

Building Back Better: measuring and enhancing policy coherence for effectively delivering on the SDGs by 2030

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Concept note

Context

In a global context where countries are still struggling to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, geopolitical conflicts in Europe and elsewhere are threatening the safety and wellbeing of people around the world. The current refugee crisis, increasing energy prices and threats to global food security require governments and societies to adapt to unforeseen events and to take collective and coordinated action to overcome crises. Efforts to build back better call for mutually reinforcing actions at different levels of government as well as for strengthening the ways we measure progress based on outcomes and impacts.

The 2030 Agenda and its implementation across countries and levels of government provides a shared strategic framework for international co-operation to transition towards more sustainable and resilient societies and economies. SDGs measurement and policy coherence can bring together all relevant stakeholders around the same table to understand what actions are working and how to scale them to accelerate progress based on evidence.

Against this background, this side event will provide an opportunity for sharing practical experiences on how governments are mobilising various tools at national and local levels- such as strategic planning, budgeting, regulation, public procurement, monitoring and evaluation - and building capacities to break out of sectoral silos to accelerate progress on the SDGs.

Objectives

This side event aims to:

- foster peer-learning dialogue on the greatest challenges facing governments in aligning efforts for building back better with the SDGs, and the most effective ways to enhance SDGs measurement and policy coherence for sustainable development.
- share practical experiences from the joint work between OECD and a number of countries in achieving the SDGs through evidence-based and integrated policy making.
- build a community of practice under the auspices of the HLPF/VNR preparations on policy coherence for sustainable development.

Speakers will discuss capacity gaps, assess innovative tools and highlight successful initiatives that are generating impact and contributing to accelerate progress on the 2030 Agenda. During this Side Event:

- **Romania** will launch its Plan of Action for the implementation of the National Strategy for Sustainable Development of Romania 2030
- **Italy** will present the key messages from the VNR 2022 and launch the National Action Plan for PCSD developed in collaboration with the OECD that will foster the implementation of the 2022 revised National Sustainable Development Strategy.
- **Luxembourg** will present the introduction of a sustainability check in the legislative procedure.
- **OECD** will launch the OECD Knowledge Platform on PCSD (PCSD Platform): a participative web-based platform, bringing together relevant knowledge resources on policy coherence for sustainable development from across the OECD with those of partners from all stakeholders groups, including from governmental and non-governmental national, regional, or international organisations, civil society, academia, and the private sector.

Target audience

High level government representatives as well as international stakeholders participating in the 2022 HLPF, including government practitioners at national and subnational levels, international organisations, civil society organisations and the business sector.

Format

This HLPF side event will be structured in two parts:

- an introductory segment with high-level speakers from co-hosting countries, and
- a moderated interactive knowledge exchange with a multi-stakeholder panel to showcase practical experiences in enhancing policy coherence, including on how governments are connecting policy silos, measuring SDG performance and impact, and dealing with trade-offs and addressing the global impacts of policies to build back better and ensure the goals of the 2030 Agenda are achieved.

SDG focus:

This side event will focus on the 2022 HLPF theme: "Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development". The discussion will put particular attention to the interlinkages among the set of SDGs to be reviewed by the HLPF in 2022 with a focus on the progress made on achieving SDG 17.14 Target on enhancing policy coherence for sustainable development, as a key means of implementation for all the Goals.

Tentative programme:

	Opening
25'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. László Borbély, State Counsellor, National SDG Coordinator, Prime Minister's Office - Department of Sustainable Development, Romania • Ms. Silvia Grandi, Director General, Circular Economy Directorate, Ministry for Ecological Transition, Italy • Ms Joëlle Welfring Minister for the Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development, Luxembourg • Ms. Elsa Pilichowski, Director, Public Governance Directorate, OECD
	Panel Discussion: Emerging challenges and solutions in measuring performance and impact, and in enhancing policy coherence for delivering on the SDGs by 2030
50'	<p><i>Panelists</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ms Evelyn Wever-Croes, Prime Minister of Aruba - Mr Barna Tánczos, Minister of Environment, Water and Forests, Romania - Dr Ahmed Kamaly, Deputy Minister of Planning and Economic Development, Egypt - Mrs Olga Algayerova, Executive Director of UNECE - Mr Daniel Dubas, President of ESDN Association - Sandra Pellegrom, SDG Coordinator, the Netherlands - Silvia Grandi, Director General Circular Economy, Ministry of Ecological Transition, Italy - Sara Hamouda, SDGs and Agenda 2063 Expert, African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) <p><i>Moderator:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Tatyana Teplova, Head of Division, Policy Coherence for SDGs, Senior Counsellor, Justice, Gender, Inclusiveness, Public Governance Directorate, OECD
5'	Q&A
	Closing
10'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. László Borbély, State Counsellor, National SDG Coordinator, Prime Minister's Office - Department of Sustainable Development, Romania - Ms. Tatyana Teplova, Head of Division, Policy Coherence for SDGs, Senior Counsellor, Justice, Gender, Inclusiveness, Public Governance Directorate, OECD