


IMPLEMENTING THE 2030 AGENDA IN COUNTRIES AND REGIONS: SHARING FOR LEARNING

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**Implementing the 2030 Agenda at the National and Federal level in
Belgium**

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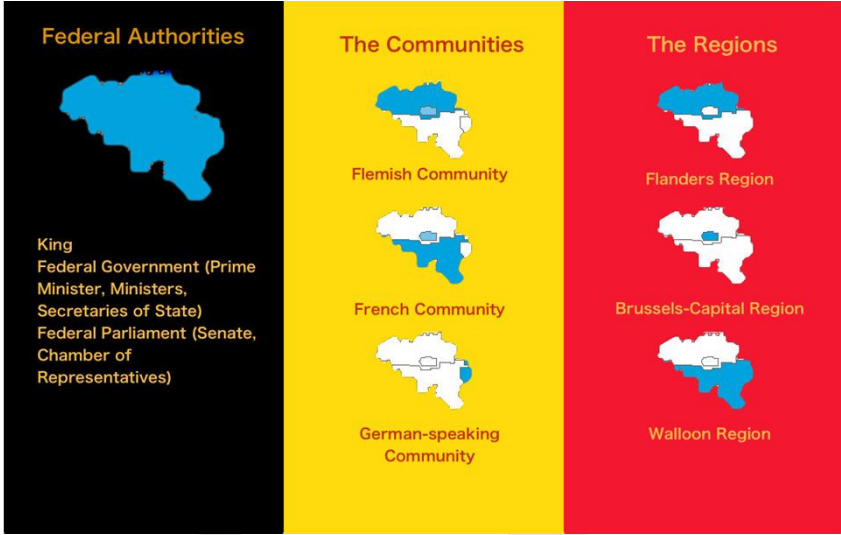


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Per un cambiamento sostenibile

Political organization

All pursuing the objectives of SD! (art7bis constitution)



FEDERAL STATE	COMMUNITIES (Flemish, French, German-speaking)	REGIONS (Wallonia, Flanders, Brussels-capital)
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"the general interest" ex. finance, the army, judiciary

"people-based, soft competences" ex. education, culture, ...

"geography-based, hard competences" ex. economy, work, ...

Equal footing (!), but different competences & responsibilities



National implementation



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National policy → cooperation is key !

- **Inter-ministerial Conference for Sustainable Development (IMCSD)** – gathers the respective ministers in charge of SD and Development Cooperation of the different authorities
- *“mandated to follow-up the implementation of the Agenda “in Belgium” by, among other work, coordinating the preparation of reports on progress made and challenges faced” (ex. contribution VNR)*

IMCSD ministers SD & DevCo

Administrative Steering Group



**Working Party on
National Strategy
SD**

**Working Party on
public
procurements**

**Working Party on
International
Relations**

National Sustainable Development Strategy (31 May 2017) exists of:

- **Overarching framework:**

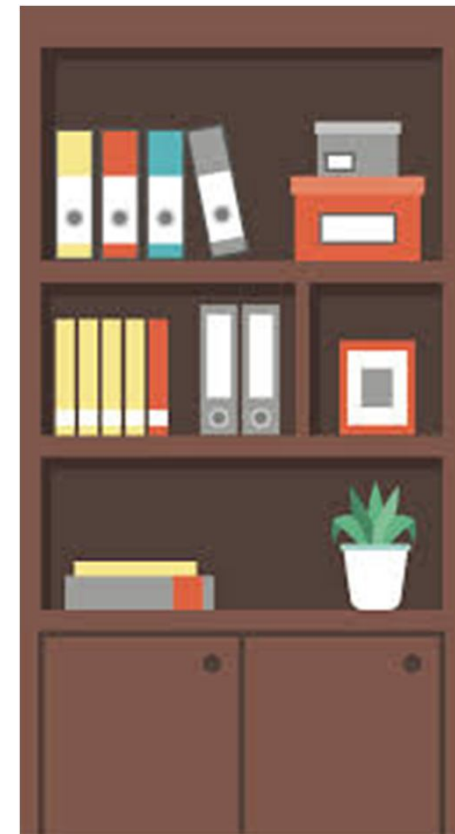
- Common vision based on 5 P's
- Selection of priority collaborative themes:
 - Advocacy
 - Monitoring progress (twice per legislature, ex. 22 November 2017)
 - Sustainable public procurements
 - Sustainable living and construction
 - Sustainable nutrition
 - Instruments to stimulate SD

- **Strategic documents:**

- Federal level: Long Term Vision, Federal Plan for Sustainable Development
- Flanders: Vision 2050
- Wallonia: 2nd WL strategy for SD
- Brussels-Capital Region: Regional Plan for SD
- German Community: 2nd Concept of Regional Development



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Federal implementation

The Belgian federal SD strategy (Act of May 1997 – revised in 2010)

- **Actors:**

- The Federal Institute for SD (FISD)
- The Interdepartmental Commission for SD (ICSD)
- The Task Force on SD (TFSD) of the Federal Planning Bureau
- The Federal Council for SD (FCSD) = stakeholders

- **Instruments : do-plan-act-cycle**

- ICSD (+FISD): planning & monitoring the process (LTV, IA, plans and reports)
- TFSD: Reports on current situation, evaluating policy, forecasting + indicators
- FCSD: stakeholder advisory council (participation major groups)



Other federal instruments for SD

- Each public ministry has to adopt (yearly) an action plan on SD
 - Contribution to LTV
 - Contribution to FPSD
 - Sustainable management (functioning)
 - Communication
- Each manager has to integrate SD objectives in its management plan
 - Action plan,
 - management system
 - Reporting GRI-4
 - Stakeholder dialogue
- Each Minister has to indicate in its yearly policy note the impact of its FPSD actions on SD



Federal policy: 5 steps

1. Updating and integration of the SDGs in the existing instruments of the federal sustainable development strategy
2. Achieving the SDGs through the functioning and policy of the federal public services
3. Promoting a coherent approach to the SDGs between the federal and regional governments
4. Communicating the SDGs to civil society
5. Building partnerships between the government and civil society stakeholders around the SDGs



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Challenges:

- Many powerful instruments, but difficulties to reach their full potential
- Political support could be stronger
- Civil society engagement could be stronger.
- Ownership of SD & SDGs. Ex. mapping. + solutions for the gaps (!)
- National cooperation & Belgian context.
- Avoid business as usual and reaching transformative action.

