



**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

Translating the SDGs into reality

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Belgian SDG Forum 2018 *“The SDGs are of, for and by everyone.”*



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Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development





LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

A horizontal bar composed of 17 colored segments, each representing one of the Sustainable Development Goals.



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1 NO POVERTY 	2 ZERO HUNGER 	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING 	4 QUALITY EDUCATION 	5 GENDER EQUALITY 	6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY 	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH 	9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE 	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES 	11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES 	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION
13 CLIMATE ACTION 	14 LIFE BELOW WATER 	15 LIFE ON LAND 	16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS 	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS 	 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



MAPS



- ✓ **Mainstreaming**
- ✓ **Acceleration**
- ✓ **Policy Support**



Promising momentum on SDGs

- High-Level Political Forum: in total 111 Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) have been presented, 24 of which are EU Member States.
 - Belgium among the first EU Member States to present VNR with *Pathways to Sustainable Development* in July 2017.
 - Belgium engaged to transform into reality



Promising momentum on SDGs

- Many EU Member States have made institutional and consultative arrangements for implementing the SDGs and are currently establishing follow-up mechanisms
- SDG coordination committees
- Aligning SDGs and budgetary frameworks
- Measuring and monitoring SDG progress



What about Europe and universality?

- Reaffirmation of commitment to SDGs
 - Joint Statements at UN General Assembly
 - SDG multi-stakeholder platform
 - Reflection Paper *Towards a Sustainable Europe by 2030*
 - Eurostat monitoring of EU SDG progress
 - EU plans to present its plan for **internal** and **external** SDG implementation at 2019 HLPF



What about Europe and universality?

- Challenges:
 - **Inequality** is on the rise in Europe
 - **Gender inequality**
 - **Youth unemployment** has gone down to 14.8% in August 2018, but still high in Southern Europe.
 - **Greenhouse gas emissions:** EU on the way to 20/20/20 goals
 - **Pollution**
 - ...



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Translating the SDGs into reality



- ✓ At local level
- ✓ By galvanizing the public
- ✓ By engaging the private sector



12 years left to achieve the goals,
we count on you!