Sustainable development in Slovakia

in post-2000 period

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2001 NSDS

NSDS – approved by the Government in 2001 and by the Parliament in 2002

Main objectives:

- Developed democratic country;
- Modern state and system of public administration;
- Highly-developed civic society;
- Social solidarity and social protection;
- Balanced territorial development;
- High quality of human and social resources;
- New model of economy;
- High quality of the environment, protection and rational use of natural resources;
- Assurance of life and safety for citizens, existence and functioning of the state;
- Application of fundamental interests of the Slovak Republic

2005-2010 Action Plan for SD

Action Plan for Sustainable Development 2005-2010

Orientation:

- Implementation of SD principles in sectoral policies
- Use of environmentally friendly technologies
- Use of financial instruments to promote SD principles
- Urban renewal
- Reduction of waste generation and reduction of energy intensity of the Slovak economy
- Development of information society
- Protection and rational use of natural resources
- Education for SD
- Sustainable mobility

Horizontal priority SD in the 2007-2013 programming period

Objective of the HP SD is to ensure that the resulted effect of all interventions funded within the National Strategic Reference Framework synergically supports sustainable development in all its pillars - environmental, economic and social - in accordance with objectives and indicators of the renewed **EU sustainable development strategy**.

The long-term objectives for these key sustainable development areas were reflected in the follow-up to the Lisbon Strategy – in the **Europe 2020 strategy**. Europe 2020 has become a key strategy, focusing on smart, sustainable and inclusive growth and fully respecting the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development.

Specific objectives of HP SD

- Increasing economic prosperity (e.g. reducing energy and material intensity of the economy and increasing use of renewable energy sources)
- Increasing quality of the environment (e.g. rational use of natural resources, mitigation of climate change consequences)
- Social solidarity and inclusion (e.g. reduction of unemployment rate)
- Balanced regional development (e.g. strengthening the overall economic, social and cultural potential of regions)

Current initiatives

Macro-regional strategies (Danube Strategy): Opportunities for sustainable development in a regional context, not only within national boundaries

New SD document under preparation – resulted from the new Partnership Agreement

Horizontal principle Sustainable Development in all operational programmes



