



FOCUS 2030 WEBINAR: THE EUROPEAN RECOVERY AND THE SDGs THE CASE OF FLANDERS

WEBINAR

FRIDAY 1 OCTOBER 2021

14:00 - 16:00 CET



Julie Bynens
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Chancellery and Foreign
Affairs



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Solutions Network
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Veerle Vandeweerd
Former Director Environment &
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Co-founder Covidea and P4TT

Other speakers :

Wouter Nachtergaele, Head of division, International Cooperation, Flemish Administration
Xavier Vanden Bosch, European Semester Officer, European Commission
Sylvie Van den Eynde, Chief HR & Corporate Affairs Office, Brussels Airport Company

Moderator: Peter Wollaert, UNITAR Fellow and Managing Director of CIFAL Flanders

05:00



Flanders
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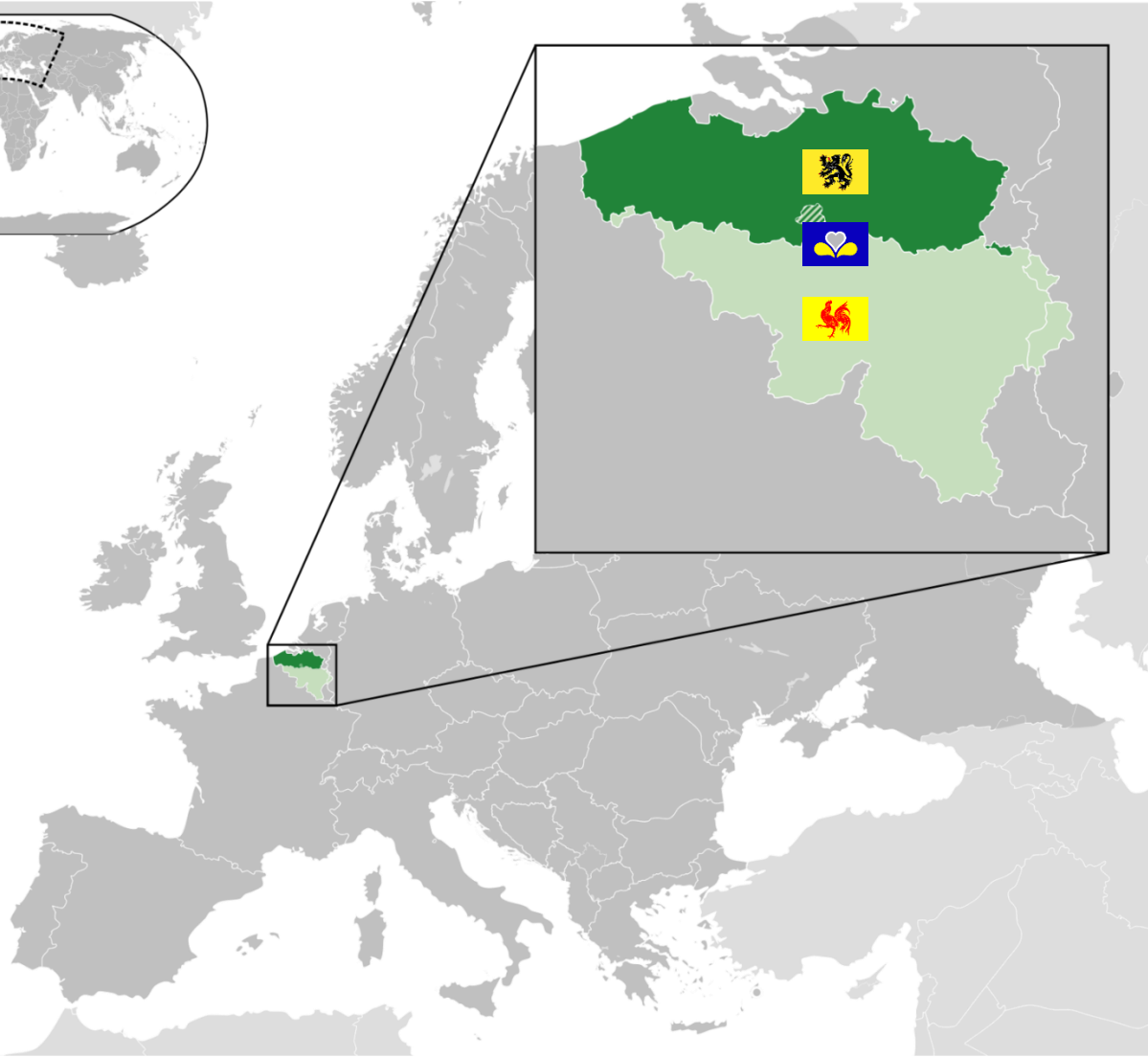
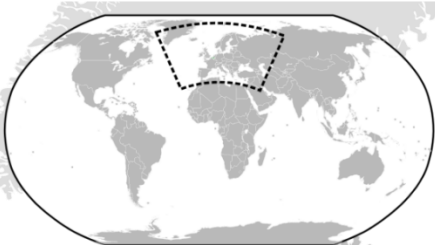
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MONITORING PROGRESS FOR THE SDGs Where are we after 5 years?

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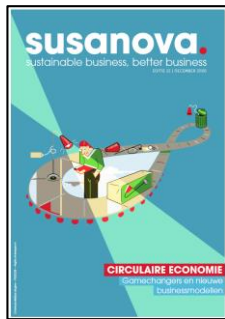
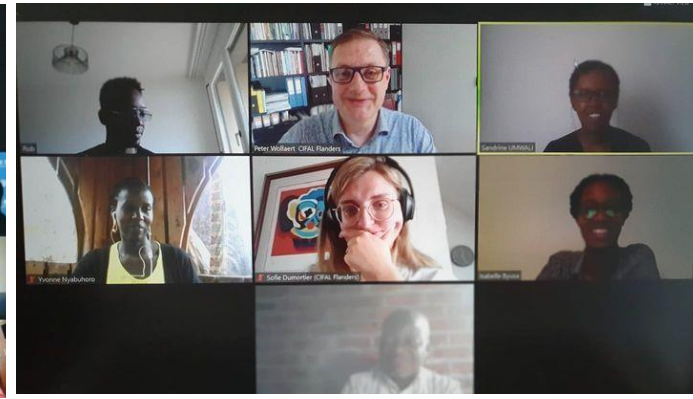


Peter Garre
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Blue Gate Antwerp
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Hogeschool PXL neemt als eerste Vlaamse hogeschool 17 doelstellingen van VN op in beleidsplan

Dirk Selis | 10 februari 2020 | 17:33





BUILDING LOCAL CAPACITY FOR AGENDA 2030



Governments & Local Authorities



Business



Academia



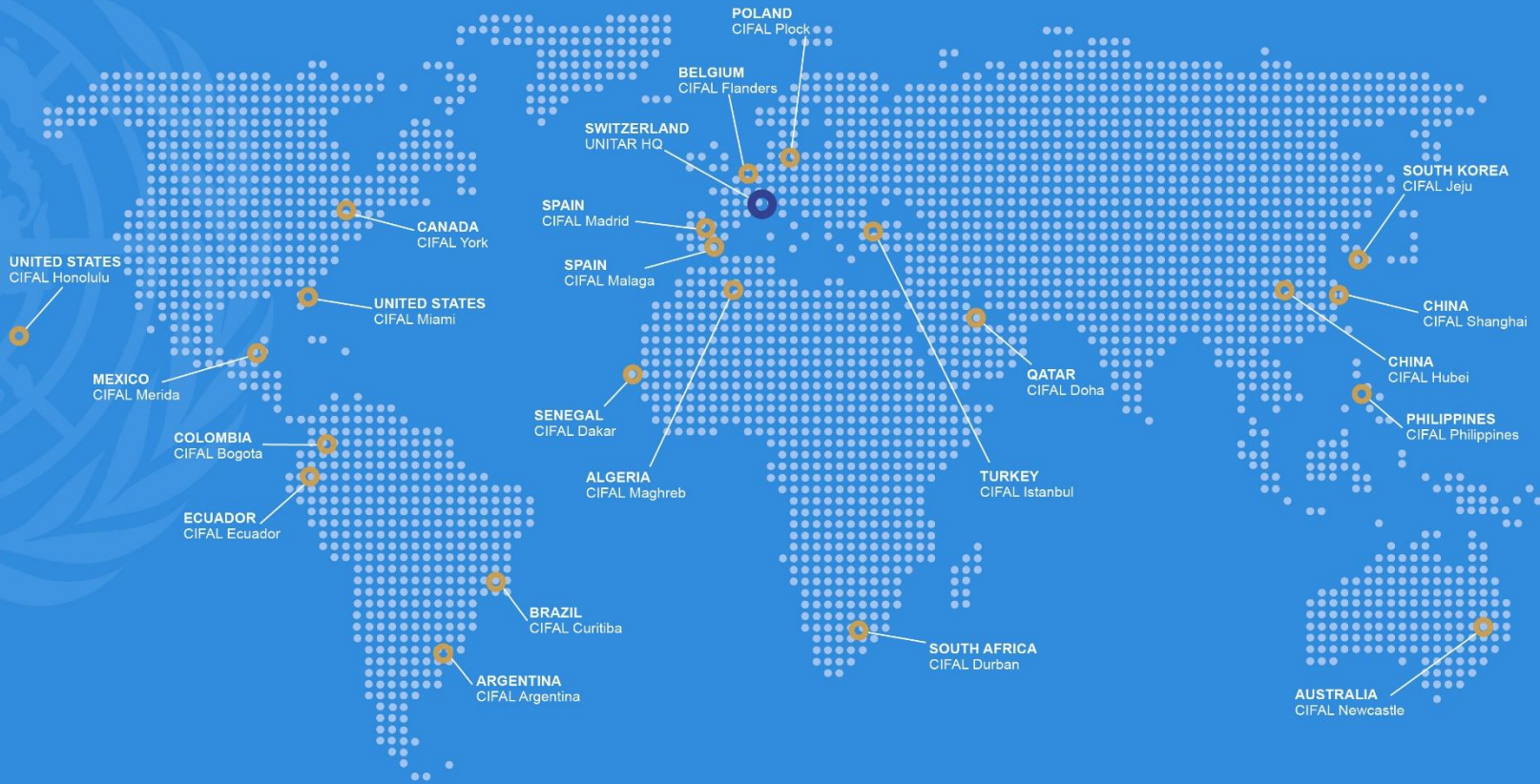
NGO & Civil Society





22 CENTRES AROUND THE WORLD

Building Capacities
for Sustainable
Development





14:10 **Introduction to the UN Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development**
Mr. Peter Wollaert, UNITAR Fellow & Managing Director CIFAL Flanders

14:25 **European Recovery**
Mr. Xavier Vanden Bosch, European Semester Officer, European Commission

14:40 **Flanders' recovery plans**
Ms. Julie Bynens, Secretary General, Department Chancellery and Foreign Affairs

15:00 **Panel discussion**
Phoebe Koundouri, Co-Chair SDSN Europe
Wouter Nachtergaele, Head of division, International Cooperation, Flemish Administration
Sylvie Van den Eynde, Chief HR & Corporate Affairs Office, Brussels Airport Company

15:35 **Keynote**
Ms. Veerle Vandeweerd, Former Director UNEP and UNDP in New York

15:45 **Closing remarks**
Q&A

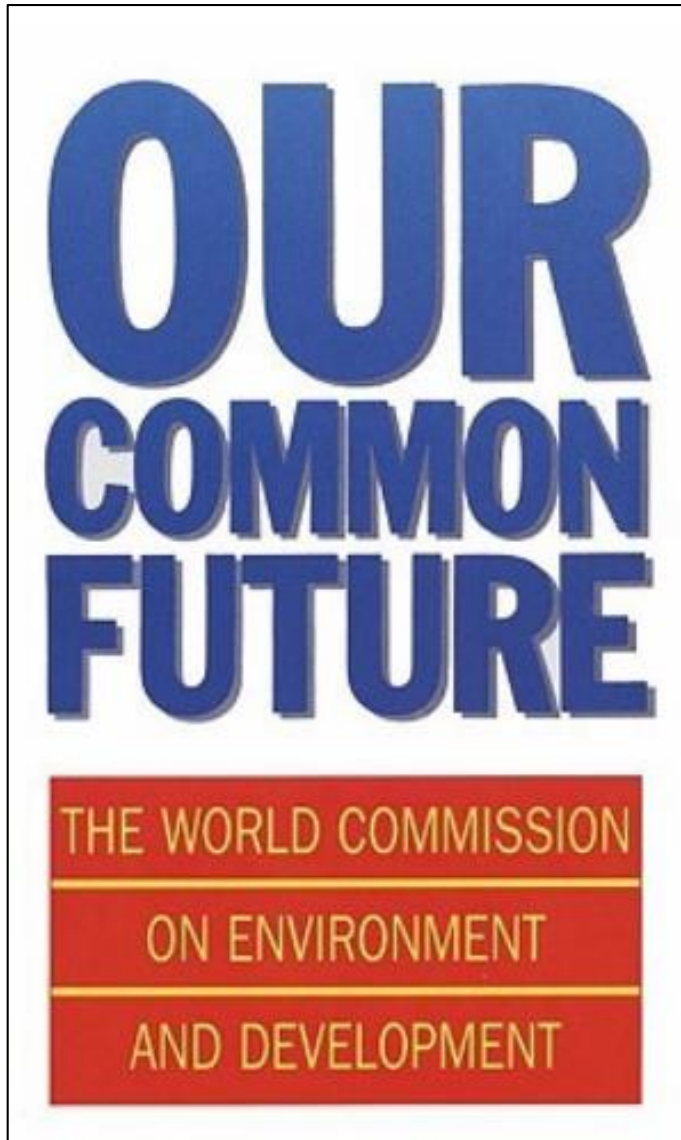


Introduction UN Agenda 2030

Peter Wollaert

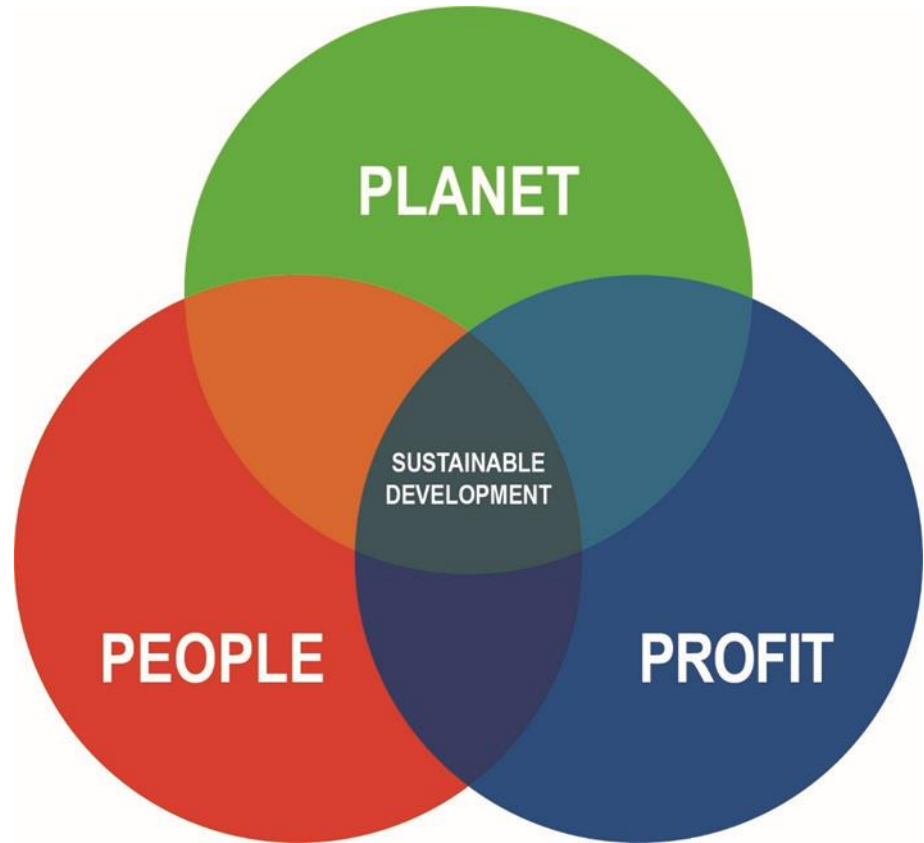
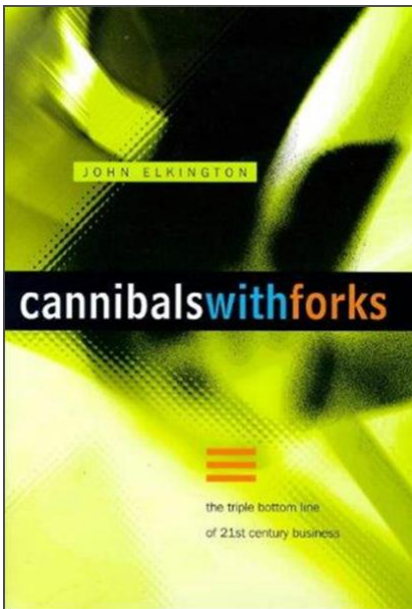
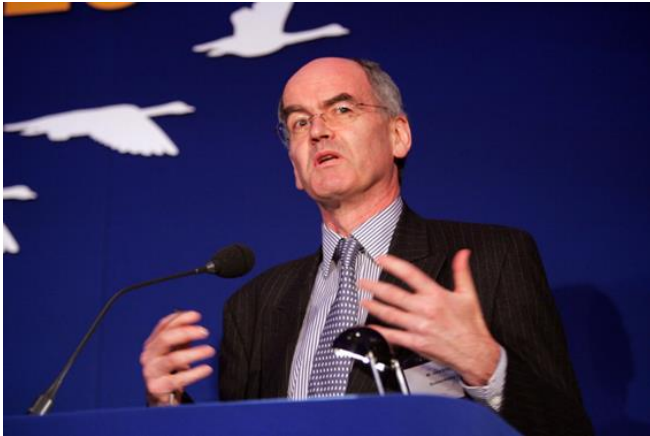
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Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Gro Harlem Brundtland





Sustainable
Development
1987
Gro Harlem
Brundtland



Triple Bottom
Line (3 Ps)
1997
John Elkington



Sustainable
Development
Goals (SDGs)
2015
Ban Ki Moon



1



**ERADICATE EXTREME
POVERTY AND HUNGER**

2



**ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL
PRIMARY EDUCATION**

3



**PROMOTE GENDER
EQUALITY AND
EMPOWER WOMEN**

4



**REDUCE
CHILD MORTALITY**

5



**IMPROVE MATERNAL
HEALTH**

6



**COMBAT HIV/AIDS,
MALARIA AND OTHER
DISEASES**

7



**ENSURE
ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY**

8



**GLOBAL
PARTNERSHIP FOR
DEVELOPMENT**



UNITED NATIONS

TRANSFORMING OUR WORLD:



THE 2030 AGENDA FOR
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Verenigde Naties

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Algemene Vergadering

Distr.: Algemeen
21 oktober 2015

Zeventigste zitting
Agendapunten 15 en 116

Resolutie goedgekeurd door de Algemene Vergadering op 25 september 2015

[zonder verwijzing naar een Hoofdcomité (A/70/L.1)]

70/1. Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

De Algemene Vergadering

Neemt het volgende slotdocument aan van de VN-top ter goedkeuring van de ontwikkelingsagenda voor de periode na 2015:

Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development


Voorwoord

Deze Agenda is een actieplan voor mens, planeet en welvaart. Ook universele vrede in grotere vrijheid speelt er een hoofdrol in. We erkennen dat het uitroeien van armoede in al haar vormen, waaronder ook extreme armoede, de grootste uitdaging vormt waarmee de wereld wordt geconfronteerd, terwijl het ook een absolute voorwaarde is voor duurzame ontwikkeling.

Alle landen en belanghebbenden, die als partners samenwerken, zullen dit plan uitvoeren. We zijn vastbesloten om de mensheid te bevrijden van het juk van de armoede en willen onze planeet weer gezond maken en veiligstellen. We zijn vastberaden om de kordate en transformerende stappen te zetten die dringend nodig zijn om het tij te keren en de wereld op weg te zetten naar een duurzame en veerkrachtige toekomst. Nu we deze gemeenschappelijke reis aanvatten, verbinden we ons ertoe om niemand achter te laten.

De 17 Duurzame Ontwikkelingsdoelstellingen (SDG's) en de 169 bijbehorende subdoelstellingen die we vandaag aankondigen, laten geen twijfel bestaan over de omvang en de ambities van deze nieuwe universele Agenda. Deze doelstellingen willen voortbouwen op de Millenniumdoelstellingen en afmaken wat deze niet hebben kunnen realiseren. Ze willen de mensenrechten van iedereen laten respecteren. Ze streven naar gendergelijkheid en de empowerment van alle vrouwen en meisjes. Ze zijn geïntegreerd en ondeelbaar en zorgen voor evenwicht tussen de drie dimensies van duurzame ontwikkeling: de economische, sociale en milieudimensie.

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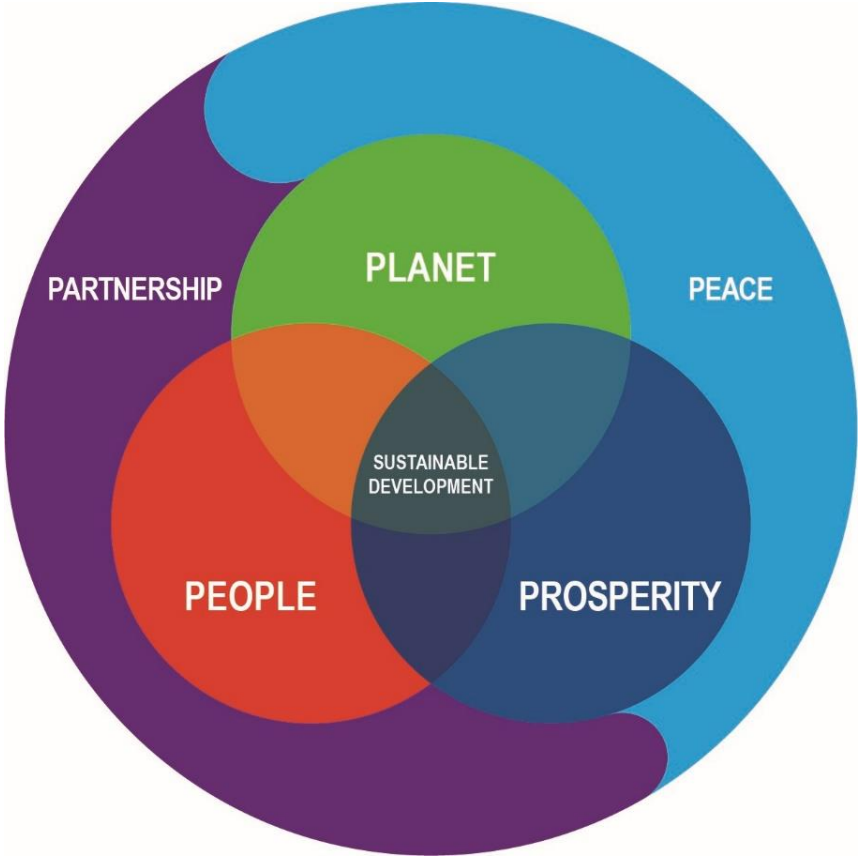
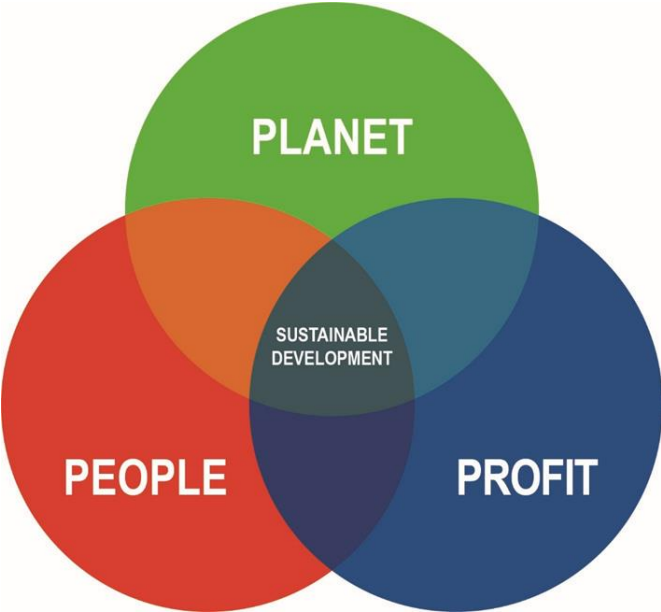
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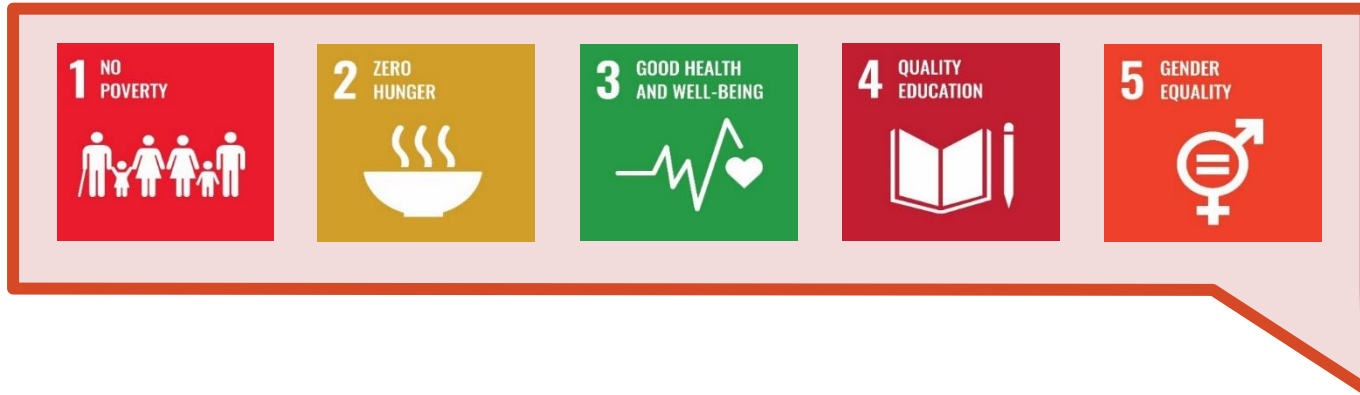
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS







PEOPLE



End **poverty** in all its forms everywhere.



End **hunger**, achieve **food security** and improved **nutrition**, and promote sustainable **agriculture**.



Ensure **healthy lives** and promote **well-being** for all at all ages.



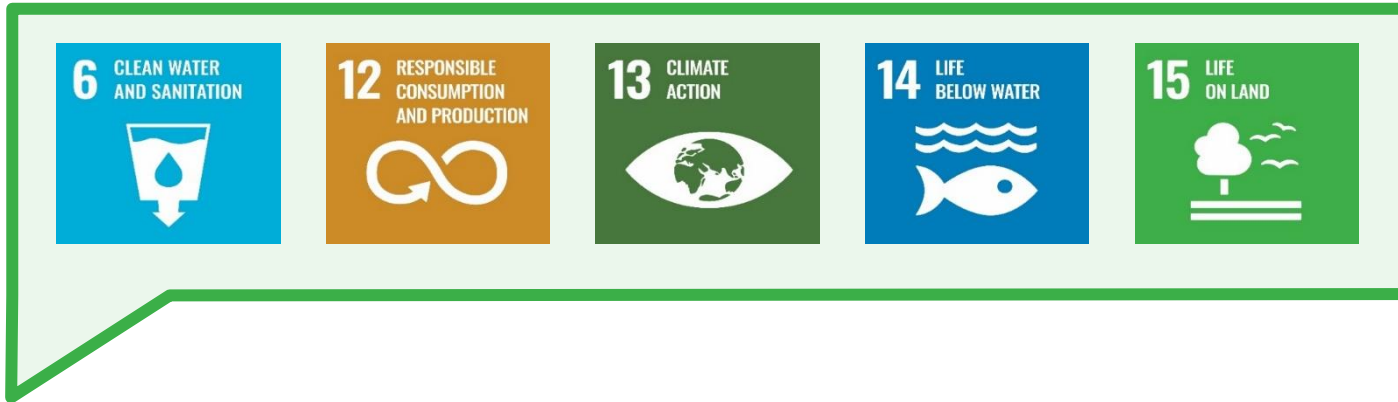
Ensure inclusive and equitable quality **education** and promote **life-long learning** opportunities for all.



Achieve **gender equality** and empower all **women** and **girls**.



PLANET



Ensure availability and sustainable management of **water** and **sanitation** for all.



Ensure sustainable **consumption** and **production** patterns.



Take urgent action to combat **climate change** and its impacts.



Conserve and sustainably use the **oceans, seas** and **marine resources** for sustainable development.



Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of **terrestrial ecosystems**, sustainably manage **forests**, combat **desertification**, and halt and reverse **land degradation** and halt **biodiversity** loss.



PROSPERITY



Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern **energy** for all.

Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable **economic growth**, full and productive **employment** and **decent work** for all.

Build resilient **infrastructure**, promote inclusive and sustainable **industrialization** and foster **innovation**.

Reduce **inequality** within and among countries.

Make **cities** and **human settlements** inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.



PEACE



PARTNERSHIP



Promote **peaceful** and inclusive **societies** for sustainable development, provide **access to justice** for all and build **effective, accountable** and inclusive **institutions** at all levels.

Strengthen the **means of implementation** and revitalize the **global partnership** for sustainable development.



PEACE

How to address **conflict** and aggression?

How to make **controversial topics** open for discussion?



JUSTICE

Are you focusing on a **just** transition?

How do ethical principles inspire your own **code of conduct**?



STRONG INSTITUTIONS

What about a **good governance** policy ?

Do you prioritize **transparency and accountability**?



LOCAL PARTNERS

Do you have **local or national partnerships** supporting your organisation?

MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION

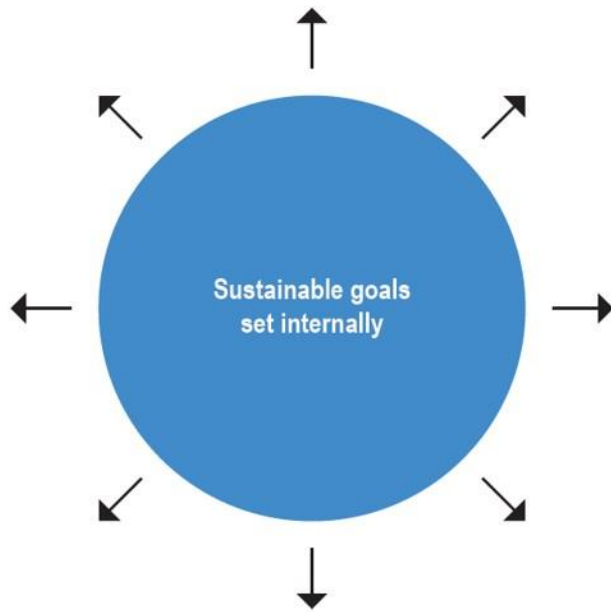
Which **means** does your organisation **utilize** to achieve its goals?
Finance, technology, capacity building, trade (procurement) and systemic issues

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

Does your organisation spend **0.7%** of its turnover to **international collaboration**?



INSIDE OUT



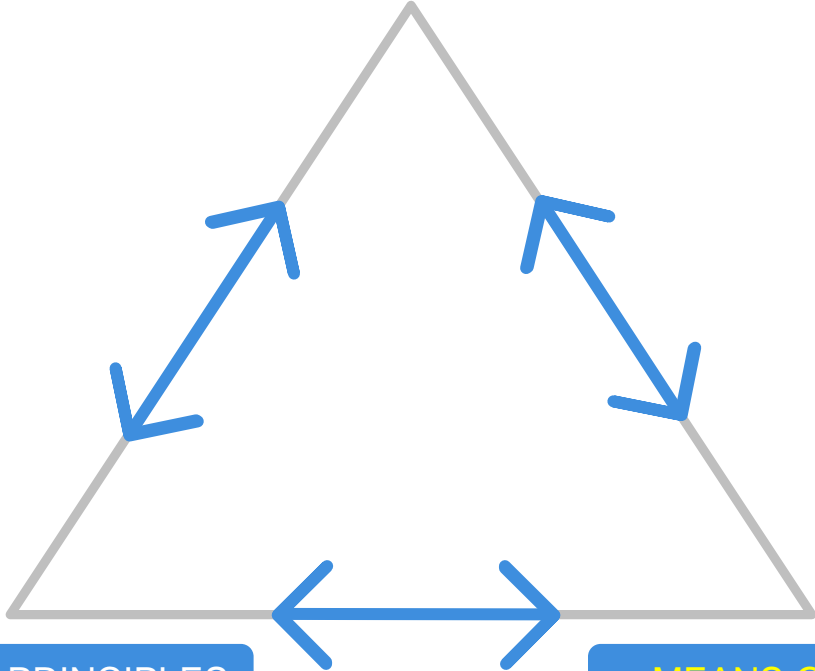
Performance Gap:
internal goals are insufficient
to address global needs

OUTSIDE IN





MEASURABLE TARGETS



16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

VALUES AND ETHICAL PRINCIPLES

MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION



"The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is a major step forward for human rights.

The Agenda reminds us that human rights include the right to development, and that society is only as strong as its weakest member.

The integrated, indivisible and universal nature of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals is deeply rooted in universal human rights."




Ban Ki-moon

Secretary-General of the United Nations
at #HRC31 in Geneva

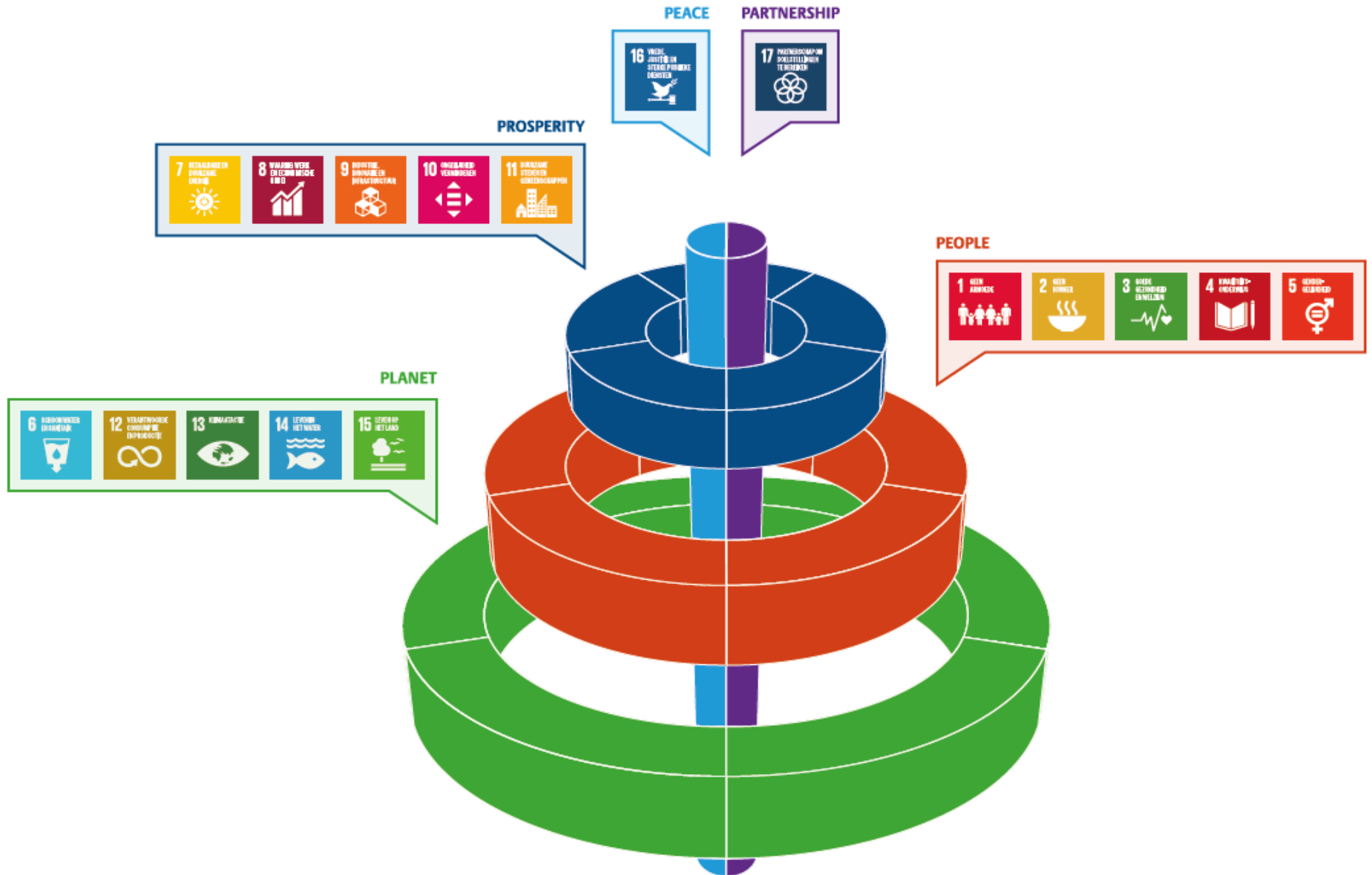


Human Rights & SDGs

“156 of the 169 targets are linked with the human rights”

Sustainable Development Goals	Related human rights *
<p>1 NO POVERTY</p> 	<p>End poverty in all its forms everywhere</p> <p>Targets include eradicating extreme poverty; implementing social protection measures; and ensuring equal access of men and women to economic resources.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right to an adequate standard of living [UDHR art. 25; ICESCR art. 11; CRC art. 27] • Right to social security [UDHR art. 22; ICESCR art. 9; CRPD art. 28; CRC art. 26] • Equal rights of women in economic life [CEDAW arts. 11, 13, 14(2)(g), 15(2), 16(1)]
<p>2 ZERO HUNGER</p> 	<p>End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture</p> <p>Targets include ending hunger and malnutrition; improving agricultural production, sustainable and resilient food production; correcting trade distortions, and ensuring functioning food commodity markets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right to adequate food [UDHR art. 25; ICESCR art. 11; CRC art. 24(2)(c)] • International cooperation, including ensuring equitable distribution of world food supplies [UDHR art. 28; ICESCR arts. 2(1), 11(2)]
<p>3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING</p> 	<p>Ensure healthy lives and promote well – being for all at all ages</p> <p>Targets include reducing maternal mortality; ending preventable child deaths; ending or reducing AIDS other diseases; universal health coverage, affordable essential medicines, sexual and reproductive health care; vaccine research, and access to medicines.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right to life [UDHR art. 3; ICCPR art. 6], particularly of women [CEDAW art. 12] and children [CRC art. 6] • Right to health [UDHR art. 25; ICESCR art. 12], particularly of women [CEDAW art. 12]; and children [CRC art.24] • Special protection for mothers and children [ICESCR art.10] • Right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its application [UDHR art. 27; ICESCR art. 15(1)(b)] • International cooperation [UDHR art. 28, DRTD arts. 3-4], particularly in relation to the right to health and children’s rights [ICESCR art. 2(1); CRC art. 4]

THE 'SDG WEDDING CAKE'





<p>PLANET</p>	<p>How environmentally friendly is your policy-making? Reducing potentially negative environmental impact = ecological sustainability</p>
<p>PEOPLE</p>	<p>How social is your policy-making? Enforcing potentially positive social impact = social sustainability</p>
<p>PROSPERITY</p>	<p>Does the investments enhance welfare? Enforcing investment and job creation = economic-financial sustainability</p>
<p>PEACE</p>	<p>(1) How does your policy-making deal with conflict, controversy, complaints and safety issues?</p> <p>(2) How does it ensure the principles of justice, does it work on values and integrity and business ethics</p> <p>(3) and on good governance?</p>
<p>PARTNERSHIP</p>	<p>(1) Does your policy-making enhance interdisciplinary, intercultural, interreligious, multi-stakeholder partnerships?</p> <p>(2) Does your policy-making has sufficient financial resources, ICT, learning opportunities, procurement procedures and put in place management systems to implement the SDGs?</p> <p>(3) Is there specific attention to international solidarity and collaboration?</p>

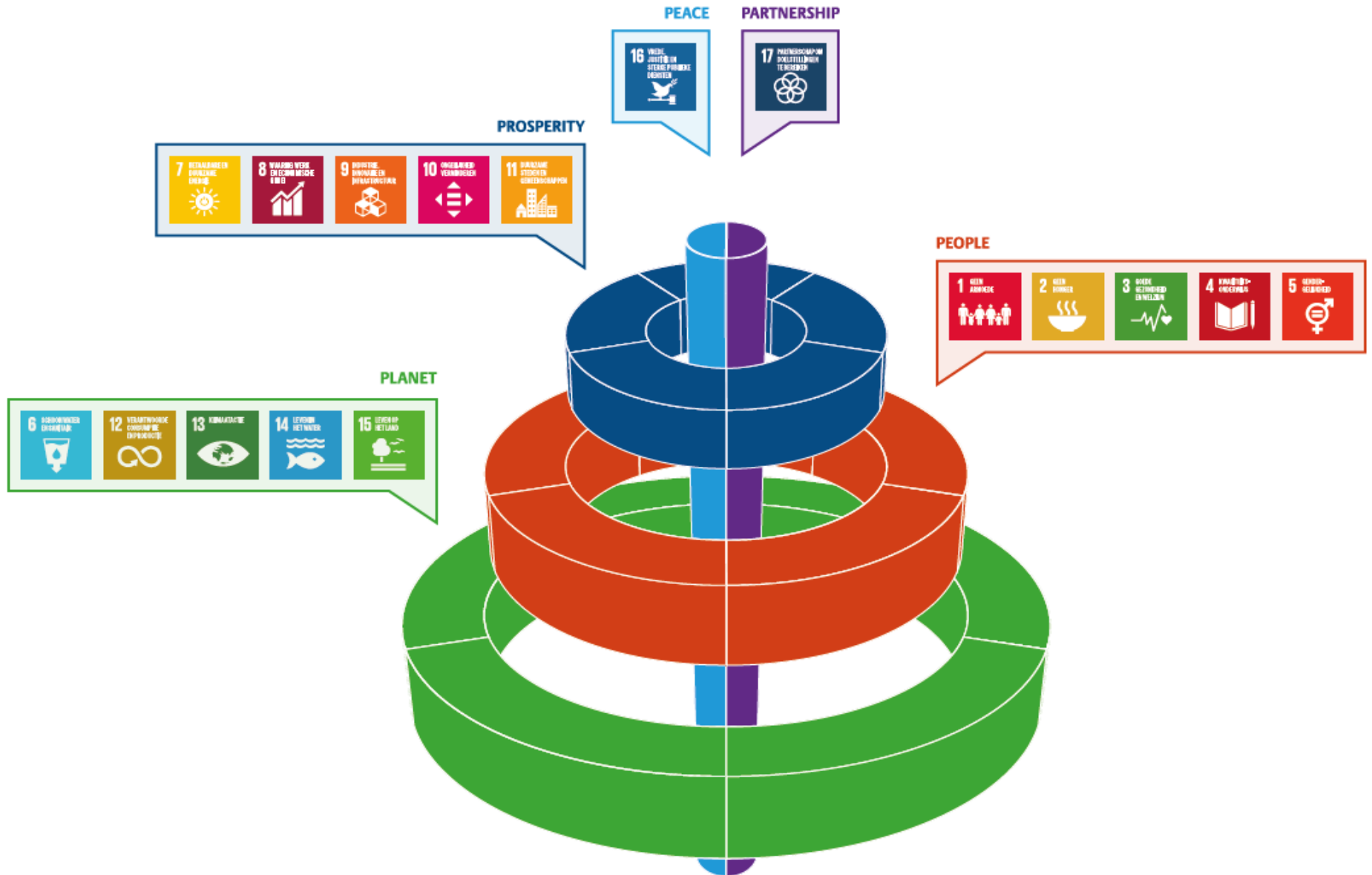


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5 Ps: FROM 'WEAK' TO 'STRONG' SUSTAINABILITY







Stockholm Resilience Centre
Report
October 2018

Transformation is feasible
How to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals within Planetary Boundaries
A report to the Club of Rome, for its 50 years anniversary 17 October 2018

A report to the Club of Rome by: Jorgen Randers, Johan Rockström, Per Espen Stoknes, Ulrich Gollüke, David Collste and Sarah Cornell

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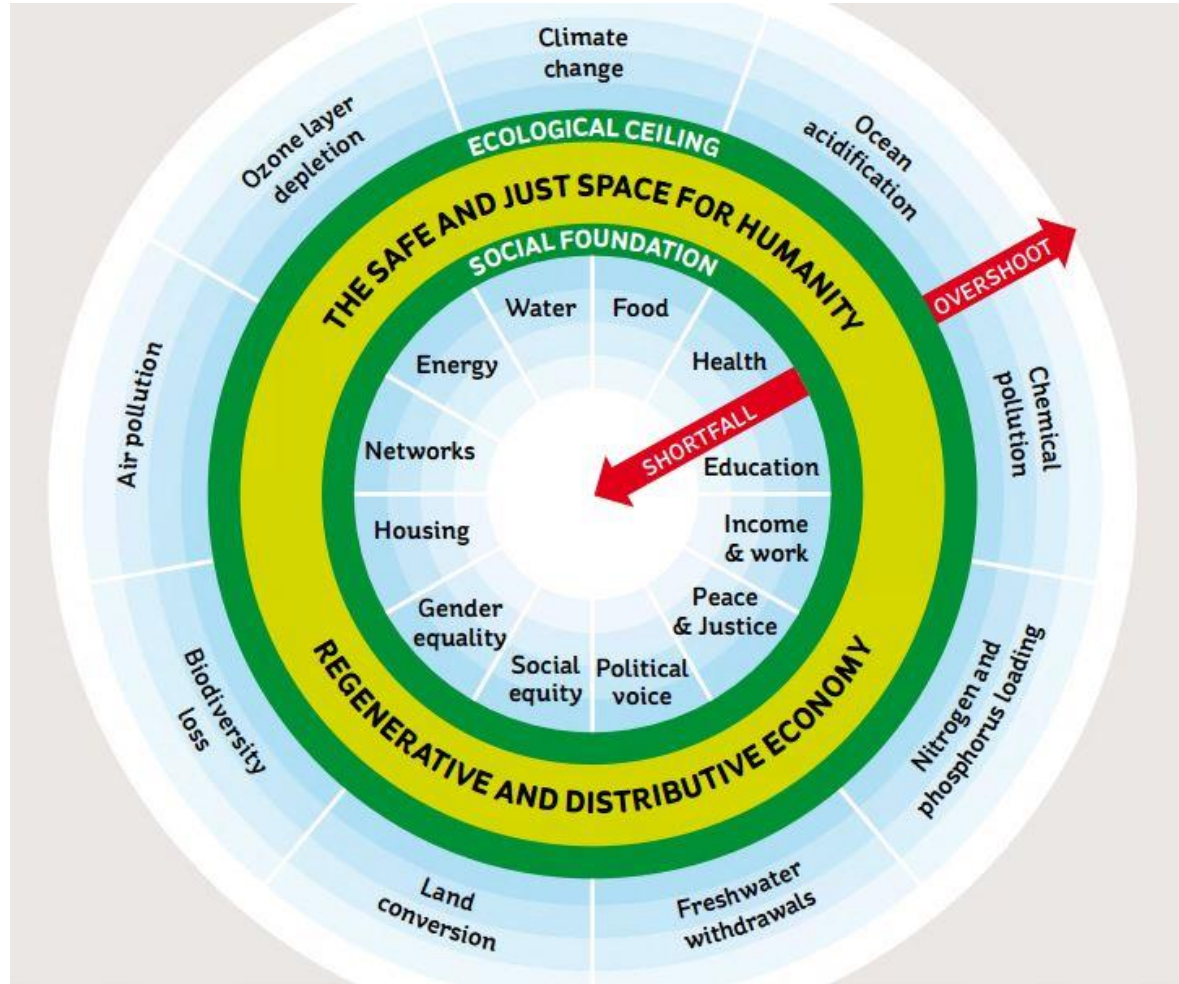
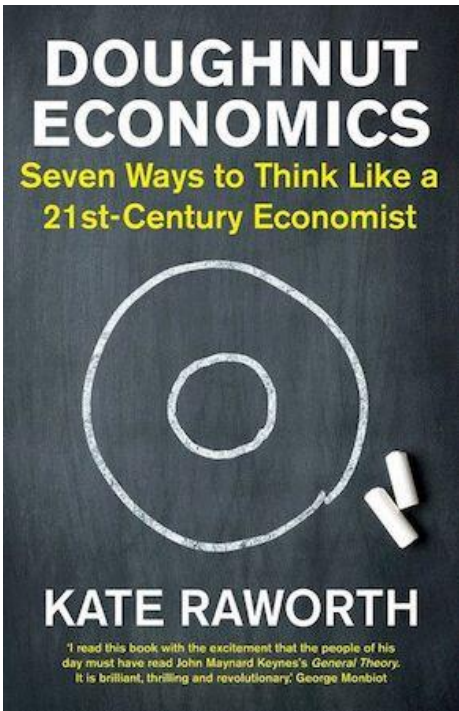
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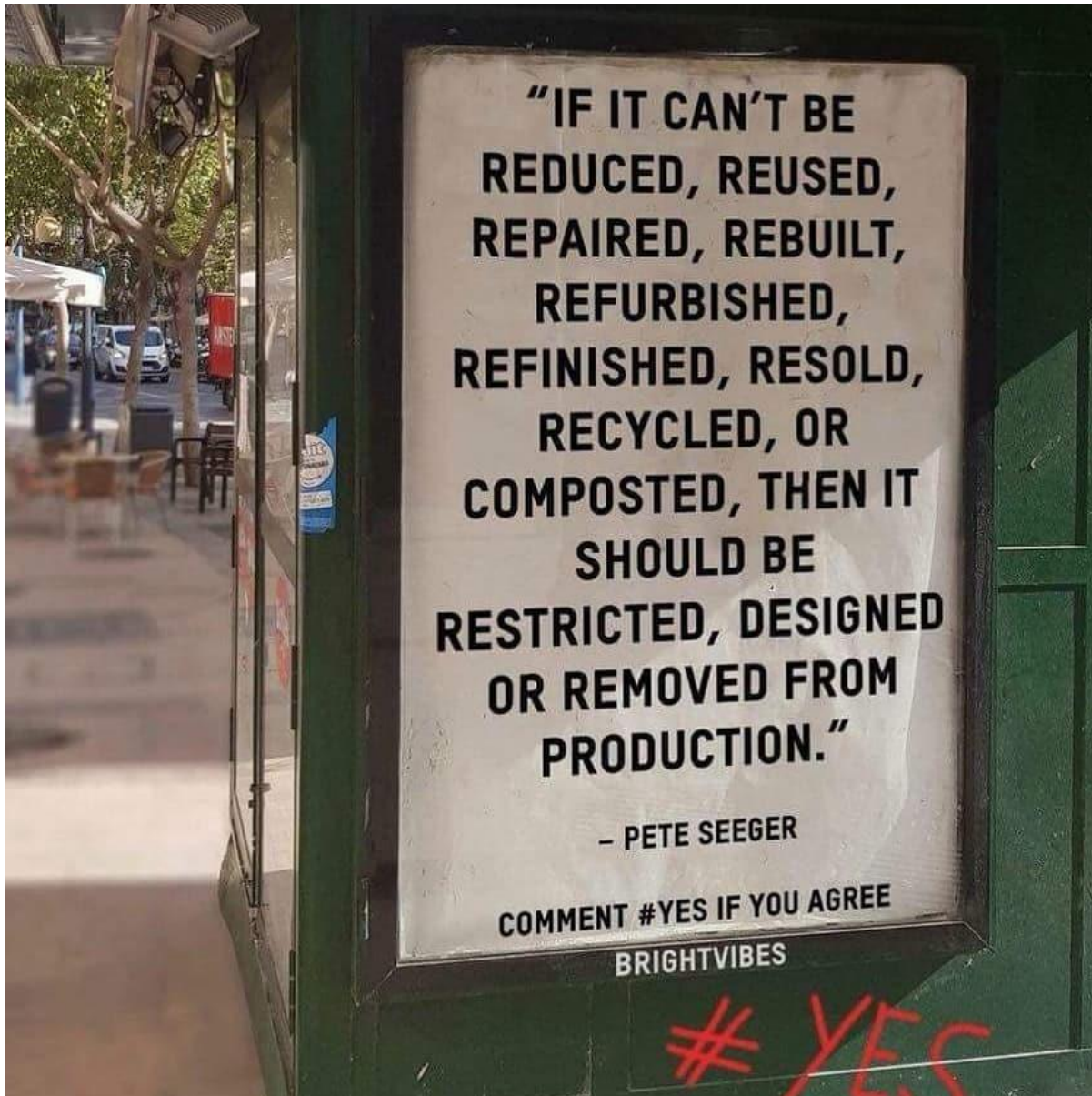
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The European recovery and SDGs The case of Belgium and Flanders

Recovery and Resilience Facility

CIFAL Flanders and SDSN Belgium
01 October 2021

Xavier VANDEN BOSCH

European Semester Officer, European Commission

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The Commission's "whole of government approach" to SDGs



18.11.2020: Commission Staff working document "Delivering on the UN's Sustainable Development Goals – A comprehensive approach"

2

The European Semester = EU's economic governance framework

- **Annual** integrated cycle for **coordination** of Member States'
 - ✓ **Economic** policies (incl. surveillance of fiscal policies & macro-economic imbalances)
 - ✓ **Employment** policies
 - ✓ **Social** policies
- **Well established, dynamic & agile instrument**
 - ✓ European Pillar of Social Rights
 - ✓ Strengthened link with cohesion policy
 - ✓ **2020 cycle: Integration of Sustainable Development Goals** 
 - ✓ 2021 cycle: Refocus & enhanced role in response to COVID-19 crisis
 - ✓ 2022 cycle: Gradual return to 'new' normal, incl. further integration of SDGs

The European semester takes the form of a continuous dialogue



- Sets out **policy priorities** (Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy)
- Analyses & monitors **economic & social developments** and assesses progress
- Addresses **country-specific recommendations**



- Submits **policy plans** (National Reform Programme)
- Submits **fiscal plans** as euro-area member (Stability Programme and draft budgetary plan)

Competitive sustainability is at the heart of the EU social market economy...



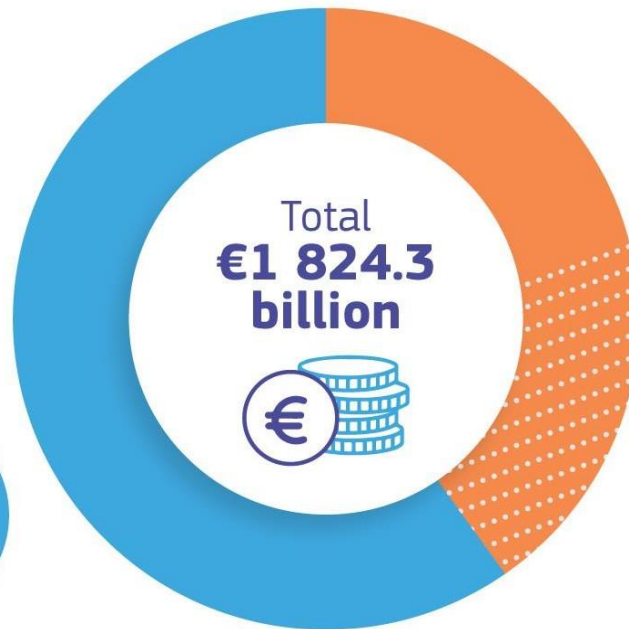
- ✓ Building an **economy** that **works for people & the planet**
- ✓ Help EU & Member States achieve UN **Sustainable Development Goals**
- ✓ On track for **climate neutrality** in 2050

Matching of SDGs with competitive sustainability guiding principles

WHAT is Next Generation EU?

Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)

The EU's 7-year budget



Next Generation EU (NGEU)

COVID-19 recovery package

- €390 billion grants
- €360 billion loans

€672.5 billion allocated to EU countries' Recovery and Resilience plans

Recovery and Resilience Facility

up to EUR 672.5 bn

Grants
up to EUR 312.5 bn

Loans
up to EUR 360 bn

27
Plans

Reforms and Investments

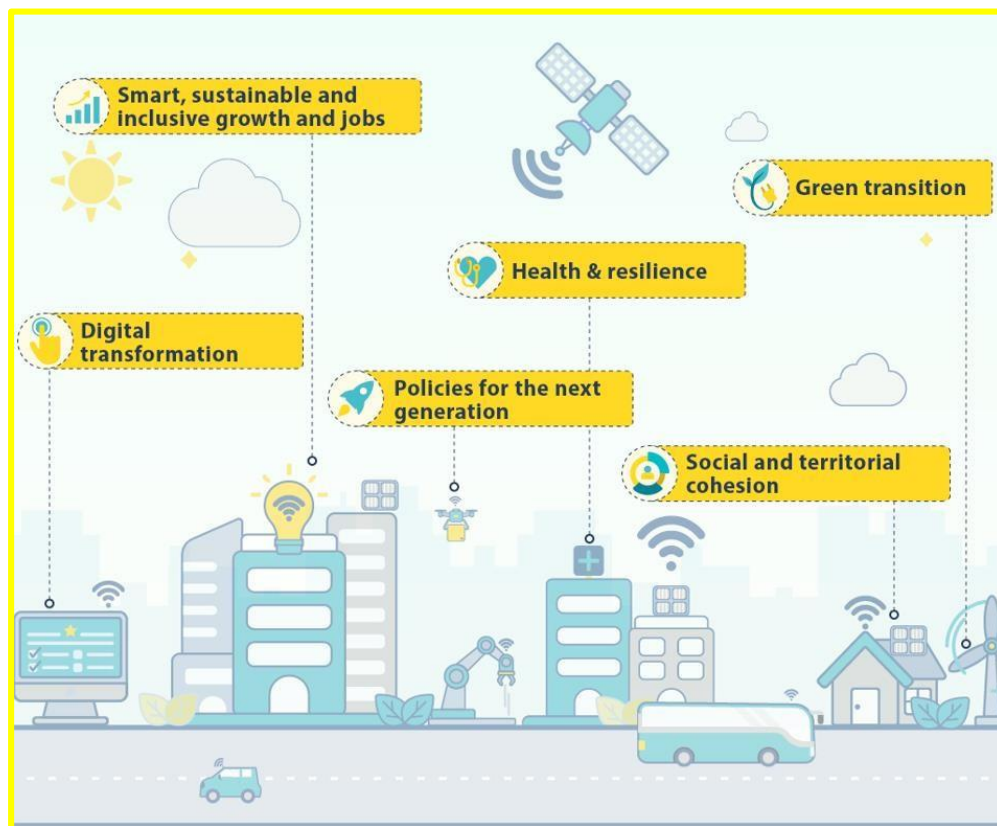
- Lasting impact
- Contribution to addressing country-specific recommendations
- Contribution to 6 RRF pillars

min. 37% Green

min. 20% Digital

each measure:
do-no-significant
-harm principle

The Facility has six policy pillars



Six SDG Transformations*

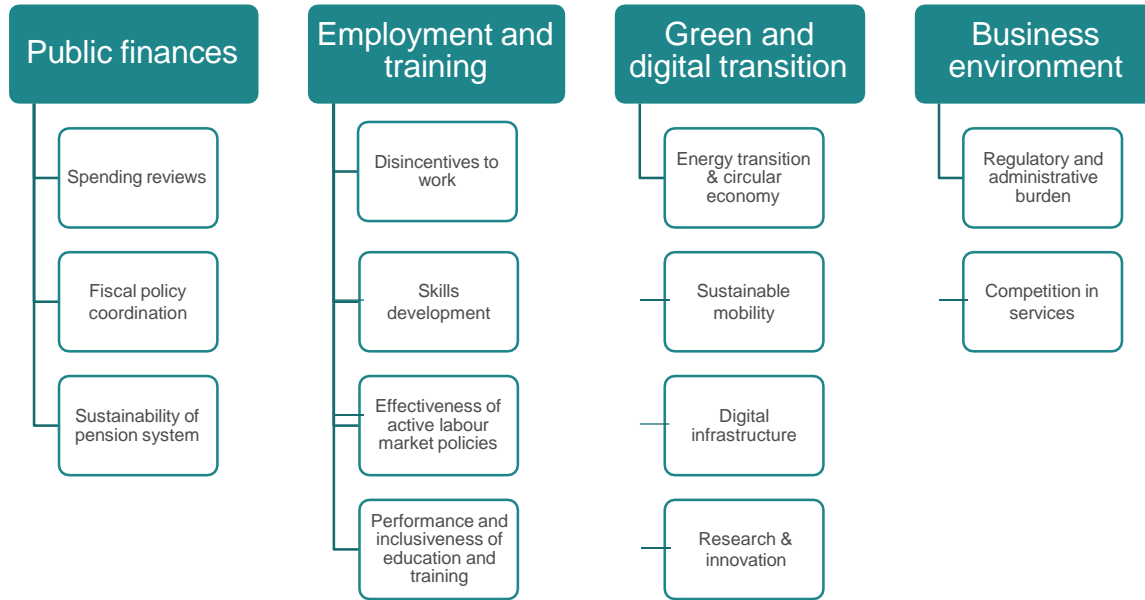
1. Education, gender & inequality
2. Health, well-being & demography
3. Energy decarbonisation & sustainable industry
4. Sustainable food, land, water & oceans
5. Sustainable cities & communities
6. Digital revolution for sustainable development

*Sachs J D, Schmidt-Traub G, Mazzucato M, Messner D, Nakicenovic N, Rockström J (2019). [Six Transformations to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals](#). *Nature Sustainability*

How does the Recovery and Resilience Facility work?

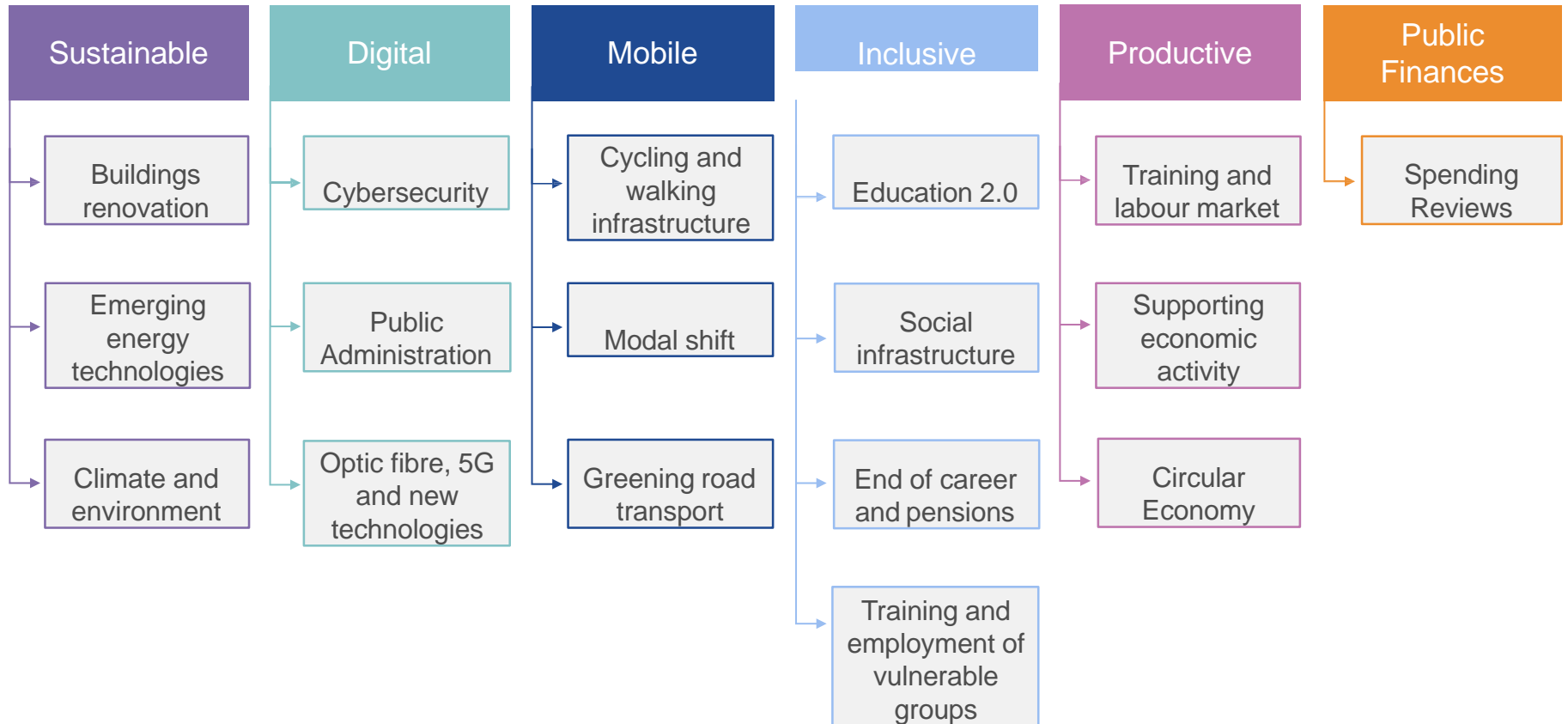


Country-specific challenges in 2019-2020 Country-Specific Recommendations – example of Belgium



SDSN, IEEP, Europe Sustainable Development Report 2020, Belgium

Belgium Recovery and Resilience Plan - structure



Key messages



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- **SDGs are embedded in the European Semester** of economic governance
- The **Recovery and Resilience Facility** is solidarity in action. It offers a historic opportunity for the EU and Member States to kickstart economic repair and recovery in a sustainable way, **accelerating the 2030 UN Agenda delivery** in this way
- **National ownership** will be key to ensure the Facility is a **lasting success**

Further information

- **European Semester:**

- [2019 Country specific recommendations for Belgium: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52019DC0501&from=EN](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52019DC0501&from=EN)
- [2020 Country specific recommendations for Belgium: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32020H0826\(01\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32020H0826(01))
- Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy 2021: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_20_1658

- **EU Recovery Plan:**

- [EU Recovery Plan: https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/recovery-plan-europe_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/recovery-plan-europe_en)
- [Recovery and Resilience Facility: https://ec.europa.eu/info/business-economy-euro/recovery-coronavirus/recovery-and-resilience-facility_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/business-economy-euro/recovery-coronavirus/recovery-and-resilience-facility_en)
- [Recover Taskforce: https://ec.europa.eu/info/departments/recovery-and-resilience-task-force_en#Documents](https://ec.europa.eu/info/departments/recovery-and-resilience-task-force_en#Documents)

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Flemish policy

Ms. Julie Bynens

Secretary General, Department Chancellery and Foreign Affairs

<https://www.vlaanderen.be/publicaties/relanceplan-vlaamse-veerkracht-monitoringsrapport>



Panel discussion: Best practices in Flanders

Phoebe Koundouri, co-chair SDSN Europe

Wouter Nachtergaele, Head of division, International Cooperation, Flemish Administration

Sylvie Van den Eynde, Chief HR & Corporate Affairs Office, Brussels Airport Company



Keynote

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Q&A



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AMBITIONS FOR
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