



THE KEY ROLE OF CITIES FOR THE SDGS

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Rationale for a territorial approach to SDGs

- OECD Action Plan on SDGs: i) key role of **subnational governments** and ii) need to go look **beyond national averages**;
- Leaving no one behind is a **shared responsibility**;
- **65% of 169 targets** will not be reached without engagement of LRGs
- Subnational governments responsible for almost **60% of total public investment** in 2016 in OECD area and for almost **40%** worldwide;
- SDG11 on cities is central, but we need a **territorial lens for all SDGs**;
- SDGs are a means to promote **policy coherence**
- A Territorial Approach helps to **prioritize, plan and budget**

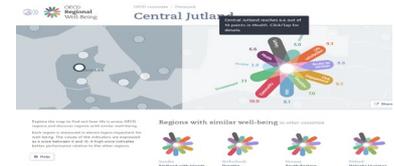


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Measuring

- A tailored, consensual and localised indicator framework
- Harmonised and comparable OECD territorial statistics for SDGs
- Common OECD/EU definition of « city » and « region »



Learning

- Analyse & discuss local SDGs stories/evolving practices
- Draw lessons in terms of incentives, processes, outcomes
- Pilot-test the indicator framework in different contexts

Sharing

- Peer Peer-to-peer dialogue between cities, regions and national government
- Twinning during field trips and missions
- Engagement of umbrella/city networks and stakeholder groups

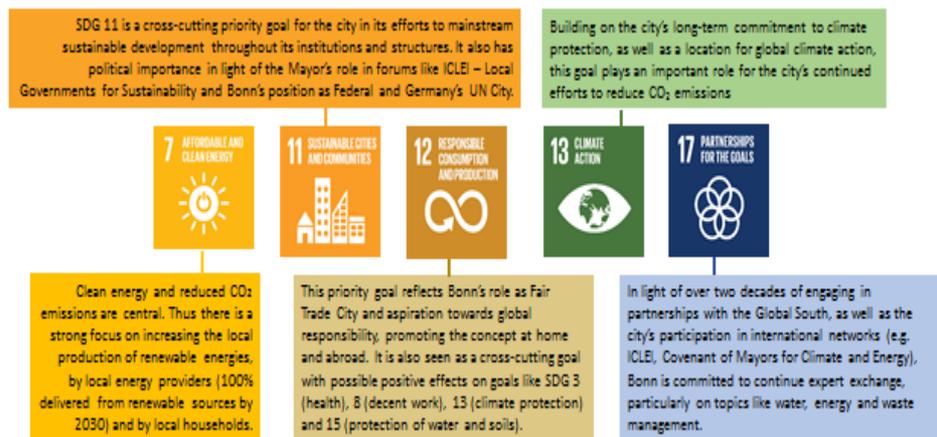
Policy Recommendations



Key Preliminary Findings for the Pilots

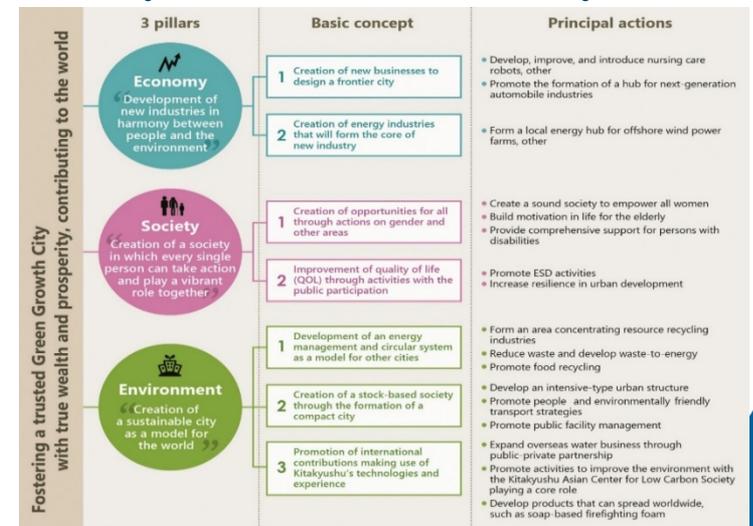
- SDGs as a tool for **strategic visioning, planning and budgeting**
- SDGs as a framework to **manage trade-offs across sectoral policies**
- SDGs to engage the **private sector** and **civil society** beyond CSR and green-washing
- Need for a comparable, harmonised and **localised SDGs indicator framework**

Key SDGs for the sustainability strategy of the city of Bonn



Source: OECD SDGs Survey, 2018

Vision and Actions for the Kitakyushu SDGs Future City Plan



Source: Kitakyushu City VLR, the SDGs Report, 2018



Moving forward: Opportunities and Challenges

- Cities and regions are starting including the SDGs into their development plans, but the **transformative element of the 2030 Agenda is not there yet**
- Cities, regions and national governments are creating mechanisms to address the SDGs holistically, but **vertical coordination** needs to be improved
- **Measuring progress** is a key priority, but a **comparable localised indicator framework** is still missing
- Private sector actively **trying to include SDGs in the core business** (e.g insurance and soap companies, banks), but it will take time

MOVING FORWARD

- **SDGs tool to develop local development vision/strategies** towards 2030
- **SDGs as a means to involve the private sector** in public policies and use public funds to leverage private investments
- **SDGs as a framework to identify/measure synergies across sectors**
- **SDGs as a tool to institutionalise processes with civil society and citizens** towards 2030