2nd wallon SD strategy

Public consultation
Outcome and lessons learned

Wallonie

Service public de Wallonie

Aarhus Convention
TF PPDM
Geneva, 15 December 2016

Secretariat general
Sustainable development department
WALLONIA WITHIN BELGIUM

- Belgium = federal state
- Federal authority
- 3 Regions

3 Communities

- Around 3,600,000 inhabitants
- 16,544 km²
WALLONIA WITHIN BELGIUM

- **Competences**
  - economic policy and employment
  - trade
  - tourism
  - applied scientific research and new technologies
  - transport and public works
  - housing and town and country planning
  - environment and agriculture, energy and water
  - health policy and social assistance
  - subordinated powers and external relations in all these areas

- SD like Environment is a shared competence
- No hierarchy between entities
THE SD DEPARTMENT WITHIN THE WALLOON PUBLIC SERVICE

Secretariat general
(human resources, structural funds, communication, transversal policies…)

General transversal direction
(budget, real estate, …)

SD Departement

DGO 1 Roads Infrastructure
DGO2 Mobility
DGO3 Agriculture Natural resources Environment
DGO4 Spatial Planning Energy
DGO5 Local Authorities Health
DGO6 Economy Research
DGO7 Fiscality
**WALLOON PUBLIC SERVICE**
**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

### Structure

- **Sustainable development Department**
  - **SD Strategies Unit**
  - **SD operational Unit**
  - **Independent advisory Cell**

### Missions

1. Support to the design and implementation of policies contributing to SD (a.o. SD strategy)
2. Follow-up and participation to UN, EU or national meetings and coordinations dealing with SD
3. Promotion of exemplary nature and best practices in public services
4. Implementation and coordination of Employment-Environment alliances
5. Advises public services or the Government on draft decisions or legislation as regards compliance with SD principles
According to the decree:

- Adoption of the Walloon sustainable development strategy (WSDD) every new legislature (article 3, 1)

The decree defines a WSDD as follows:

"A guidance and actions document which aims to promote initiatives and coherence for SD in the public policies of the Walloon Region" (art. 2, 2°)
1. Long term vision
2. Diagnosis of achievements and challenges
3. Short- and medium term objectives
4. Action plan

**Wide scope:** Covers SD in all its dimensions

**Targeted:** Complementary to other strategic plans
GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR 2ND WALLOON SD STRATEGY

• Implementation of the SDGs
  – Along with other sectoral or global plans (complementary)

• Demonstrate SD is a question of distributive justice in time and space

• Propose targeted actions in order to
  – Increase resilience and efficiency in Wallonia
  – Increase capacities of local actors
  – Increase CSR of private and public organisations

• Involve public => 2 months public consultation on draft WSDS (parts 1 and 4) + possibility to announce voluntary commitments or projects promoting SD
PUBLIC CONSULTATION - STATISTICS

On line form
• 193 individuals
• 40 organisations

Email contributions
• 11 organisations
• 6 individuals
PUBLIC CONSULTATION - STATISTICS

By sex

- Women: 34%
- Men: 66%

By age

- < 20 yrs: 0%
- 20-29 yrs: 11%
- 30-39 yrs: 21%
- 40-49 yrs: 23%
- 50-59 yrs: 20%
- 60-69 yrs: 17%
- > 70 yrs: 8%
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OVERALL CONCLUSIONS & LESSONS LEARNED

- Innovative process for a draft strategy addressing issues beyond the scope of environmental policy

- Scope: long term vision and action plan

- Electronic form with mainly closed questions focusing on the actions

- Limited possibility for the public to express global views on the draft strategy

- Level of participation: 250 reactions

- 350 new actions/additional suggestions submitted
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OVERALL CONCLUSIONS & LESSONS LEARNED

- 70 citizens/associations posted on the website commitments or projects aiming at contributing to action plan: from local to global

- Good level of participation and opportunity to increase awareness of the strategy

- Contributions analyzed in order to amend where relevant the strategy before its final adoption

- Need to build on the public interest in order to involve them during the implementation of the action plan
WSDS - ACTION PLAN

Change of consumption and production patterns

Food
- 31 actions

Energy
- 13 actions

Resource
- 18 actions

Cross-cutting actions

Participatory dynamics on SD
- 3 actions

Information and Awareness raising
- 5 actions

Education and Research
- 11 actions

Organisations’ social responsibility
- 7 actions

Sustainable public procurement
- 6 actions

Promoting SD at international level
- 6 actions
WSDS ACTION PLAN

• Participatory dynamics
  – Identify ways and processes allowing public participation during implementation of the WSDS: continuous dialogue, exchange of good practices, ...
  – Organize once a year a Youth Parliament
  – Highlight commitments from civil society and citizen

• Information and promotion
  – Dedicated SD web site
  – ...

FOLLOW UP OF THE STRATEGY

- Implementation of the WSDS will be monitored at least every two years

- The public will be informed of the modalities and results of such monitoring

- A synthetic report on progress will be transmitted by the Government to the Parliament within the month of the monitoring

- SDG Implementation report in 2017 and 2019

- Such report will contribute to National voluntary review by Belgium in 2017 at HLPF
FOR MORE INFORMATION

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