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The 2030 Agenda



An integrated vision of development,
based on four pillars:

- Economy
- Society
- Environment
- Institutions

**The United Nations' Global
Agenda and the Sustainable
Development Goals (SDGs):**

- 17 Goals
- 169 targets
- 240+ indicators

Three principles:

- Integration
- Universality
- Participation

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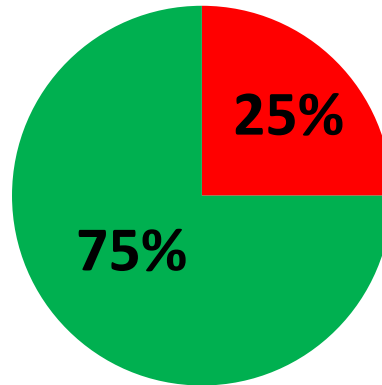
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Do you think the issues of the 2030 Agenda represent a priority?

A lot / Somewhat



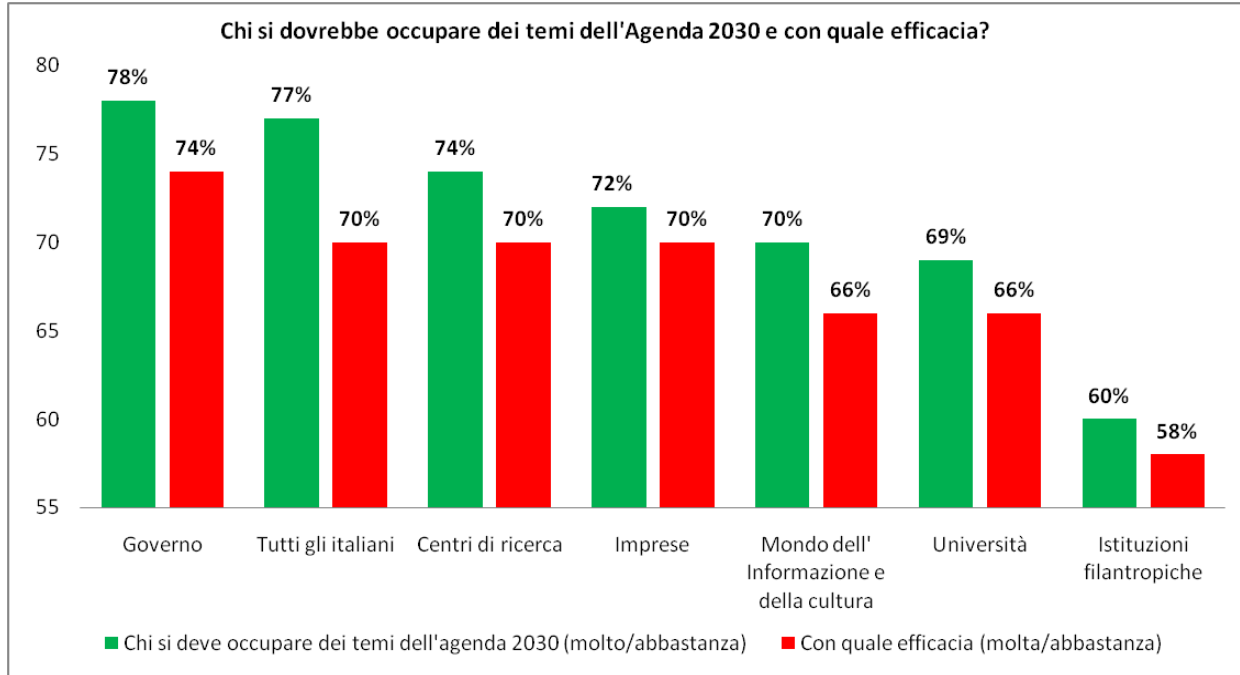
Not so much / Not at all

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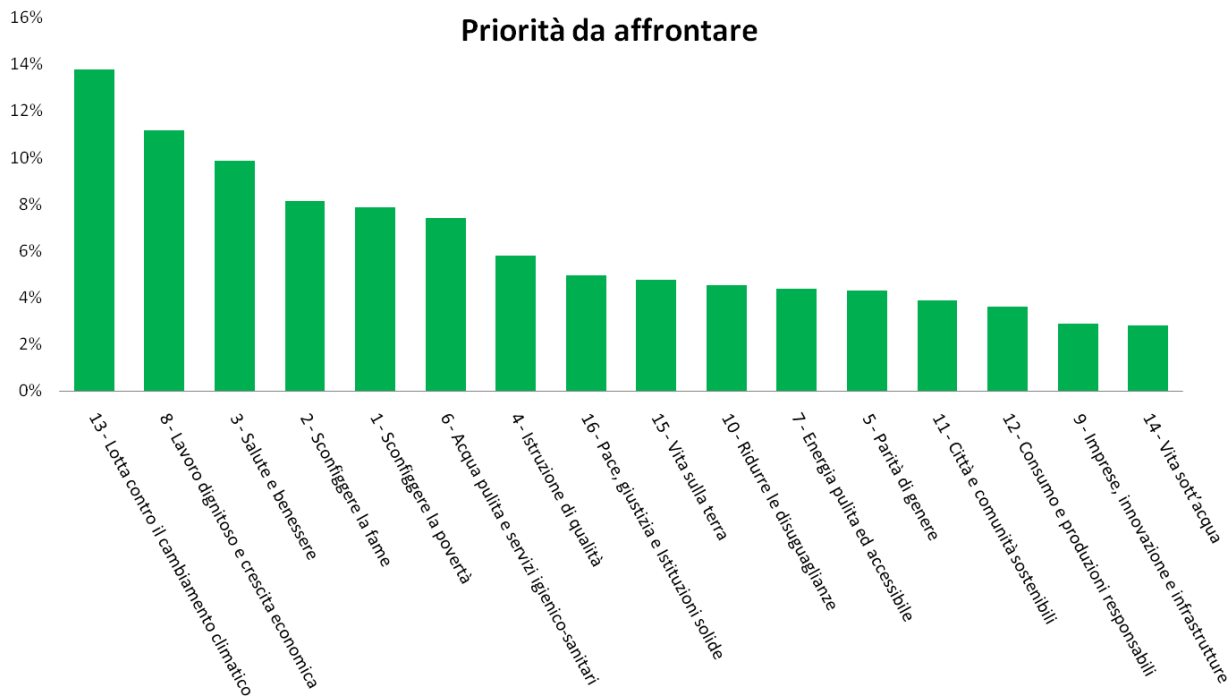


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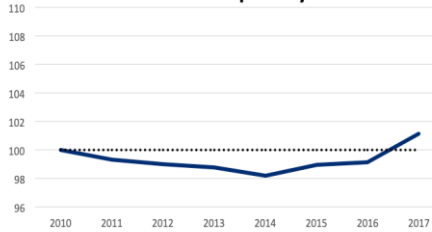
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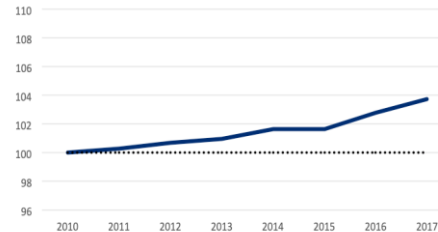
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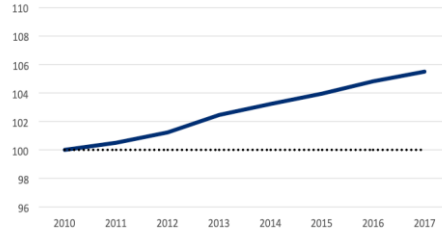
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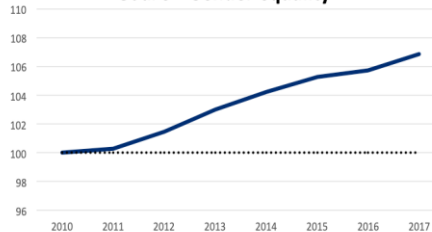
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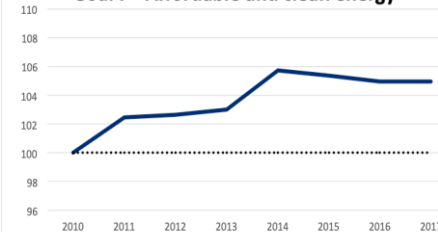
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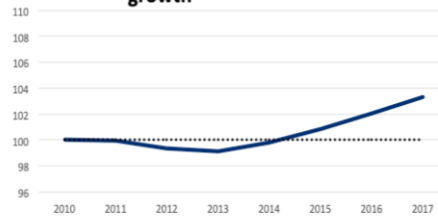
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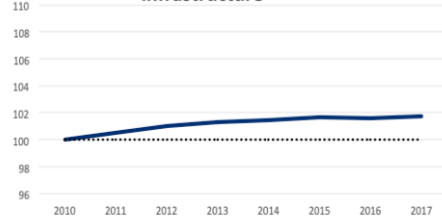
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Goal 9 - Industry, innovation and infrastructure



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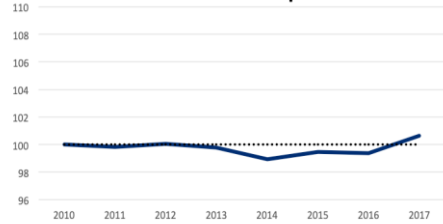


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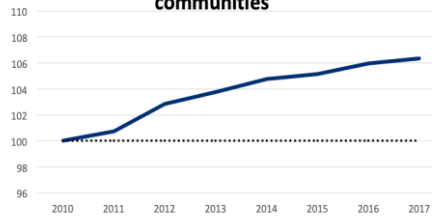


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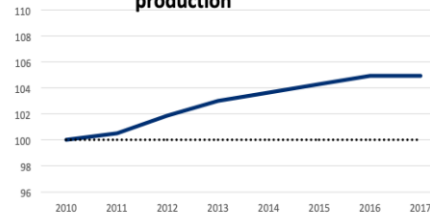
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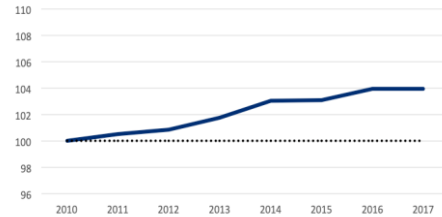
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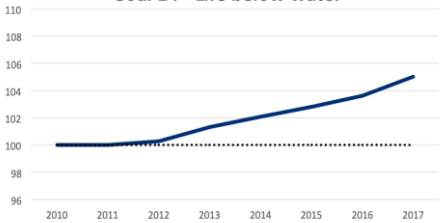
Goal 12 - Responsible consumption and production



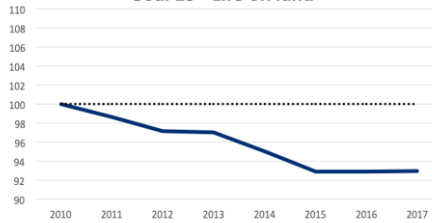
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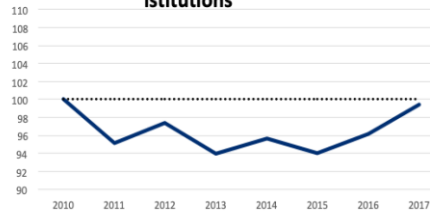
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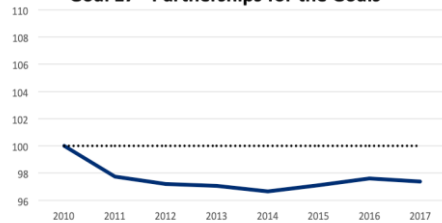
Goal 15 - Life on land



Goal 16 - Peace, justice and strong institutions



Goal 17 - Partnerships for the Goals



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- **Between 2016 and 2017 the EU shows:**
 - Signs of improvement with respect to ten SDGs (poverty, zero hunger, health, education, gender equality, decent work, inequalities, sustainable cities, life below water and governance)
 - Stability with respect to six SDGs (energy, innovation, responsible consumption and production, climate action, life on land and partnerships).

The EU is the most sustainable geopolitical area in the world

The EU is not on a sustainable development path

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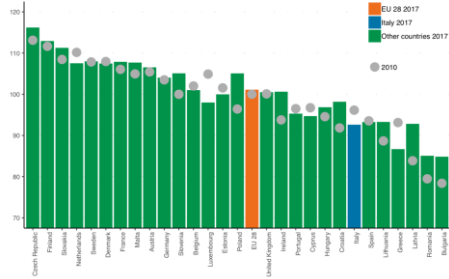
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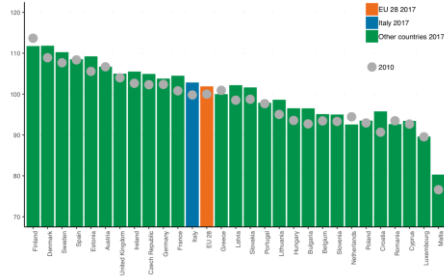
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Inequalities between Member States

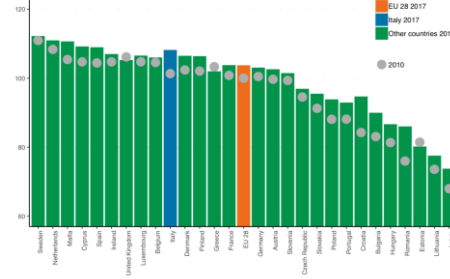
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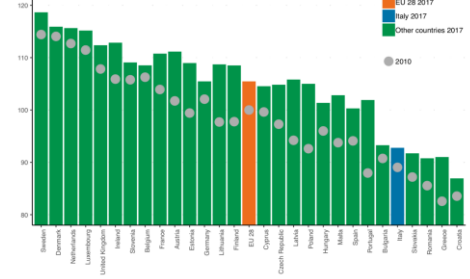
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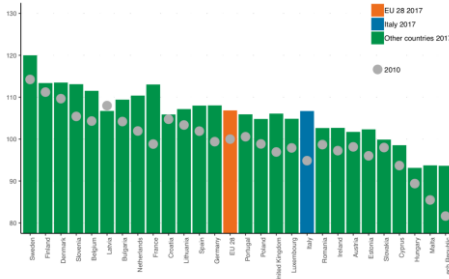
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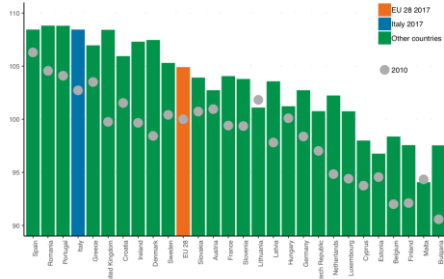
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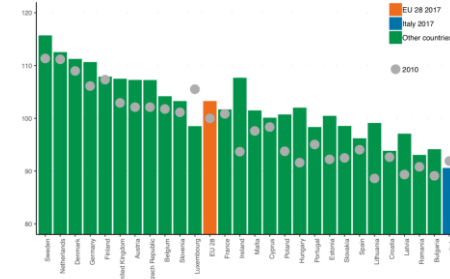
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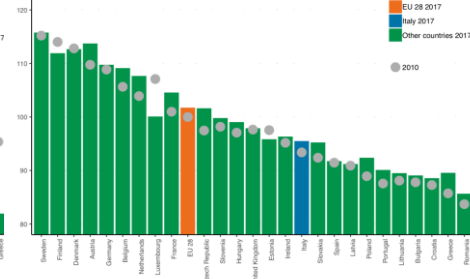
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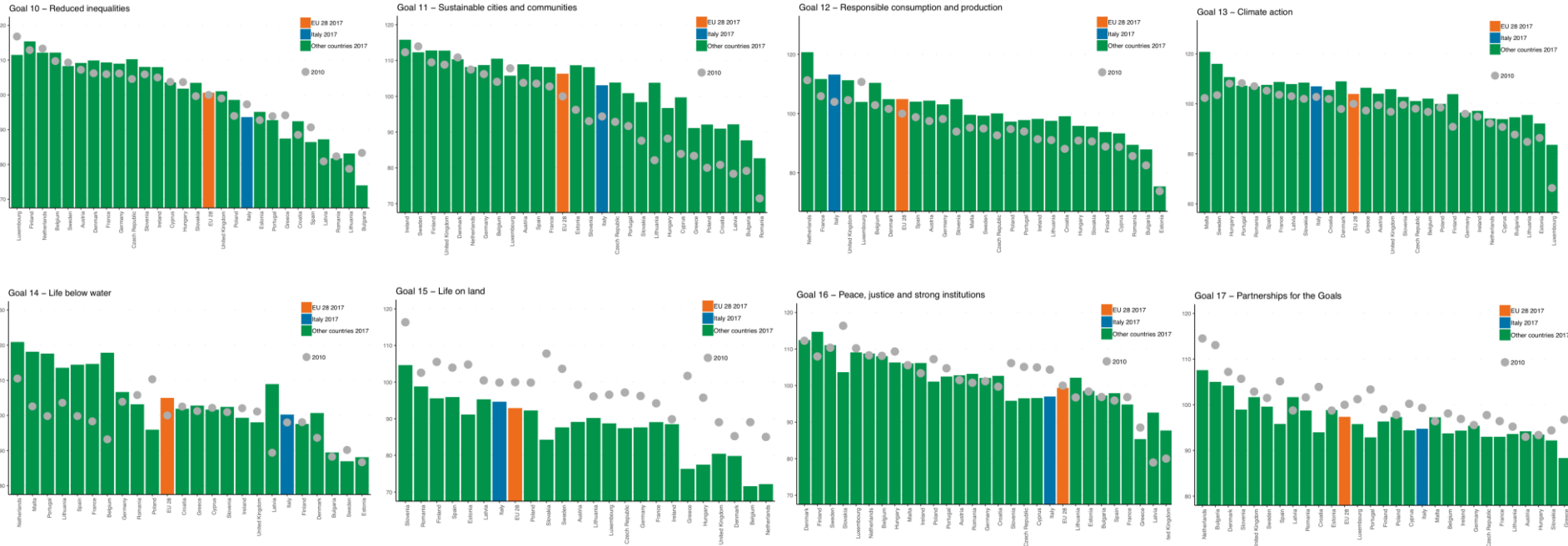
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Where are we at? Inequalities between Member States



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- **In nine cases Italy achieves worse results compared to EU average:** poverty, education, decent work, innovation, inequalities, cities, life below water, governance and partnerships.
- **In one case Italy's results are close to EU average:** gender equality.
- **In six cases Italy is in a better condition than the EU:** zero hunger, health, energy, responsible consumption and production, climate action and life on land.

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The Lisbon Treaty

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2. The Union shall offer its citizens **an area of freedom, security and justice without internal frontiers...**
3. The Union shall establish an internal market. **It shall work for the sustainable development of Europe** based on balanced economic growth and price stability, a highly competitive social market economy, **aiming at full employment and social progress**, and a **high level of protection and improvement of the quality of the environment.** It shall promote scientific and technological advance. **It shall combat social exclusion and discrimination, and shall promote social justice and protection, equality between women and men, solidarity between generations and protection of the rights of the child. It shall promote economic, social and territorial cohesion, and solidarity among Member States.** It shall respect its rich cultural and linguistic diversity, and shall ensure that Europe's cultural heritage is safeguarded and enhanced.
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The European Parliament indicated the 2030 Agenda as a key reference for European policies:

- **Sustainability as a guiding principle for EU policies:** Sustainable Development Goals in all EU policies and initiatives.
- **Multi-annual Financial Framework for sustainable development:** 25% of EU expenditure for climate objectives, adoption of a new Just Energy Transition Fund (4,8 billion), increase in funding to achieve the European Pillar of Social Rights (triple the Erasmus+ budget, double funding for the European Youth Initiative, increase the European Social Fund, integrate the European Child Guarantee), with a budget of at least 5,9 billion.
- **Comprehensive strategy for the SDGs:** aligning the European Semester to the SDGs; team with horizontal responsibility for sustainable development coordinated by the President of the Commission; adoption of ex-ante and ex-post impact assessments based on the SDGs.

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European institutions and the 2030 Agenda

The European Economic and Social Committee:

- *called for the current **EU governance system** to be adapted to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda... for example, the **European Semester** machinery should be monitoring and contributing to the implementation of the SDGs... A **sustainability test** should be applied to all legislation and policy proposals in order to estimate the impact on SDGs and decide on the appropriateness of the proposal;*
- *recommended that within the Commission, a **Vice-President**, with a dedicated team, specific budget and working structure with all Commissioners and Commission departments, should be in charge of mainstreaming the SDGs into EU policies;*
- *called for an agreement on an **EU budget** that makes sustainable development the core objective.*

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The «Multistakeholder Platform on SDGs» recommended to:

- Make sustainability a guiding principle for the **Multi-annual Financial Framework 2021-2027**;
- Embed a “**think sustainability first**” principle in EU policies;
- Adjust “**ex-ante conditionalities**” to sustainability;
- Introduce a link between sustainability and the “**rule of law**”;
- Transform the “**European Semester**” to a delivery model for sustainability;
- Exclude “**contradictory subsidies**” with respect to sustainability;
- Add “**social, environmental and climate indicators**” to the European structural and investment funds.

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European institutions and the 2030 Agenda

- **The EU Commission (January 30th, 2019) published its *Reflection paper* with three scenarios:**
 - 1) *An overarching EU SDG strategy to guide all the actions of the EU and its Member States;*
 - 2) *Continued mainstreaming of the SDGs in all relevant EU policies by the Commission, but not enforcing Member States' action;*
 - 3) *Putting enhanced focus on external action while consolidating current sustainability ambition at EU level.*

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The EU Council (April 9th, 2019) indicated the second scenario “preferable”:

- *The Council underlines the urgent need for **accelerating the implementation** of the 2030 Agenda both globally and internally, as an overarching priority of the EU... there is a strong and urgent need to shift to a comprehensive, overarching and ambitious approach at EU level ...This approach **should guide our present and future actions** at EU level;*
- *Urges the Commission to elaborate a **comprehensive implementation strategy** outlining timelines, objectives and concrete measures to reflect the 2030 Agenda and mainstream the SDGs in all relevant EU internal and external policies ... **within 2019**;*
- *emphasises the need to consider the main policy foundations for a sustainable future of Europe as well as the principles of the 2030 Agenda and its 17 SDGs in the discussions on the next **EU Strategic Agenda 2019-2024**.*

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The EU Council (April 9th, 2019) indicated the second scenario as “preferable”:

- *stresses the strong and urgent need to **enhance Policy Coherence** for Sustainable Development (PCSD) at all levels and between all internal and external actions, by accelerating the mainstreaming of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs in all relevant EU policies, strategies and tools, and to more efficiently use existing mechanisms and instruments, including where relevant **the European Semester**, the Better Regulation agenda, impact assessment procedures, Policy Coherence for Development (PCD) and to assess how the new **Multiannual-Financial Framework (MFF)** can support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda;*
- *The Council calls for the strengthening of the **Multi-Stakeholder Platform** on the SDGs.*

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To sum up, the key issues concern:

- The 2019-2024 strategic priorities and the connection with national policies;
- The Multi-annual Financial Framework 2021-2027;
- The structure of the Commission;
- The reform of the European Semester and coherence between internal and external policies;
- The ex-ante evaluation of new legislative initiatives;
- Civil society involvement.

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Draft prepared for the Sibiu summit:

- *Protecting citizens and freedoms;*
- *Developing our economic base: the European model for the future;*
- *Building a greener, fairer and more inclusive future;*
- *Promoting Europe's interests and values in the world.*

A new version will be prepared in the beginning of June to be approved within the same month, along with the election of the President of the EU Commission.

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The recommendations of ASviS:

- The 2030 Agenda should be clearly mentioned as a reference for the 2019-2024 strategic priorities, with explicit indications on how the single priorities can contribute to the achievement of the 17 SDGs;
- each priority should include targets to 2024 in line with the targets of the 2030 Agenda;
- On occasion of the «State of the Union» speech, the President of the Commission should submit a report to be discussed with the Heads of State and Government at the end of year summit;
- The Multi-annual Financial Framework should be linked to the 2030 Agenda.

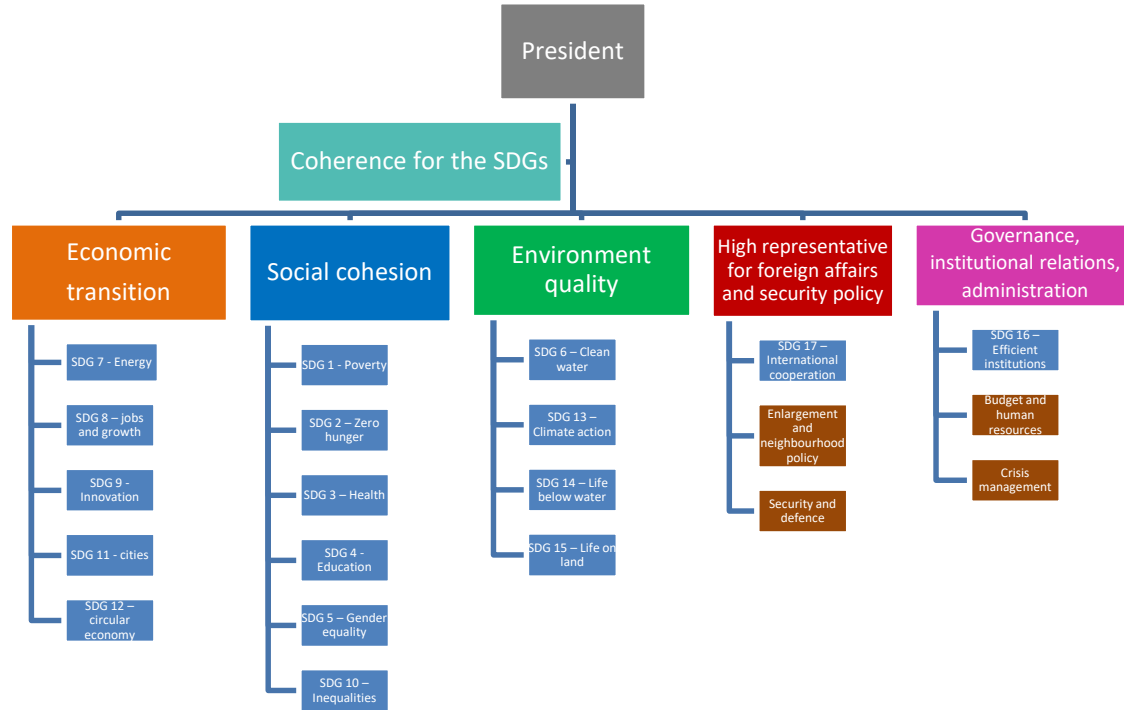
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The new Commission



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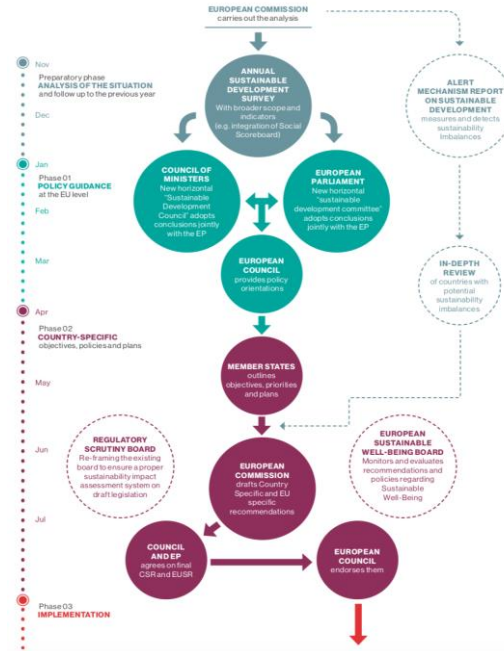


Sustainable Equality



Report of the Independent Commission
for Sustainable Equality | 2019-2024

SUSTAINABLE SEMESTER PROCESS (Annual)



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- **New analytical tools:**

- Annual Sustainable Development and Well-Being Survey and Sustainability Imbalance Procedure.
- A new system of indicators integrated in the country reporting and general analysis.

- **A new governance structure:**

- A new Sustainable Development Council.
- A new Sustainable Development Committee in the European Parliament.
- A newly framed Regulatory Scrutiny Board in the European Commission to guarantee sustainability impact assessment and evaluation work.
- A newly established European Sustainable Well-Being Board, mirroring the existing European Fiscal Board, and mandated to provide annual independent monitoring and evaluation across EU policies and recommendations made in the framework of the Sustainable Development Process as regards their impact on sustainable well-being.

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The ex-ante evaluation of new legislative initiatives

ASviS' work demonstrated that such an evaluation is possible:

Tavola 10 - Effetto dell'insieme delle politiche ipotizzate sui diversi Obiettivi rispetto allo scenario *business as usual*)

Politica	Indice APPS	SDG 1	SDG 2	SDG 3	SDG 4	SDG 5	SDG 6	SDG 7	SDG 8	SDG 9	SDG 10	SDG 11	SDG 12	SDG 13	SDG 14	SDG 15	SDG 16	SDG 17
Accordo di Parigi (Politica NDC_C04D)	↑	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔
Strategia Energetica Nazionale 2017 (Politica SEN 2017)	↔	↓	↓	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔
Garanzia Giovani e Avanzato dell'occupazione femminile (Politica OCC_FIG)	↔	↑	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔
Industria 4.0 - Banda Larga (Politica IND4_OBBL)	↑	↑	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔
Istruzione di qualità (Politica QSTN)	↑	↑	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔	↔
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We encourage the Commission to adopt innovative evaluation instruments to highlight the interactions between the positive and negative effects of different policies, including those at national level.

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Some suggestions:

- Strengthening of the Multi-stakeholder platform for the ex-ante and ex-post policy evaluation;
- Launch of an information campaign, in collaboration with national media, directed at citizens and national organisations;
- Involvement of schools and universities;
- Involvement of business associations and entrepreneurs, especially women and the young;
- Involvement of trade unions and CSOs;
- Use Erasmus+ and other means to inform and mobilise young generations.

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- **The European Union is not on a sustainable development path**
- **European institutions have laid the foundations for a quality leap in european policies using the 2030 Agenda as a reference to fully implement the Treaty**
- **Civil society has pushed in this direction and is ready to support an acceleration**
- **Citizens expect a leap forward from politics**

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**We expect leadership, courage and swift
action**

**Italy, as a founding Member State, has an
important role to play**

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