



# Joint UN-GGIM Europe – ESS meeting on the integration of statistical and geospatial information

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**Item 9:**

**Eurostat's activities on EU SDG monitoring**

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# Different levels of SDG monitoring

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

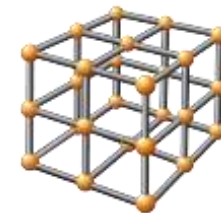


# EU SDG monitoring: policy background

*Commission Communication COM(2016)  
739 on Next steps for a sustainable  
European future, 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



Online database



Dedicated website



Statistics Explained



# 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 replacement 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 new topic 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  
[\[http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/sdi/indicators#2018review\]](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



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