communicate with stakeholders and the public at large. The use of indicators (for sustainable development) is seen as a field that can be further explored in the future, as a basis for monitoring and reporting on concrete results, but also on barriers and challenges during the implementation process.

However, it should be clear that indicators are 'mere' instruments and not a goal in themselves: the real success of the implementation process is dependent upon the willingness of people to work on sustainable development. In this respect it is observed by participants that 'people management' and thus 'communication' are key words for practitioners involved in implementation processes. Alike the process of developing NSSDs there should be insight in the interests and expertise of stakeholders in working on the issue of sustainability and in their motivation to make it happen in practice. Subsequently, communication and interaction with them should be focused on managing these interests and on building upon their expertise, related to the targets and timetables set in the NSSD. It is very important to maintain momentum by working with realistic targets that focus on achieving results within a timeframe of a few years. Moreover, communicating and building upon initiatives that come up within society (grass-root) may be a motivational factor for people to continue with the implementation process.

The general feeling is that the processes of development and implementation of NSSDs are closely related. In fact they may be seen as a cyclical process, that is, each step in the process generates information and learning experiences that are of use to the design of next steps, to the further management of current steps and to the evaluation of past steps.

3.3 Contents of NSSDs, including international (EU and other) aspects

Participants discussed contents of NSSDs by addressing the following questions:

- (7) what are the main themes of a Strategy and why are these themes chosen?

It was noted that many NSSDs focus on the following themes:

- key questions related to climate change
- prudent use of energy
- prudent use of natural resources
- key questions related to transportation and mobility of people
- solidarity / good governance at the national and international level
- employment, decoupling, well-being of people and other issues related to integration of the three dimensions of sustainable development
- prevention and precaution.

Although participants state that the themes mentioned above cover large parts of the field of sustainable development, it is important to look at the reasoning behind the choice of these themes and more specifically, at the concrete strategies that are developed to address the themes. Sometimes a problem-oriented approach is chosen whereas in other strategies a conceptual approach is used. Also, some strategies start with environmental problems, others with social problems. Furthermore, there are strategies that start with an integrated approach of the three dimensions of sustainable development and strategies that focus on themes related to various stakeholders. Moreover, there are strategies that focus on regions and problems that occur in these regions. If one looks thoroughly at the strategies that are in place at the moment, clearly the dimension of sustainable development that focuses on the integration of environmental and social aspects needs to be further developed in the future.

- (8) what is the relation of themes in NSSDs to the themes that are in the European SD Strategy and the issues that are at stake in Europe at a supranational level? Have these supranational themes been taken into account in NSSDs?

Participants note that, despite the different approaches of the three dimensions of sustainable development in NSSDs, there are clear linkages between the themes in NSSDs and the key themes of the European SD Strategy. Also, in NSSDs global issues are addressed. However, participants observe that it is difficult to move from a single-issue approach, that is often related to situations and problems that occur locally, to an approach that addresses both these local issues and global issues. In this respect it is hard to set priorities: often it seems that results of policies that deal with single issues are promising and can be communicated easily with the public at large. However, the truth is that the effects of these policies are only marginal compared to the results that need to be booked in order to address complicated problems and themes at higher levels. It is for this reason that it is of key importance to continue with developing strategies for sustainable development that incorporate themes at all levels.

With regard to the European SD Strategy it was learned that:

- the European SD Strategy was developed through a two-step approach that resulted in a consultation process and a strategy paper respectively;
- SD was first interpreted in the three well-known dimensions as well as valued on its long-term effects and on its policy coherence; then it was made operational by concentrating on a small number of themes on the basis of specific criteria;
- the three components of the strategy are: headline objectives/measures, horizontal measures and review of the process;
- equity, efficiency and accountability were taken as criteria in an effort to look for resemblance, harmony, democracy, transparency and responsiveness;
- the main conclusions of this exercise were that a top-down approach and a bottom-up approach with the help of objectives and instruments should be combined, that it is

necessary to look for coherence and that issues and positions must be clarified; another conclusion was that the discussion must be carried on at the basic level; key issues like globalisation, the EU-enlargement and the creation of sound science as an example of accountability however make that discussion quite complicated. Especially the Gothenburg-outcome (June 2001) is considered a good document by participants, in terms of its contents. Moreover, the recently issued method for Impact Assessment may become a helpful tool to create coherence of policies.

4. Conclusions and recommendations

Participants concluded that they would like to continue to share knowledge and information with each other. It was generally felt that countries involved in NSSDs have a lot in common and so, processes at the national, EU and global levels may benefit from building upon each other's experiences. In this respect, participants noted that the workshop should be seen as a first step and that next steps are needed. At next occasions, practitioners from countries that were not able to participate in this workshop should also be invited again.

With regard to the key themes of the workshop participants developed the following conclusions and recommendations:

- (1) The process of developing and implementing NSSDs should be steered in a clear and convincing manner by the Minister who has lead responsibility for this and it should be supported and driven by the motivation of the government as a whole that sustainability is important.
- (2) The real success of developing and implementing NSSDs is dependent upon the willingness of people to work on sustainable development. Therefore, professionals involved in managing NSSDs should invest in 'people management' and thus, in communicating with stakeholders, NGOs and the public at large on the meaning of the concept of sustainability, in developing a mutual understanding of the interests of all parties and in finding mechanisms, instruments and symbols to deal with these interests.
- (3) There is no such thing as a 'one-fits-all-model' for NSSDs. For this reason it is important that the approach that is designed for development and implementation is related to the specific (cultural, historical, institutional, political) situation in a country. This may be (a combination of) one of the following approaches:
 - concrete through using targets or process-oriented through focussing on procedures and measures;
 - top-down or bottom-up.No matter the approach that is chosen by a country, it should be acknowledged that the development and implementation of NSSDs may be seen as a cyclical process: each step in the process generates information and learning experiences that are of use to the design of next steps, to the further management of current steps and to the evaluation of past steps.
- (4) Implementation bodies at the governmental level must fit in with the constitutional arrangements that already exist in a country. Co-ordination of the implementation may be rotated amongst Ministers, through appointing a Minister with lead responsibility, appointing the Prime Minister as co-ordinating Minister. Dependent upon the institutional structure, implementation at the regional, provincial and local level may be made obligatory.
- (5) Realistic targets, indicators and timetables are key to a successful implementation process. The use of indicators may be explored further, however solely as a basis for monitoring and reporting on concrete results and not as a goal in themselves. In order to maintain momentum targets should focus on results that can be achieved within a timeframe of a few years.
- (6) In terms of their contents, there are many ways to select and address key themes in NSSDs. In order to avoid that the choice of themes and subsequently policies and

measures are 'business as usual', it is important to look at the reasoning behind these choices and more specifically, at the concrete strategies that are developed to address these themes. In this respect, the dimension of sustainable development that focuses on the integration of environmental and social aspects should get a lot of attention during the coming years. Also, ways to deal with issues that are at stake at the local level and successful approaches for issues at the regional, EU and global levels should be further explored as well.

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APPENDIX 2
“INVENTORY OF EUROPEAN NSSDs (JULY 2002)”

	NAME COUNTRY: AUSTRIA	Y(es), N(o), U(n)clear	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	Y	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		Austria's national strategy was adopted by the Federal Government on 30 April 2002
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	see above	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	see above	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	see above	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		Austria's national strategy was developed through the Ministry of the Environment in co-operation with other Ministries. The strategy is a Government document.
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		The Federal Government is responsible. The Government has established a Committee for Sustainable Austria, consisting of representatives of relevant Ministries, of interest groups and of coordinators of Länder. This Committee will co-ordinate the implementation of the strategy through annual working programmes. The Committee will communicate and interact on a regular basis with Austria's Council for Sustainable Development
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		The focus is on 4 key areas: 1. Quality of life in Austria 2. Key role of innovative economic approaches in moving towards sustainable development 3. Austria's living environment: protection of environmental compartments such as soil, water, air and climate protection; maintenance of variety of species and landscapes, responsible land use and regional development, transport shaped in a sustainable way, optimisation of transportation systems 4. Austria's view on sustainable development and its role in this respect at the European and global level
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	Y	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		For each of the 4 areas set out above targets are included in the strategy, with a total of 20 measurable targets and a corresponding set of indicators These targets will be quantified further, moreover timeframes will be included as well as additional indicators be developed through which progress can be measured.
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	Y	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		The Committee for Sustainable Austria, see under 3., will prepare yearly progress reports, that will focus on results that are booked by executing the annual programmes. The set of indicators -that is information gathered through the use of these indicators- will be used as input for the reports. An expert panel will come up with process reports on the progress made with the implementation of the strategy. The first report(s) will be produced in January 2004. In the Autumn of 2005 an external evaluation will be produced by an independent interdisciplinary group of scientists, of the state of the art of the implementation of the strategy. The strategy itself is defined as a 'learning strategy' indicating that through evaluation and implementation key steps will be set and made to further implementation of the strategy possible.
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	Y	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		Representatives of interest groups will be invited to participate in the Committee for Sustainable Austria. The Committee will be assisted by an Expert Panel, consisting of 25 representatives out of the scientific world and by representatives of NGO's. Throughout the implementation process there will be communication and interaction with target groups.
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		Key players will be consulted and involved in the implementation process through, amongst others, dialogue, participation and exchange of information.
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	Y	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		see above: 8 representatives from environmental, social and developmental NGO's will participate in the Expert Panel. NGO's and will also be consulted in the day-to-day dialogue of implementing the strategy
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	Y	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		In 2000, a standing Committee of "SD coordinators" representing the 9 Länder Governments and the federal level was set up a policy coordination mechanism. This body will also monitor the forthcoming elaboration of "Länder" SD strategies, which are to be worked out upon a mandate from the Conference of the regional Environment Ministers in June, 2002. 4 delegates from the Länder Governments are represented in the "Committee for Sustainable Austria"
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	Y	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
12	Coordinates of the project leader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		Wolfram Tertschnig, phone (+) 43 1 151 522 1602, fax (+) 43 1 513 167 9 /1351, e-mail: wolfram.tertschnig@bmlfuw.gv.at
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		www.nachhaltigkeit.at
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		an English translation of the strategy can be downloaded from the web page indicated under 13 a

	NAME COUNTRY: BELGIUM	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	Y	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		The Federal Plan for Sustainable Development 2000-2004 was finalised in July 2000. This is not a National Plan. A National Plan is scheduled for mid 2005.
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	see above	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	see above	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	see above	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		The Federal Plan for Sustainable Development was adopted by the Federal Government of Belgium
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		The Federal Government is responsible. The Plan was developed by the Interdepartmental Commission for Sustainable Development. This Commission was established on the basis of a Federal Act, that requires a continuous process of consultation and discussion amongst ministries and other public bodies on issues related to sustainable development
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		The Plan consists of four key themes: 1. Change of production and consumption patterns 2. Poverty and social cohesion 3. Agriculture, Marine environment and Biodiversity 4. Energy, Transport, Ozone and Climate Change
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	Y	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		The Plan is built around the following structure: description of the themes (problems), definition of strategic goals, followed by measures and actions, as well as a timeframe for achieving the goals
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	Y	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		In addition to mechanisms for economic accounts, such as incorporated in the administrative systems of the Federal Government, accounts are/will be produced that focus on environmental and ecological aspects of policies and measures. Moreover, indicators for sustainable development are used in order to measure progress with the achievement of the strategic goals mentioned in the Plan. Moreover, a method for assessing effects of proposed policies on sustainable development is developed
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	Y	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		In the Plan it is stated that advisory bodies need to play a key role in the implementation process of the Plan. For that purpose it is announced that an inventory of the existing advisory bodies will be made and of their current tasks and role. These tasks and roles will be reviewed in light of the strategic goals such as stated in the Plan for sustainable development in order to ensure that key advisory bodies will indeed play the role that they need to play in order to ensure implementation
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	Y	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		The Plan was developed through a transparent, interactive process in which NGO's, major stakeholders and citizens were actively involved. The idea is that all key players in society, amongst others NGO's, need to play a key role in the implementation process in order to take upon them their specific responsibility in order to achieve sustainable development
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	Y	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		In the Plan it is stated that governments have to provide the overarching framework of incentives, infrastructure, regulation and leadership that will enable other actors to take upon them their responsibilities in the process of implementation
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	Y	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
12	Coordinates of the project leader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		Jan Reynaers, phone + 32 2 5077366, fax +32 2 5077486, email jr@plan.be
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13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		

	NAME COUNTRY: BULGARIA	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	N	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		A National Strategy for the Environment was produced as input for the National Plan for Development. At the regional and local level, however, strategies for sustainable development are prepared, or were prepared already. The development of such strategies is in several cases part of UNDP's Capacity 21. It is one of the future tasks of Government to develop a national strategy for sustainable development
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	see above	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	see above	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	see above	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		see above, there are strategies in place that were adopted by regional and local authorities
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		see above
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	U	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	U	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	U	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	U	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	Y	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		see above
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	N	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
12	Coordinates of the project leader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		www.moew.government.bg and www.undp.bg
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		

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1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	U	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	U	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	U	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	U	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	U	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	U	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	U	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	U	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	U	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	U	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
12	Coordinates of the projectleader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		

	NAME COUNTRY: CZECH REPUBLIC	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	Y	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		Czech Republic has two drafts of NSSD. The first draft prepared by Charles University Environment Center has been accepted by the MoE as only a working paper, the second draft Sustainable Development Strategy for the Czech Republic „From Economic Growth to Sustainable Development“ (SDSCR) was prepared consequently by the Czech Environmental Institute (currently under inter-ministerial discussion)
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)		See above
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)		SDSCR has been finalised in July 2002
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)		WSSD
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		SDSCR has been prepared on the request of Ministry of Environment
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		Czech Government
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		International (global) starting points for SD (causes of unsustainability, general vision of sustainable society), SWOT analysis of conditions in the CR for SD, seven main strategic aims for attaining SD (ensuring essential needs and quality of life, integrating environment into the economic system, sustainable energy, recycling and renewables, harmonic residential structures, local agenda 21, holistic interdisciplinary education)
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	Y	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		quantified targets will be used in subsequent action plans and programmes, derived from SDSCR
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	U	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		Within the programmes and action plans that will elaborate the SDSCR. Since 1992 the MoE, however, has been stripped of significant competencies, necessary for the interests of environmental protection and asserting sustainable development for the interaction with economic departments, business subjects, with the public and, in particular, with local communities. This situation remains unsatisfactory as a consequence of the undeveloped or non-existent infrastructures, without which real advances cannot be made.
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	Y	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		There is a Committee for SD under Ministry of Environment (with representatives from other ministries, business area and NGOs) , but not yet on governmental level.
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		Main stakeholders will participate in elaboration of programmes and action plans.
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	Y	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		Such role should be strengthened
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	Y	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		In the strategy it is stated that there is no mechanism for co-ordination and co-operation between ministries and institutions that establishes individual elements of economic policy both on top governmental and lower levels. Establishing such mechanisms is considered one of the most important conditions for further progress. It is also stated that public government and institutions, from governmental bodies through schools to public media, must find their own role and ways of implementing sustainable development. Public institutions should be role models of behaviour. Local communities and regional development are considered as of key importance.
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	Y	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
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13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		www.ceu.cz/sur
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		Draft Sustainable Development Strategy for the Czech Republic "From Economic Growth to Sustainable Development"

	NAME COUNTRY: DENMARK	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
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1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	see above	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	see above	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	see above	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		The strategy was developed by a interministerial group with the Danish Environmental Protection Agency as secretariat, and adopted by the Government afterwards
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		1. Interrelationships welfare and environment 2. A safe and sound environment for everyone 3. Nature needs protection 4. Sustainable use of natural resources 5. Towards a global deal 6. Environmental considerations in all sectors 7. The market and sustainable development and 8. Shared responsibility
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	Y	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		the national strategy presents overall objectives and benchmarks towards the year 2020. Objectives and activities for the coming years are described in more detail.
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	Y	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		A set of indicators was developed together with the SD Strategy. Indicators are used to measure progress. The SD Strategy is a common framework for Denmark's national efforts to achieve sustainable development. The Strategy's visions and goals will be followed up by action plans, programmes, and specific initiatives within individual sectors and areas such as the Action Plan on the Aquatic Environment III, an action plan for biological diversity, a strategy on environment and health, and a report on green market economy. These reports will present and assess the goals, the means, and the costs involved in achieving sustainable development. The Danish government will monitor and report on the progress of implementing the strategy and achieving its goals. A set of indicators will illustrate progress towards the goals and success of the initiatives. The indicators will be updated annually and made accessible to the
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	U	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		Businesses are encouraged to use eco-labels and other forms of environmental information. Consumers have possibility of making real and informed choices. The public sector is a large consumer and thus, may influence markets through its own purchases. The central government will facilitate the work of providing guidance and passing on experiences from Local Agenda 21
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	U	Implementation details not fully elaborated
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	Y	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		Integration in National Spatial Planning Reports
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	Y	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		Long term/short term targets
12	Coordinates of the projectleader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		Jens la Cour, phone +45 32 66 04 96, fax +45 32 57 62 65, email jlc@mst.dk
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		www.mst.dk/tvaer/baeredygtig/engelsk_udgave.pdf
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		Denmark's National Strategy for Sustainable Development, "Shared Future - Balanced Development", Summary, June 2001

	NAME COUNTRY: ESTONIA	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	N	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		The National Long-term Sustainable Development Strategy "Sustainable Estonia 21" is in preparation
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	01.01.02	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	01.04.03	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	01.04.03	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		Government approved the terms of reference to be used for the development of the Strategy in 2001. The Ministry of the Environment has lead responsibility in the process of developing the Strategy, however, it will be drafted by a consortium of, amongst others, the Tallinn Pedagogical University and the Institute of International and Social Studies
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		The Ministry of the Environment coordinates the process. The draft of the Strategy is to be submitted to Government and Parliament after a consultation process (in which the public in general is involved, as well as NGO's etc.)
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		In the preliminary vision for Estonia in 2030, the following themes are included: 1. Continuation of the existence of the Estonian cultural space 2. Society of integrated and interrelated development 3. European-level living standard 4. Specific features/characteristics, innovativeness and 5. balance with the environment
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	Y	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		The themes mentioned above are described as long-term objectives in the vision for Estonia in 2030. These will be developed further in next stages of the process of developing the Strategy and will be made more specific and concrete
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	Y	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		In the last stage of the process, a scheme for measuring progress and monitoring of results will be developed
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	Y	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		See above, research institutes play a key role in the development of the strategy
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		Unclear
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	Y	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		After each stage in the process of developing the Strategy, outcomes will be made available to NGO's, governmental institutions etc. in order to ask for their comments
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	U	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	U	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
12	Coordinates of the project leader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		Mati Heidmets, Phone (+) 342 6 409 100, Fax (+) 342 6 605 768, email: hei@tpu.ee
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		

	NAME COUNTRY: FINLAND	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	Y	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		The Finnish Government Programme for Sustainable Development was adopted by Government in June 1998.
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	see above	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	see above	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	see above	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		Following deliberations in sessions of Cabinet and review by the Cabinet Finance Committee, the Council of State has made a Decision-in-Principle concerning preparation and implementation of a series of measures to promote ecological sustainability. The Decision consists of three parts: the Government's framework policy for the promotion of ecological sustainability, the strategic objectives and lines of action for key sectors of sustainable development and the third part deals with the implementation and monitoring of the programme.
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		The Government is responsible: Prime Minister and MOE in the first hand
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		1. The Concept of SD: ecological, economic, social and cultural sustainability 2. Finland's role in international cooperation 3. Products, production and consumption 4. Energy economy 5. Regional structure, urban structure and transport 6. Rural areas and use of renewable resources and 7. research and education
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	Y	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		Strategic objectives that are worked out in concrete actions ("lines of action"). Both objectives and actions are of a qualitative nature.
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	Y	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		The Finnish National Commission on Sustainable Development set the target to monitor the progress up to the year 2002 and to compile related progress reports. Each administrative sector submitted a draft progress report to the National Commission recently. A draft progress report is being produced and the final version will be published after the WSSD. A short version will be distributed at the WSSD.
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	Y	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		The Finnish National Commission asked at the end of 1996 several Finnish Organisations, representing key actors and other major groups, to prepare their own comprehensive programmes for sd: Association for Finnish Local Authorities, Confederation of Finnish Industry and Employers, TT, Federation of Finnish Commerce and Trade, Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners, NGO's and Federation of Finnish Enterprises.
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		See above
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	Y	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		See above
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	Y	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		The Finnish Government Programme for SD was put into effect by the Ministries and other units of public administration. Local authorities and the private-sector were invited to follow the lines of action such as described in the Programme.
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	Y	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
12	Coordinates of the project leader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		Sauli Rouhinen, Phone (+) 358 9 1 16039468, Fax (+) 358 9 160 39453, email sauli.rouhinen@ymparisto.fi
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		www.vyh.fi/eng/environ/sustdev/english.htm
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		Finnish Government Programme for Sustainable Development, June 1998 / Finland, Country Experience Report pnn the Promotion of Sustainable Development and on National Councils for Sustainable Development, April 2000 Submitted for the Earth Council by the Ministry of the Environment / Signs of Sustainability. Finland's Indicators for sustainable development 2000. Finnish Environment Institute

	NAME COUNTRY: FRANCE	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	Y	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		The Draft of the National Strategy for Sustainable Development was finalized in March 2002.
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	see above	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	see above	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	see above	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		The Draft Strategy is under partial revision (new Government)
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		The Ministry of the Environment has lead responsibility in the process of developing the NSSD
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		Amongst others: - international solidarity and global governance, -prevention and precaution,- information and participation of the public, - integration of sustainable development in the political sectors: climate, energy, agriculture, fisheries, forests, transport, industry, sustainable urban development, habitat-construction, social enterprises and tourism
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	Y	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		For example for climate change and for transport
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	Y	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		Indicators that are linked to goals are used to monitor progress
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	Y	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	Y	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	Y	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		Regional conferences on sustainable development, that result in a joined report
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	Y	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		For example climate change, health, social issues, transport
12	Coordinates of the projectleader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		Marc Aviam, Phone (+) 01 42 19 1708, Fax (+) 01 42 19 1754, Email: marc.aviam@environnement.gouv.fr
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		www.environnement.gouv.fr (French)
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		

	NAME COUNTRY: GERMANY	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	Y	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		Germany's National Strategy for Sustainable Development "Perspectives for Germany" was adopted by the Federal Cabinet in April 2002
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	see above	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	see above	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	see above	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		The national strategy was formulated by the Green Cabinet, a state-secretary level committee chaired by a Minister of State serving the federal chancellor. The final strategy was approved by the Federal Cabinet.
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		NSSD is under responsibility of the Federal Chancellery. The above mentioned "Committee of State Secretaries for SD" is chaired by the State Minister at the Federal Chancellery.
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		The strategy is defined by the four principles of: generation equity, quality of life, social cohesion and international responsibility. Priority fields of action: climate protection/energy policy, environmentally sound mobility, environment, health and nutrition and nature conservation.
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	Y	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		The strategy for each priority field of action is translated into concrete goals, that is, into quantified targets. There are 21 key indicators which are combined to concrete goals and - wherever possible and feasible - with quantified long-term goals.
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	Y	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		Progress is monitored through the use of 21 indicators for the 21st century related to issues such as productivity of energy and raw materials, satisfaction with health and relationship between male and female gross annual earnings. The Management concept of sustainability comprises three elements: management rules, indicators and goals and monitoring. In terms of monitoring a progress report on developments will be made within the framework of a biennial monitoring procedure.
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	Y	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		consists of 16 members representing major groups. They had drafted comprehensive recommendations for this strategy. the Federal Government and the Council coordinate their efforts by means of joint meetings. The Federal Government included the connectional contributions as well as the Council's proposals for pilot projects. In addition, the strategy was accompanied by a broad dialogue in which all major groups as well as citizens were able to put forward their ideas and proposals. Two phases of discussion were carried out before the adoption of the final strategy by the Cabinet. The dialogue and consultation phase were accompanied by direct rounds of discussion with municipalities, trade and industry and trade unions, environmental groups and development organisations, agricultural and consumer groups as well as science and churches. Citizens and major groups gave their ideas and proposals in writing and via Internet about the forum www.dialog-nachhaltigkeit.de.
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		In the strategy it is stated that citizens, producers and consumers, economy and trade unions, science, churches and other associations are, with the State, important participants in Sustainable Development. They should participate in public dialogue concerning the model of a programme of SD and on their own initiative direct their decisions and initiatives towards these goals. It is also stated that businesses are responsible for their means of production and the goods they produce. This responsibility includes informing consumers of features of their products relevant to health and the environment and also, of sustainable means of production. The consumer is responsible for choosing the product and for using it in ways which are socially and environmentally acceptable.
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	Y	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		see above
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	Y	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		There is for example a common working group of the Federal Environmental Ministry and the Environmental Ministries at the Länder to exchange experiences in implementation and to co-ordinate the activities within the long-term sustainability process.
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	Y	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
12	Coordinates of the projectleader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		Leader of the working group Sustainable Development at the Federal Chancellery: Dr. Urban Rid, for further information: Karin Freier, phone +49 30 285502219, fax +49 30 285503339, email freier.karin@bmu.bund.de
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		www.weltgipfel2002.de and www.bmu.de and www.nachhaltigkeitsrat.de
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		National Strategy of Germany, April 2002

	NAME COUNTRY: GREECE	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	Y	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		National Strategy for Sustainable Development was presented to the Ministerial Council in May 2002
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	see above	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	see above	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	see above	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		The National Strategy will be adopted by Government before September 2002
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		The NSSD was prepared by the Hellenic Ministry for the Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works in collaboration with the National Center for Environment and Sustainable Development. A Committee, consisting of civil servants from the Ministries of Finance, Interior, Development, Marine Mercantile, Transport and Communications and Agriculture provided input and feedback
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		(1) international framework (2) national starting point: (environmental issues) combating climate change, reducing air pollution, water management, combating desertification, protection biodiversity, promotion sustainable use of forest resources, (social cohesion) access to employment market, equal opportunities for men and women, prevention of exclusion, action for vulnerable groups, (integration SD in sectoral policies) spatial planning, civil society, energy sector, transport, agriculture and fishery, industry, tourism, employment, (horizontal actions) economic instruments, information and administrative measures
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	U	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	U	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	U	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	U	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	U	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	Y	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
12	Coordinates of the project leader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		Stavroula Pouli, phone +30 10 8629952, fax +30 10 8647420, email:journas@nfp-gr.dairpol.minenv.gr
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		www.minenv.gr
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		

	NAME COUNTRY: HUNGARY	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	N	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		The Government plans to develop a NSSD before September 2002
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	see above	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	01.09.02	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	see above	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		The Commission for Sustainable Development, that was established in 1993, will play a key role in the development of the NSSD.
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		Unclear
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		The past few years sectoral documents were prepared incorporating sectoral issues related to sustainable development. It was attempted to initiate a process of integration amongst these sectoral issues. This will be continued when the process to develop a NSSD will start.
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	U	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	Y	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		The last few years a set of indicators was developed to measure progress with achieving sustainable development. These indicators will be used (as input for) the NSSD as well
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	Y	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		The Commission for Sustainable Development will play a key role
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		The idea is to expand the Commission for SD by inviting stakeholder representatives to participate in the Council
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	Y	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		The idea is to start a consultation process in which citizens (amongst others through NGO's) will be involved
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	U	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	U	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
12	Coordinates of the projectleader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		Tibor Farago, email farago@mail.ktm.hu
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		

	NAME COUNTRY: IRELAND	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	Y	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		The National Strategy for Sustainable Development was published in April 1997
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	see above	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	see above	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	see above	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		The National Strategy was adopted by Government in April 1997
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		Relevant Government Departments and the EPA as appropriate were designated as Task Managers to lead in the development of more detailed measures to give effect to the Strategy
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		Key themes: 1. Better supporting structures to secure sustainable development 2. A positive impact on enterprises and employment 3. Achieving integration 4. Forestry 5. Marine resources 6. Energy 7. Industry 8. Transport 9. Tourism 10. Environmental issues such as water resources, the coastal zone, landscape and nature waste management 11. Human settlements 12. Global solidarity
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	Y	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		In the Strategy Key Strategic Actions are mentioned, including strategic goals
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	Y	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		It was announced in the Strategy that a set of indicators would be developed (environmental quality and sustainability indicators) and preparations towards satellite green accounts would be advanced. It was announced that Government would bring forward proposals for strategic environmental impact assessment for major plans and programmes
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	Y	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		In the Strategy it was announced that the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Sustainable Development would become a Standing Committee of the Oireachtas to oversee relevant policy development and the implementation of the Strategy. Also it was announced that a National Sustainable Development Council would be established to facilitate participation of ecological, economic and social interests in the achievement of sd and to promote better consultation and dialogue on key sustainability issues
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	Y	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		Amongst others: sustainable development projects by local authorities and NGO's in partnership would be co-funded by a new Environment Partnership Fund
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	Y	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		In the Plan it is stated that regional authorities have ongoing responsibility for the regionalisation of the Strategy and to develop regional programmes for that purpose. Local authorities play a key role as environment protection authorities and as agents of sustainable development (through Local Agenda 21's). It was announced that an Eco-Management and Audit Scheme would be developed for local government
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	Y	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
12	Coordinates of the projectleader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		Kevin Greene, email kevin_greene@environ.irlgov.ie
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		www.environ.ie and www.comhar-nsdp.ie
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		Sustainable Development: A Strategy for Ireland, published in April 1997

	NAME COUNTRY: ITALY	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	Y	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		A draft Environmental Strategy for Sustainable Development was developed by the Ministry of the Environment and Land Protection (MATT).
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	see above	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	July 2002	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	see above	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		The draft will be sent to the Inter-Ministerial Committee for Economic Planning for approval in July 2002
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?	U	
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		The Strategy is developed against the principles of sustainable development: integration of environmental concerns in sectoral policies, preference for prevention over curative actions and increased efficiency in the use of natural resources. Four main policy areas are identified: climate change and ozone layer protection, protection and sustainable use of nature and biodiversity, climate quality of the environment and quality of life in cities and the countryside and sustainable management of natural resources
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	U	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		The Strategy defines objectives, indicators, quantitative targets and timetables for the key themes in the Strategy
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	U	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	U	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?	U	
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		Industry and NGO's are consulted on the Strategy
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?		See above
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	U	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	U	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
12	Coordinates of the projectleader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		Diego Giuliani, Ministero dell'Ambiente e della Tutela del Territorio, Servizio per lo Sviluppo Sostenibile, Via Cristoforo Colombo 44, 00147 Rome, phone +39 06 572 259 61, fax +39 06 572 259 90, e-mail: affari.internazionali@svs.minambiente.it
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		

	NAME COUNTRY: LATVIA	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	N	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		National Strategy will be adopted by Government before September 2002
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	March 2002	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	01.09.02	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	See above	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		National Strategy for Sustainable Development will be prepared by National Council for Sustainable Development, chaired by the Prime Minister. Deputy chair is the Minister for the Environment and Regional Development. Ministers for Economy, Welfare, Foreign Affairs, Transport, Agriculture, Education, Science, Finance and Public Reform Sectors participate in the Council. In the Council also trade unions, employers confederation, academy of sciences, and environmental NGO's participate, as well as the Association of Local Municipalities and representatives of all planning regions.
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		Prime Minister
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		Main challenge of the National Strategy for Sustainable Development Strategy will be to build upon, provide coherence and bridge the gaps between existing plans and programs and between policies and their implementation.
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	Y	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		Not clear yet
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	Y	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		Not clear yet
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	Y	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		Multi-stakeholder consultation process will be provided through round tables and a national conference
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	Y	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		Shared understanding of sustainable development processes by the general public is considered as of key importance. Broad public participation will be ensured through round tables, internet etc. Consultation processes with NGO's just started and will continue throughout process of developing the National Strategy. Round tables on the national planning process for sustainable development, education and review of the Rio+ report was organised in Spring 2002. Interdisciplinary expert panel prepared review. Representatives of governmental and non-governmental sectors, employees, entrepreneurs, municipalities, youth, farmers etc. participated in the review process.
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	Y	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	Y	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
12	Coordinates of the project leader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		Valdis Bisters, phone +371 7026417, fax +371 7821062, email valdis.bisters@varam.gov.lv
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		

	NAME COUNTRY: LITHUANIA	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	N	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		A National Environmental Strategy and Action Programme were developed and adopted by Parliament in 1996. The National Strategy on Biodiversity Conservation was approved by Government in 1998. The National Strategy on Ecological Education was adopted in 1998. The Strategy on the Education for the Baltic Sea Region countries, developed by Lithuania and Sweden, was approved by the Ministers of Education in January 2002. The National Strategy on Poverty Education was adopted by the Government in 2002. The State Long-Term Strategy for Economic Development was submitted to Government for approval in March 2002
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	01.03.02	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	01.08.02	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	01.09.02	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		The NSSD will be adopted by the National Commission on SD
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		The NSSD will be a document of the National Commission on SD, under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		(1) Strategic analysis of the development of sustainability in Lithuania (2) Lithuanian SD vision (3) Mission of the State under SD (4) Indicators on the development of sustainability (5) Implementation measures (6) Monitoring of the implementation of the NSSD
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	U	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	U	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	U	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	U	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		Citizens will be informed and consulted on the contents and targets set out in the NSSD
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	U	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	U	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
12	Coordinates of the projectleader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		Evaldas Vebra, phone +370 2 663539, fax +370 2 663666, email e.vebra@aplunkuma.lt
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		www.am.lt
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		The NSSD will be available in English as of September / October 2002

	NAME COUNTRY: Luxembourg	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	Y	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		The National Plan for Sustainable Development of Luxembourg was adopted by Government in April 1999
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	see above	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	see above	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	see above	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		The National Plan was prepared by the Ministry of the Environment, in co-operation with other Ministries and then discussed and adopted by the Government
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		1. Pillar 1: Environmental Protection and Protection of Natural Resources 2. Pillar2: Economic Efficiency. Fields of action: Industry and enterprises, Agriculture, Energy, Transport. 3. Pillar 3: Social cohesion.
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	Y	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		goals are described in quantitative terms and include timeframes for their realization
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	Y	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		through the use of indicators, describing the environmental, economic and social dimension of sustainable development are used as a basis for monitoring: the Plan is evaluated every three years.
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	Y	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		In the Plan the establishment of a National Council for Sustainable Development is announced, consisting of key actors in society. The Council should serve as an advisory body.
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	Y	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		Citizens were consulted on the contents and goals set out in the plan
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	U	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	U	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
12	Coordinates of the projectleader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		Claude Origer, email claudoriger@mev.etat.lu
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		

	NAME COUNTRY: MALTA	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	U	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	U	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	U	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	U	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	U	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	U	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	U	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	U	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	U	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	U	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
12	Coordinates of the projectleader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		

	NAME COUNTRY: NORWAY	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	N	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		The Norwegian National Strategy for Sustainable Development is in preparation
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	mid 2001	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	June 2002	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	June 2002	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		The Strategy is prepared by an Interministerial Group, that is coordinated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		To be decided
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	Y	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	Y	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	Y	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		Development: broad consultation process. Implementation: to be decided.
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	Y	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		See above
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	Y	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		Adaptation of Local Agenda's 21 to NSSD
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	Y	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		EU Strategy will be amongst the factors to be taken into account as the strategy develops over time
12	Coordinates of the projectleader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		Einar Tallaksen, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, P.O. Box 8114 dep, 0032 Oslo, Phone (+) 47 22 24 36 24, Fax (+) 47 22 24 27 82, Email: eta@mfa.no
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		http://www.odin.dep.no/ud/norsk/aktuelt/pressem/032171-990007/index-dok000-b
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		The Norwegian NSSD is available in Norwegian and in English

	NAME COUNTRY; POLAND	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	Y	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		The National Strategy for Sustainable Development, "Long-term Sustainable Development Strategy Poland 2025", was adopted by Government in 2000
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	see above	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	see above	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	see above	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		Governmental document with an open character, with recommendations to be applied in all sectoral and regional strategies, policies and plans. The Strategy was developed by the Governmental Strategic Study Center in cooperation with the Ministry of the Environment
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		The Government
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		Main goal is to ensure the growth of welfare of Polish citizens, to strengthen their safety (also related to the environment). Moreover to reduce the gap in development compared to highly developed countries, in order to attain comparable living standards as in the EU. Themes: 1. economic growth, with special attention to social aspects 2. reduction of hazards with respect to the environment 3. change of production and consumption patterns 4. rehabilitation of the environment and 5. preservation of cultural and natural heritage
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	Y	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		For all areas concerned detailed (if possible measurable) targets were developed (especially in the field of the energy sector targets are quantified); in some areas only a broad definition of objectives was possible
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	Y	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		By the Governmental Committee on the basis of indicators, NSSD is implemented through sectoral and regional strategies, policies and plans
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	Y	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		Representatives of all interest groups will be invited
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		Key players participate in the process of adopting sectoral and regional strategies, policies and plans (with NSSD elements) in accordance with the legislation procedure.
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	Y	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		In the daily dialogue. With regard to some issues in accordance with regulations on public participation in decision making processes
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	Y	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		The idea is that key issues out of the Strategy are incorporated in documents of departments of the national administration and also in documents of regional administrations. Environmental issues out of the NSSD were, for example, translated into the Second Environmental Policy that was adopted by Parliament in 2001
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	Y	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		The Polish NSSD was developed before the EU Strategy was in place. However, both strategies have many elements in common
12	Coordinates of the project leader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		Not nominated. Information through: Jacek Jaskiewicz, phone +48 22 5792656, fax +48 22 5792795, email jacek.jaskiewicz@mos.gov.pl
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		www.mos.gov.pl
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		The NSSD is not available in English

	NAME COUNTRY: PORTUGAL	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	Y	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		A version was published in June 2002 and this was submitted to public discussion for 60-days, after which a final version was prepared in time for the Johannesburg Summit
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	Spring 2002	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	Sept. 2002	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	U	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		Interministerial co-operation
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		Minister for Urban Affairs, Spatial Planning and the Environment
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		1. A Balanced Development of the Territory, 2. Improvement of Environmental Quality, 3. Sustainable Production and Consumption, 4. Towards a Society of Solidarity and Knowledge
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	U	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	U	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	U	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	U	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	U	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	U	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
12	Coordinates of the projectleader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		João Gonçalves, email joao.goncalves@iambiente.pt
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		www.iambiente.pt/docs
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		an English Summary of the NSSD is available

	NAME COUNTRY: RUMANIA	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	U	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	U	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	U	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	U	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	U	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	U	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	U	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	U	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	U	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	U	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
12	Coordinates of the projectleader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		

	NAME COUNTRY: SLOVAK REPUBLIC	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	Y	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		The Slovak Republic's Strategy for Sustainable Development was submitted to the Slovak Republic's Governmental Council for Sustainable Development in June 2001 (after cross-sectoral comments were incorporated). The Slovak Government adopted the NSSD in October 2001 and the Slovak Parliament in April 2002.
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	see above	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	see above	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	see above	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		See above. In the governmental resolution 978/2001 concrete tasks and deadlines are formulated for the period 2002-2005, e.g. to re-evaluate existing strategic and conceptual documents of the relevant sector in respect to the NSSD's priorities and goals. In the resolution of parliament, 1989/2002, a concrete task for the government is formulated to report annually on activities and results that were achieved.
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		The Ministry of the Environment has leading responsibility for sustainable developmen
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		Sustainable development is oriented towards the functional model of a specific community (local, regional, national and international), which meets biological, material, spiritual and social needs in qualitative terms and interests of people, while eliminating or significantly reducing the resulting impacts that threaten, damage or destroy conditions or forms of life. The available resources are used prudently and the cultural and natural heritage are protected. The strategy is divided into three parts: -the basis environment necessary for ensuring sustainable development in the Slovak Republic, -the idea of sustainable development and possibilities for development and the national strategy for sustainable development.
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	Y	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		The National Strategy defines sustainable development as a target oriented, long-term, comprehensive and synergetic process affecting the conditions and all aspects of life. Examples of objectives in the strategy: reducing the share of non-renewable natural resources used and increasing the rational usage of renewable resources, strengthening legal awareness, shifting the value orientation of citizens, and education
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	Y	See above
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		The Government is obliged to submit to Parliament annually, to March 31, a report on fulfilling goals such as set in the NSSD, by all Ministries. All proposals of strategic documents and Acts submitted to Parliament must prove that they are in compliance with goals, priorities and conclusions such as defined in the NSSD
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	Y	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		A 29 member Steering Committee coordinated the development of the strategy. A bottom-up approach was used for this process. Government institutions, academic institutions, business and industry organisations, municipal associations and non-governmental organisations participated in the process.
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		The NSSD focuses on understanding sustainable development as an ongoing process involving various groups of society. It was prepared with financial assistance of UNDP. The Slovak Republic's Ministry of the Environment provided the guarantee for the project and it was implemented by the REC Slovakia, a non-profit organisation (NGO), in co-operation with almost 200 experts from different groups of society as stated in Agenda 21, using a bottom-up process, public participation and by making use of principles of transparency
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	Y	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		See above for the process of developing the strategy
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	Y	Regional Agenda 21 in Stredne Pohronie Region was prepared parallel to the preparation of the National Strategy and followed the priorities and results of the NSSD. The preparation of several Local Agenda's 21 using different approaches was supported by the Small Grants Program
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		A key part of the strategy aims at the further development of democracy, a politically pluralistic system, legal instruments and institutions. Moreover, at improving the operation of the state, especially its main institutions and public administration. Regional and local authorities were involved in the process of developing the strategy by enabling and facilitating citizens to comment on the strategy.
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	U	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
12	Coordinates of the project leader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		Pavel Toma, email toma.pavol@enviro.gov.sk
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		www.rec.sk and www.tur.sk
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		"Sustainable Development - Challenge for Slovakia" 2001

	NAME COUNTRY: SLOVENIA	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	N	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		Parliament adopted the Strategy on Economic Development in the beginning of 2002. There is an initiative called "Slovenian Initiative for Sustainable Development" in co-operation with the Umanotera Foundation. Also a project is initiated by the Foundation for Sustainable Development and finally there is the REC in Slovenia that prepared the project Pathway to Regional Sustainability. The Government does not have intentions to prepare a national strategy for sustainable development
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	see above	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	see above	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	see above	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		Several initiatives and projects by Foundations and by the REC of Slovenia
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		The project Pathway to Regional Sustainability has its focus on: building a shared understanding of the sustainability concept, strengthening the influence of environmental arguments in sustainable development orientation, help in establishing partnerships of actors, developing measures and management procedures for operationalising sustainable development at the local / regional level
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	U	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	U	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	Y	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		Experts and the public will be involved in the project mentioned above
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	U	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	Y	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		See above, the focus of the project is on the regional and local level in order to make sustainability work in practice at these levels
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	U	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
12	Coordinates of the project leader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		Inga Turk, email Inga.Turk@gov.si
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		

	NAME COUNTRY: SPAIN	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	N	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		A paper called 'consultation document' was finalised in the beginning of 2002
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	01.01.02	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	U	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	U	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		The Spanish National Strategy for Sustainable Development is developed in three stages: 1. Development of the consultation document 2. Consultation of institutions, organisations and the general public and 3. Development of the NSSD. The NSSD is prepared by interministerial working groups that consist of 11 Ministries under the direction of the Interministerial Commission for the Coordination of the NSSD
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		The Interministerial Commission for the Coordination of the NSSD has lead responsibility for developing the NSSD
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		In the consultation document the following themes are mentioned, amongst others: problems such as territorial differences, poverty and social exclusion, greying of the population, challenges such as new technologies, information society, understanding of environmental issues by the general public. General objectives: cooperation in an international setting, combat of global (environmental) issues such as climate change, working towards social cohesion, sustainable tourism, prudent use of natural resources and maintenance of biodiversity
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	U	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	U	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	Y	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		See the process such as described above
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	Y	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		See the process such as described above
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	U	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	Y	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
12	Coordinates of the projectleader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		Carmelo Fernandez Pardo, email carmelo.fernandez@gabmin.mma.es
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		www.esp-sostenible.net (Spanish)
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		

	NAME COUNTRY: SWEDEN	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	Y	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		The Swedish Government presented a National Strategy for Sustainable Development to Parliament in March 2002.
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	see above	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	see above	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	see above	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		The Strategy has been adopted by the Government in March 2002 and by Parliament in June 2002
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		The Swedish Government was the driving force behind the development of the Strategy, coordinated by the Minister for the Environment
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		The Strategy brings together social, cultural, economic and environmental SD perspectives. The eight key themes (core areas) are: 1. The future environment, 2. Limitation of climate change, 3. Population and public health, 4. Social cohesion, welfare and security, 5. Employment and learning in a knowledge society, 6. Economic growth and competitiveness, 7. Regional development and cohesion, and 8. Community development. In addition, separate sections are elaborating Sweden's international and local SD activities.
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	Y	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		In the Strategy strategic goals are defined, and targets are given for the different core areas. The Strategy is based on objectives, strategies and measures already adopted. For example, regarding environmental targets the basis of these is the set of time-bound measurable targets that were developed in 2001 in order to achieve key environmental objectives (Environmental Quality Objectives Bill of April 2001). Also other policy areas include concrete targets.
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	Y	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		In the Strategy it is stated that progress reports will be prepared on a regular basis. The Strategy will be revised for the first time in 2003, in order to incorporate, amongst others the outcomes of the Johannesburg Summit. A first set of Sustainable Development Indicators was developed in 2001. These indicators will be revised and adapted to the National SD Strategy.
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	Y	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		The Strategy was developed through an approach whereby advisory bodies, coordination bodies (e.g. the National Committee on Agenda 21 and Habitat), NGO's, local municipalities, civil society, business enterprises media, youth organisations and other key-players in society were consulted. The consultations continue in 2002 in preparation for the first revision of the Strategy in 2003.
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		See 7b
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	Y	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		See 7b
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	Y	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	Y	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
12	Coordinates of the projectleader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		Aili Käärrik, Ministry of the Environment, Phone (+) 46 8 405 2289, Fax (+) 46 8 405 1845, email: aili.kaarrik@environment.ministry.se
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		http://miljo.regeringen.se/hut/las_mer.htm
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		National Strategy for Sustainable Development, March 2002 (summary document); Fact Sheet Ministry of the Environment of Sweden, June 2001; Sustainable Development Indicators for Sweden, a first set 2001, Statistics Sweden.

	NAME COUNTRY: SWITZERLAND	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	Y	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		The Strategy on Sustainable Development 2002 was finalised in Spring 2002
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	see above	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	see above	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	see above	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		The Strategy was adopted by the Federal Council. Legal status: according to the new Federal Constitution of 1998 it is required that the principles of sustainable development are integrated into all policy fields
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		The Ministry of the Environment has lead responsibility in coordinating the implementation of the Strategy
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		The Strategy 2002's focus is on: - equilibrium of economic, social and ecological aspects, - a broad approach of all policy fields, - measures oriented towards action and effects and inclusion of the Cantons and civil society. One measure is the introduction of Integrated Product Policy
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	U	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	U	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	U	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	U	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	Y	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	Y	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
12	Coordinates of the projectleader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		Manuela Jost, email international@buwal.admin.ch
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		www.umwelt-schweiz.ch/buwal/eng/index.html
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		

	NAME COUNTRY: THE NETHERLANDS	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	Y	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		The 'Study of National Government Policy in the Framework of the National Strategy for Sustainable Development' was sent to Cabinet in January 2002. This study is built around key themes that serve as a follow up to the process of policy development for sustainable development such as initiated through the plans, initiatives and programmes developed as of 1990
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	see above	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	see above	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	see above	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		The study was prepared by the Minister of the Environment and discussed within Cabinet. Parallel to this, a consultation process amongst societal groups was held, as well as a broad debate amongst citizens through the internet. It was intended to get a better understanding of the transition processes that are needed within society, as well as of the roles that key actors need to play in such processes, in order to bring sustainable development closer
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		Prime Minister is chairman of a Steering committee, the Minister of Environment acts as coordinating minister for sustainable development
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		Most important policy issues: - ensuring economic growth despite a greying population, - maintaining the social cohesion against a background of a multi-cultural society, individualisation and an ageing population, - reducing the pressure on nature and the environment and making an honest contribution towards maintaining the world's ecosystems. These policy issues are reflected in the following key themes: 1. Population (and employment) 2. Knowledge (and increased productivity) 3. Climate 4. Water and 5. Biodiversity
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	Y	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		On the basis of existing policies targets have been taken up (like 10% sustainable energy in 2010), moreover indications have been given for the longer term objectives
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	Y	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		A set of indicators is used as basis for monitoring progress with achieving the goals such as set out in the study, as well as in other documents, plans and programmes that were produced over the past 10 years in terms of policies for sustainable development
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	Y	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		The social economic council plays an advisory role (this council consists of representatives of employers and employees organizations). Ministerial advisory boards play a role as well. Furthermore the platform of organizations for the Johannesburg process has been involved. Implementation via ministerial actions
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		Extensive consultation processes. Involvement in so-called transition processes (energy, agriculture, transport, biodiversity)
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	Y	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		Via consultations. Informal role in providing information especially about the numerous initiatives in Dutch society
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	Y	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		Some provinces have their own strategy for sustainable development, or are developing such strategies. Same holds true for municipalities (Agenda 21 follow up). There is no formal relation between the state level strategy and provincial and municipal strategies, apart from the sectoral formal relations
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	Y	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		Via the themes of the strategy
12	Coordinates of the project leader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		Paul de Jongh, c/o Ministry of Environment, PO BOX 30945, 2500 GX The Hague Netherlands, phone +31 70 3394909, email: paul.deiongh@minvrom.nl
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		www.nsdo.nl
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		Review of the government policy on sustainable development, January 2002

	NAME COUNTRY: TURKEY	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	U	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	U	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	U	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	U	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	U	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	U	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	U	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	U	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	U	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	U	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		
12	Coordinates of the projectleader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		

	NAME COUNTRY: UNITED KINGDOM	Y(es), N(o), U(nclear)	Details
1a	Has an NSSD already been developed ?	Y	
1b	Please describe the state of the art of the NSSD (in prep., in progress, implemented since etc.)?		The Strategy for sustainable development for the UK, 'A Better Quality of Life', was adopted by the Government in May 1999
1c	The NSSD is in preparation since / will be prepared from (date)	see above	
1d	The NSSD will be / has been finalized on (date)	see above	
1e	The NSSD will be / is being implemented from (date)	see above	
2	What is the political status of the document (role ministry(ies), government, parliament, legal basis)?		
3	Who is responsible for the NSSD in political terms (MoE, Prime Minister etc.)?		The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs has lead responsibility for sustainable development. The Strategy was agreed by an Interministerial Steering Group and approved by Ministers. It is a Government Strategy.
4	Which are the key themes of the NSSD?		The strategy contains four main objectives: social progress which recognizes the needs of everyone, effective protection of the environment, prudent use of natural resources and maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth and employment. The objectives are underpinned by 10 principles and approaches: putting people at the centre, taking a long term perspective, taking account of costs and benefits, creating an open and supportive economic system, combating poverty and social exclusion, respecting environmental limits, the precautionary principle, using scientific knowledge, transparency, information, participation and access to justice, making the polluter pay. There are four key themes, around which the strategy is built: a sustainable economy, building sustainable communities, managing the environment and resources and international co-operation and development.
5a	Are quantified targets (going to be) used in the NSSD?	Y	
5b	What type of quantified targets are (going to be) used?		In the strategy strategic goals are incorporated, in some areas these are made concrete in terms of quantitative targets (for example for waste management)
6a	Are procedures for monitoring and evaluation (going to be) established?	Y	
6b	Which procedures are / will be established?		In the strategy it is stated that the Government will report annually on progress against a set of 15 headline indicators. These serve as a 'quality of life barometer' in order to 'provide a high level overview of progress, and be a powerful tool for simplifying and communicating the main messages for the public.
7a	Do / will advisory and/or coordination bodies play a role in developing/ implementing the NSSD?	Y	
7b	Which role do / will advisory or coordination bodies play?		In October 2000 the Sustainable Development Commission was established by Government, subsuming the UK Round Table on Sustainable Development and the British Government Panel on Sustainable Development. It has done so jointly with the Scottish Executive, the Welsh Assembly and the Northern Ireland Executive. The Commission consists of 24 members, drawn from a wide range of backgrounds and from all parts of the UK. The Commission's role is to advocate sustainable development across all sectors in the UK, review progress towards it and build consensus on the actions needed if further progress is to be achieved. The Commission seeks to work with a wide range of sectors: not only central Government and the devolved administrations, but also business and English regional organisations and it aims at encouraging sustainable development at the local level.
8	What is / will be the role of stakeholders in the process of development and implementation ?		The Commission for Sustainable Development published in Spring 2002 in partnership with the Department for Trade and Industry a guide to the production of business sectoral strategies, an assessment methodology and a good practice review. The Government's annual reports on progress by the country as a whole, and the website, contain many examples of partnership between different stakeholders and initiatives by industrial organisations.
9a	Are NGOs (going to be) involved in the planning and implementation process?	Y	
9b	What is / will be the role of NGOs in the planning and implementation process?		See above
10a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with planning/policy processes at the regional/provincial/local level?	Y	
10b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		The headline indicators have been disaggregated at regional level and a menu of local indicators created. Guidance on regional sustainable development frameworks was issued by Government and regional strategies are now in place. Legislation has been introduced for the establishment of local community strategies.
11a	Are there / will there be interlinkages with the EU Strategy for SD?	Y	
11b	Which are / will be these interlinkages?		The UK and EU Strategies share the same emphasis on integrating economic, social and environmental concerns. The UK participates fully in the process of developing EU-level indicators and supports the introduction of a process of sustainability impact assessment.
12	Coordinates of the project leader NSSD? (name, address, phone, fax, email)		Ian Pickard, phone +44 20 79446348, fax +44 2079446169, email Ian.Pickard@defra.gsi.gov.uk
13a	Websites where documentation can be found in English?		www.sustainable-development.gov.uk
13b	Which printed documents are available on the NSSD in English?		Achieving a better quality of life, Review of progress towards sustainable development, Government annual report 2001, March 2002: UK Sustainable Development Strategy, 1999