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The Sustainable Development Goals

- The why, what and how to work with the SDGs in the EU/EUSBSR

WHY: SDGs as unifying agenda, enabling measurement of progress

- Agreed upon by 193 UN members in 2015
- Bold and ambitious guiding posts for action (can be seen in analysis results)
- 17 SDGs, 169 targets, 232 indicators – complex, but allowing comparison across countries
- Around the world, governments both national & local, private sector & civil society are embracing goals and aligning activities to SDGs
- Regional and sub-regional frameworks can facilitate the effective translation of sustainable development policies into concrete action at national level

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WHAT is meant by 17 SDGs, 169 Targets, 232 Indicators?

17 SDGs

- Covering breadth of human activity
- Allowing for discussion of trade-offs
- Act as sign-posts

169 Targets – Example SDG 11

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Sustainable cities and communities

11.1 - By 2030, ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services and upgrade slums

11.6 - By 2030, reduce the adverse per capita environmental impact of cities, including by paying special attention to air quality and municipal and other waste management

- 169 targets for 17 SDGs
- Targets cover variety of areas
- Developed for national governments

232 Indicators

Indicator 11.1.1: Proportion of urban population living in slums, informal settlements, or inadequate housing

Indicator 11.6.1: Proportion of urban solid waste regularly collected and with adequate final discharge out of total urban solid waste generated, by cities
Indicator 11.6.2: Annual mean levels of fine particulate matter (e.g. PM2.5 and PM10) in cities (population weighted)

- Indicators assigned for each target
- Need to be translated to regional collaboration
- Resources for translation need to be developed

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The SDGs & the EUSBSR

The SDGs at a regional level

"We acknowledge also the **importance of the regional and sub-regional dimensions**, regional economic integration and interconnectivity in sustainable development. Regional and sub-regional frameworks can facilitate the effective translation of sustainable development policies into concrete action at national level." (2030 Agenda)

Regions

Source: Olga Zuin, Council of the Baltic Sea States

The Baltic 2030 Action Plan

BSR Action for SDGs – the Baltic 2030 Action Plan

"The Baltic Sea Region is transformed and empowered because we have worked together **in partnership.**

The economies of the BSR follow a **sustainable model that conserves resources, protects ecosystems, and provides meaningful employment for all**.

The BSR has increased **resilience to climate change**.

Our **cities, towns and communities** are vital places that provide a **high quality of life for people** of every age and background.

All have access to excellent **educational opportunities**, at every phase of life.

Gender equality is respected, all types of inequalities are being addressed, and the rights of all, with special attention to the **rights of children**, are protected."

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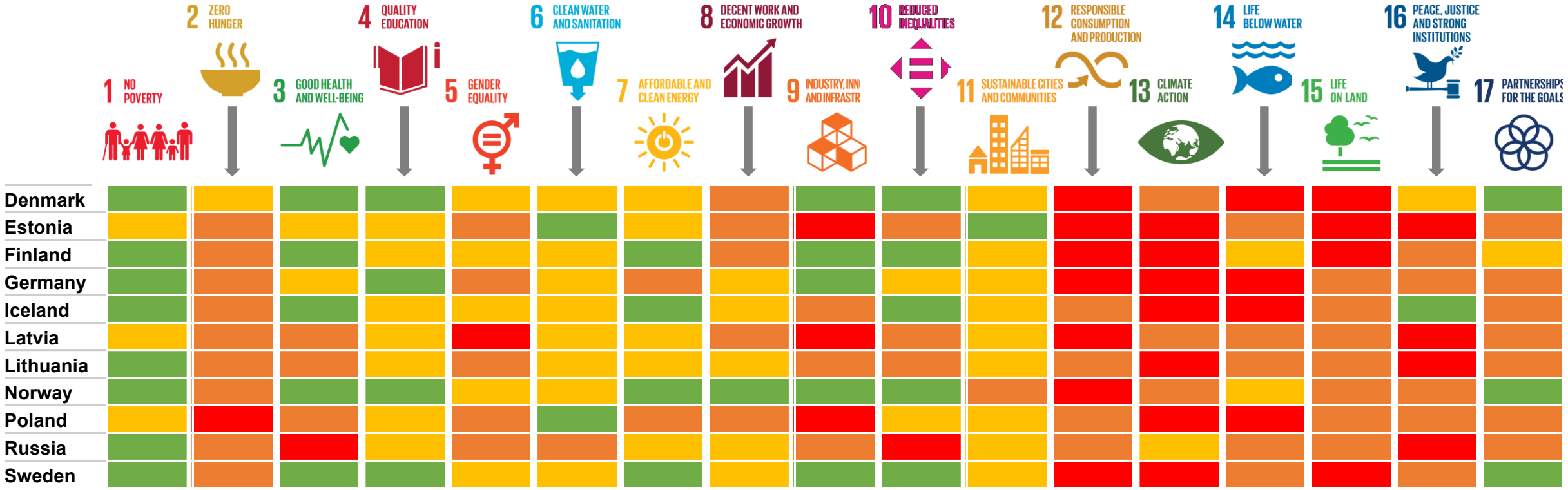
Overall conclusion: Decisive action needed



The SDGs are ambitious targets and all SDGs need to be addressed in the BSR

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SDG Index and Dashboard: Starting with a baseline & measuring progress

- Created by Bertelsmann Stiftung & Sustainable Development Solutions Network – not affiliated w/ UN
- Analysis of SDG performance across 157 of 193 member states – All CBSS states included
- Based on 99 indicators for which data is available
- Report includes actual data and normalized values to allow ranking for comparison
- Country-level measurement, but indicators applicable for regions & municipalities
- Indicators on spillover-effects included

Most complete available source for SDG implementation on country level

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Working Strategically with the SDGS

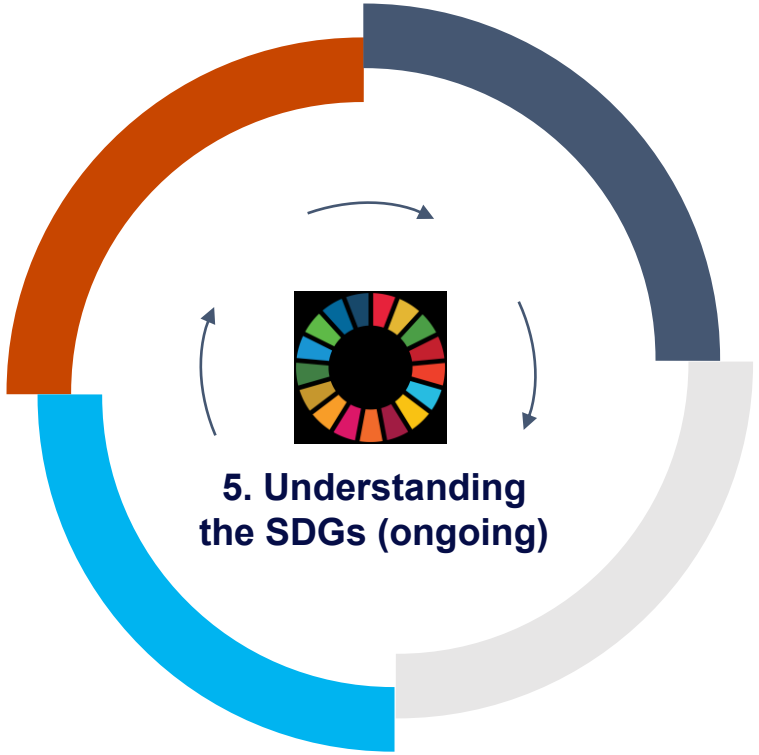
SDG Integration Process

1. Defining priorities

- Identify SDGs impacted
- Identify relevant targets
- Prioritise SDGs & targets

2. Setting goals

- Map existing indicators & activities
- Close gap by developing indicators
- Set targets



4. Reporting & communicating

- Report & communicate continuously
- Measure progress

3. Integrating

- Integrate sustainability into core activities & governance

Source: SDG Compass process

The SDGs in the EU

How the EU integrates the SDGs – waiting for the reflection paper

EC Communication “Next steps for a sustainable European future European action for sustainability” from 2016. Includes two workstreams:

1. **Mainstreaming the SDGs** - full integration of the SDGs in the EU policy framework

2. **Developing EU long-term vision post 2020**

EC Reflection Paper on long-term SDGs implementation: ”Towards a Sustainable Europe by 2030” (to be launched … soon)

How the EU integrates the SDGs – what has happened so far?

Governance:
- Multi-stakeholder platform set up 22 May 2017
- Chaired by First Vice-President Timmermans, 30 members total
- Has delivered contribution to the Commission's Reflection Paper

Finance:
- 14 February 2018 EC Communication "A new, modern Multiannual Financial Framework for a European Union that delivers efficiently on its priorities post-2020": *The EU must also make good on its commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals*

Political commitment:
- Reflection Paper will show level of ambition

Questions?

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