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2020 monitoring report on progress towards the SDGs in an EU context

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- **European Statistical System**

- EU SDG indicator set

- Assessment methodology

- EU SDG Monitoring Report 2020
  - Key findings and dissemination package

The European Statistical System (ESS)

A partnership of Eurostat, all National Statistical Institutes and other national authorities for the development, production and dissemination of European statistics

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How does this partnership work?

National statistical offices
- Data collection
  (often based on EU legislation)

Eurostat
- Data consolidation and quality check
- Production of EU aggregates
- Dissemination and communication
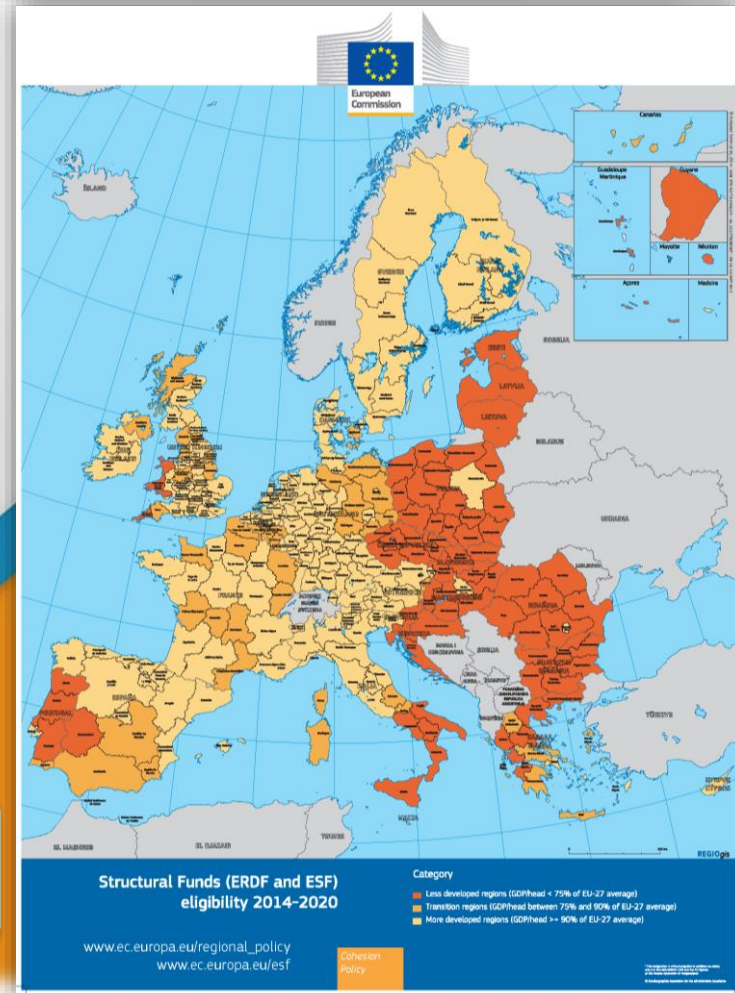- Leadership and coordination

Importance of comparable statistics

EU decision-making, for example:

Eligibility of EU regions for Structural Funds

Monitoring the EMU and Stability and Growth Pact

**Own ressources/
MS contribution to the EU budget**

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Structural Funds (ERDF and ESF)
eligibility 2014-2020

Category

Less developed regions (GDP/head < 75% of EU-27 average)
Transition regions (GDP/head between 75% and 90% of EU-27 average)
More developed regions (GDP/head >= 90% of EU-27 average)

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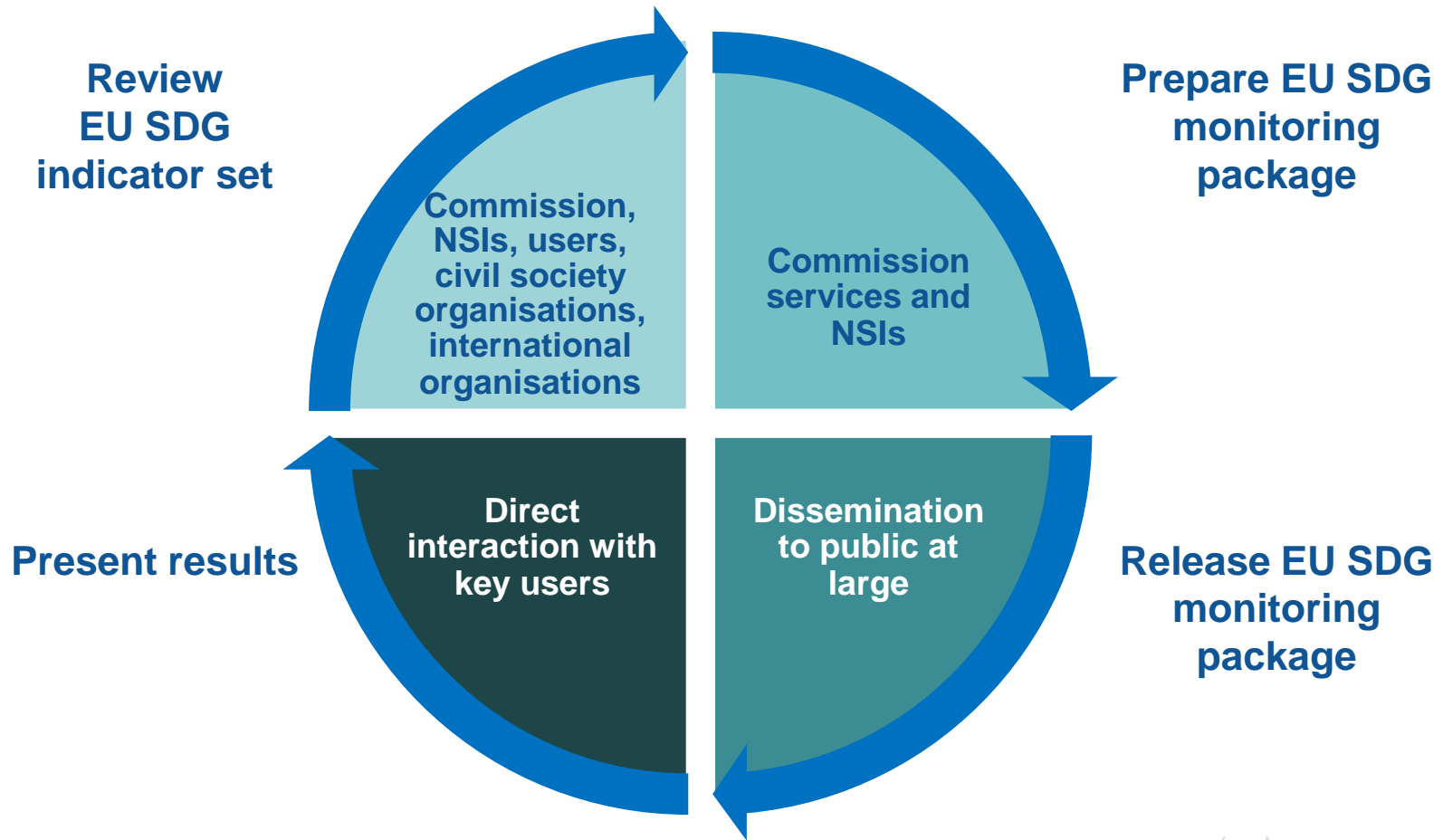www.ec.europa.eu/esf

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EU SDG annual monitoring cycle: key phases & main actors
(in addition to Eurostat)

Review EU SDG indicator set

Prepare EU SDG monitoring package

Present results

Release EU SDG monitoring package

Commission, NSIs, users, civil society organisations, international organisations

Commission services and NSIs

Direct interaction with key users

Dissemination to public at large

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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 231 indicators. Includes unavailable indicators
UN region (UNECE)	Selection based on relevance for the region and data availability	UNECE, data sourced from the Global SDG indicators database	73 indicators from the global list
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

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UN and EU SDG indicator sets comparison

UN SDG indicators (as of April 2020)	EU SDGs indicators (2020 set)
Structured along 169 targets	Structured along 17 goals
231 indicators	**100** indicators; 65 aligned with UN SDG indicators
Only 50% (115 indicators) "ready to use" (tier I)	**100%** "ready to use"
12 multipurpose indicators	**36** multipurpose indicators
Comprehensive reviews in 2020 and 2025	Reviewed annually

EU SDG indicator set

- Indicators chosen for their <u>policy relevance and statistical quality</u>

  - *strong links with EU policies & in line with European Statistics Code of practice*

- Result of a broad consultative process

  - *including: Member States (via national statistical offices - NSIs), EU Council Committees (EMCO, SPC, EFC), users, academia and civil society, international organisations (FAO, UNEP, …)*

- Favourable opinion of the European Statistical System Committee on 18 May 2017

- Annual reviews

  - *to enhance relevance and statistical quality while ensuring comparability between monitoring rounds*

EU SDG indicator set 2020: main characteristics

- **100 different <u>indicators</u>**
  - relevant in an EU context
  - ready to use for monitoring progress
  - evenly distributed across the 17 SDGs

- **36 multipurpose indicators** (i.e. used for more than 1 SDG), reinforcing links between goals and narrative of reporting

- **90 indicators updated annually**

- **63 indicators from official statistics**, **37** from other sources

- **65 aligned with UN SDG indicators**

In addition, **11** indicators 'on hold' – ongoing work for possible future inclusion in EU SDG set

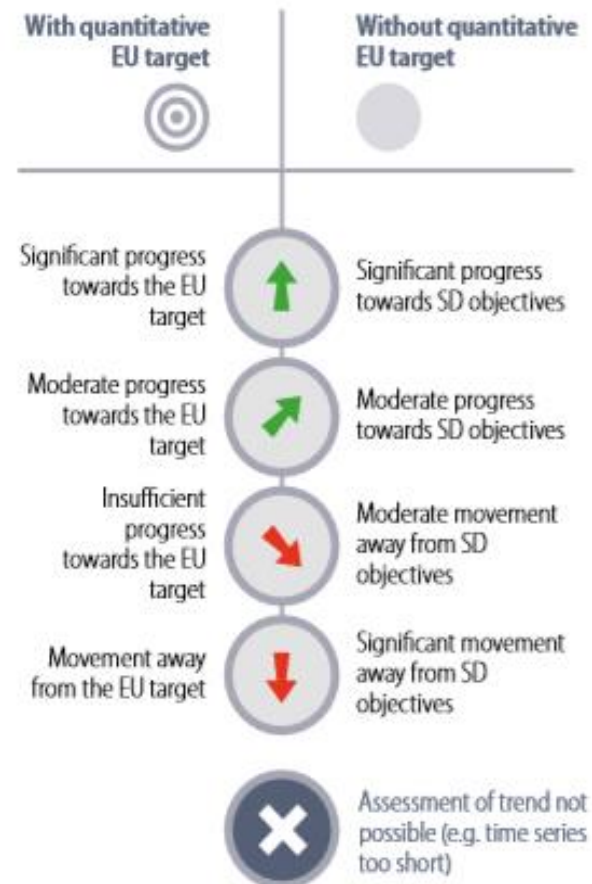European Commission

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Trend assessment: indicators

Assessment of individual indicator trends…

- o …with an existing quantitative policy target:
  „Is the EU on track to reach the target?"

- o …without a quantitative target:
  „Is the EU moving in the right direction with regards to…?"

With quantitative EU target	Without quantitative EU target
Significant progress towards the EU target	Significant progress towards SD objectives
Moderate progress towards the EU target	Moderate progress towards SD objectives
Insufficient progress towards the EU target	Moderate movement away from SD objectives
Movement away from the EU target	Significant movement away from SD objectives
	Assessment of trend not possible (e.g. time series too short)

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Assessment at SDG level

Tachometer: average «performance» for **SDG X** ->

Indicator	Long-term trend (past 15 years)	Short-term tre (past 5 year:
Sustainable economic growth		
Real GDP	↑	↑
Investment share of GDP	↗	↑
Resource productivity (*)	↑	↗
Employment		
Young people neither in employment nor in education and training (NEET)	↑	↑
Employment rate	↗	↗
Long-term unemployment rate	↑ (¹)	↑
Inactive population due to caring responsibilities (*)	↘ (²)(³)	↓ (²)
Decent work		
People killed in accidents at work	:	↑
In work at-risk-of-poverty rate (*)	:	↘

<- **The indicator list**:

- *Grouped in sub-themes*
- *Evaluation of individual indicators*

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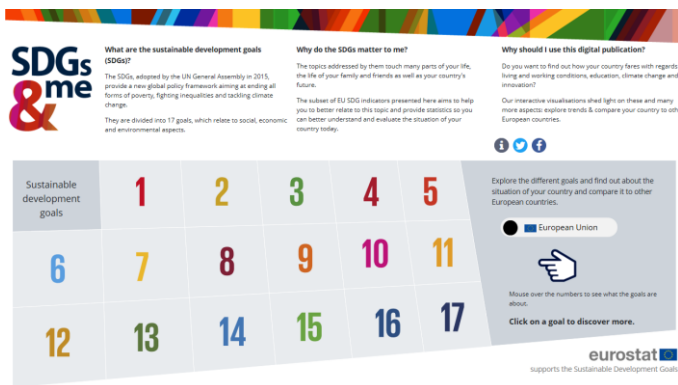# Eurostat 2020 EU SDG monitoring package

Monitoring report & Brochure

Dedicated website

Statistics Explained

Digital publication

Online database

New features in 2020

- Chapter on status and progress of EU Member States towards SDGs

- Goal-level assessment for SDG 16

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

- "Leaving no one behind"
  - **Introduction of 5 new citizenship gap indicators in SDG 10**

The employment rate for non-EU citizens was

13.8

percentage points lower than for home-country nationals in the EU in 2019

- Annex on spillover effects

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Key findings 2020

2020 Eurostat report on progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals in the EU

Launch at press conference of Commissioner Gentiloni yesterday: https://audiovisual.ec.europa.eu/en/video/I-192326

Key findings

Most significant progress

SDG 16 – Peace, justice and strong institutions

- Reductions in deaths due to homicides and perceived crime, violence and vandalism
- Improvements in perceived independence of justice systems and trust in EU institutions

SDG 1 – No poverty

- Risk of poverty or social exclusion decreased
- Sanitary facilities are improving, less overcrowding

Key findings

No progress

SDG 13 – Climate action

- GHG emission reductions reached 2020 targets but not on track to reach 40% reduction by 2030 (based on past trends; on track based on plans of Member States)
- European surface temperature and ocean acidity increasing

Moderate movement away

SDG 5 – Gender equality

- Women's hourly earnings catching up slowly
- Many more women than men economically inactive due to caring responsibilities – gap is widening

Political guidelines 2019 - 2024

"... *refocus the European Semester into an instrument that integrates UN SDGs*"

President - Ursula von der Leyen

Eurostat contribution:

Annex E in European Semester country reports released end of February 2020, short-term progress towards SDGs based on EU SDG indicator set

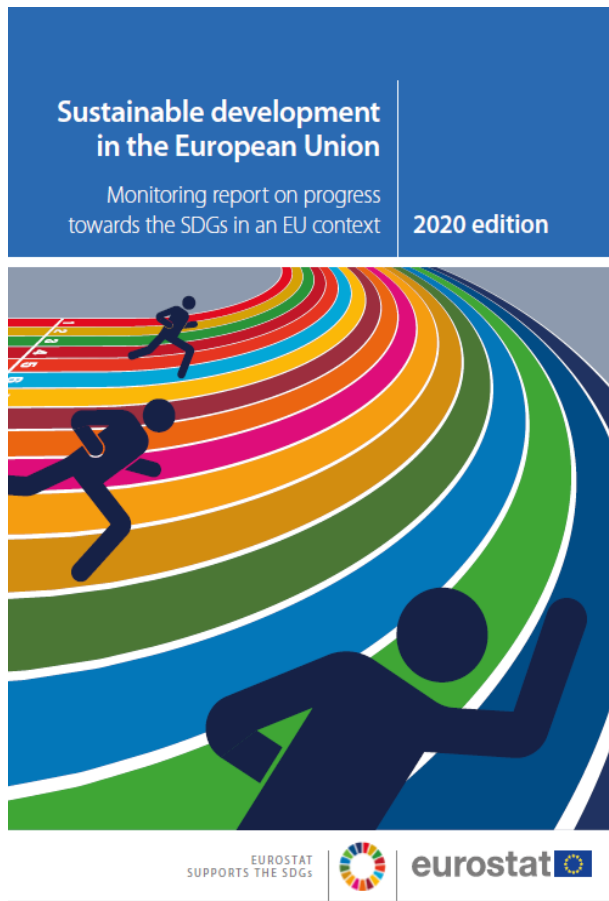Eurostat

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Open data portal

- *Datasets available on the EU Open Data Portal https://data.europa.eu/euodp/en/home*

Daily upload of the catalogue of Eurostat data (the "Navigation Tree") to the EU Open Data Portal

- **containing an RDF description of the dataset including links in different formats to the data hosted on Eurostat portal using DCat-AP specifications.**

- **From early 2021, the new Eurostat API Catalogue endpoint will provide access to richer RDF files based on StatDCAT-AP.**

- *Eurostat dataset catalogue on EU Open Data Portal*

- *RDF files exported by Eurostat (bulk download)*

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