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Different levels of SDG monitoring

Level	Reference to be monitored	Main Actors	Indicator set
Global (UN)	Agenda 2030's 17 goals and 169 targets	UN Statistical Commission, IAEG-SDGs, "Custodian" agencies	Global list of 232 indicators. Includes unavailable indicators
UN region (UNECE)	Developing guidance for member countries but no monitoring carried out		
EU	SDGs in an EU context - focus on EU policies, COM(2016) 739 final	Eurostat, other Commission services, National statistical offices	EU SDG indicator set. Based on existing indicators
National	National SD strategies, implementation of Agenda 2030 in national policies	National statistical offices and other national agencies	National SD indicator sets (exist in some countries, are being developed in others)
Thematic	Individual SDGs or specific topics	Thematic institutions (e.g. UN thematic agencies)	More detailed indicator sets
Other	Alternative monitoring	NGOs, think tanks, other (e.g. OECD, Bertelsmann Stiftung)	Global or ad hoc indicators, different and ad hoc methodologies





EU SDG monitoring: policy background

Commission Communication COM(2016) 739 on <u>Next steps for a sustainable</u> <u>European future</u>, released on 22 November 2016

«From 2017 onwards, the Commission will carry out more detailed regular monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals in an EU context, **developing a reference indicator framework for this purpose**»







The EU SDG indicator framework

- Structured along the 17 SDGs, focused on EU context (relevant for EU policies)
- Around 100 indicators evenly distributed across the 17 SDGs → 6 indicators per SDG
- Multipurpose indicators used to monitor more than one goal → 5-12 indicators per SDG
- Only indicators «ready-to-use» and meeting selection criteria on policy relevance and data quality





EU SDG indicator set 2017

- Indicators chosen for **policy relevance** and statistical quality (strong links to EU policies, Code of Practice as key reference)
- Result of a very broad consultative process (Commission Services, National Statistical Institutes, Council Committees (EMCO, SPC, EFC), stakeholders ...)
- 18 May 2017 favourable opinion of European Statistical System Committee (ESSC)



2017 EU SDG monitoring (Eurostat's dissemination package)

Monitoring report & Brochure



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EU SDG indicator set: 2018 review (1)

Purpose: make sure that it includes the most relevant and highest quality indicators

Principle: improve EU SDG monitoring while ensuring its continuity

 Preserve key features of EU SDG indicator set (6 indicators per SDG, multipurpose indicators)
→ New indicators replacing existing ones within the same SDG



EU SDG indicator set: 2018 review (2)

Process

- When: December 2017 to April 2018
- Who: Eurostat domain units, Commission Services, National Statistical Institutes, stakeholders

No need for formal approval by ESS Committee

Outcome

- 6 replacements of indicators
- 9 modifications (e.g. units or breakdowns)
- List of 18 indicators "on hold" for future consideration



6 indicator replacements



"In work at-risk-of-poverty rate" [also used in SDG 8 to monitor decent work] replaces "Housing cost overburden"



"Death rate due to communicable diseases" replaces "Suicide rate"



"Investment by institutional sectors" replaces "Involuntary temporary employment"



"**Circular material use rate**" replaces "Volume of freight transport relative to GDP"



"Estimated trends in fish stock biomass (index 2003 = 100)" replaces "Catches in major fishing areas"



"Grassland butterfly index" replaces "Change in artificial land cover" [the latter merged with "Artificial land per capita"]



EU SDG indicator set 2018: Main characteristics

- **100** different indicators, evenly distributed across the 17 SDGs
- 42 (+1) multipurpose indicators, reinforcing links between goals and narrative of reporting
- 88 (+1) indicators updated annually
- 67 (-2) indicators from ESS, 33 (+2) from non-ESS sources
- **55 (-1)** aligned with UN SDG indicators



Indicators kept «on hold»

- 18 indicator proposals not included in 2018 set but kept «on hold» for possible future refinements of indicator set
- Indicators «on hold» identified in 9 SDGs:



Why «on hold»?

- indicator inclusion depending on future policies
- potentially interesting and development well advanced to consider inclusion in short-term
- high relevance but more effort needed to improve frequency and timeliness of data production
- high relevance but development and data production only expected in medium-term
- Eurostat ready to assist initiatives to advance development of "on hold" indicators!





Indicators «on hold» in SDG 11

- "Share of population with access to public transport by service level" to consider as <u>replacement</u> of sdg_11_30 "Difficulty in accessing public transport" once indicator fully developed and ready-to-use.
- "Share of urban population without green urban areas in their neighbourhood" to consider as <u>new topic</u> once indicator fully developed and ready-to-use.
- Furthermore:
- «on hold» indicators on topics of land use and land degradation in SDG 15 with potential link to SDG 11.



2018 timetable



- 3 April: 2018 EU SDG indicator set released on Eurostat's website [http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/sdi/indicators#2018review]
- Mar–Sep: Drafting EU SDG monitoring report 2018, incl. written consultations of Eurostat domain units, Commission Services & National Statistical Institutes
- Mid-Sep: Release of Eurostat's 2018 EU SDG monitoring report (tentative)
 - Implementation of 2018 EU SDG indicator set on Eurostat's website together with release of 2018 monitoring report.
 - Communication package (full report, brochure, website, database, wiki-type articles) will be extended by a digital publication that aims to bring the SDGs closer to citizens.
- Sep: Launch of the 2019 review of EU SDG indicator set







Eurostat's EU SDG dedicated website: <u>http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/sdi/overview</u>