

The Sustainable Development Goals and linkage with Strategic Frame

Country: Albania

From planning to implementation/indicators

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Current situation – Strategic frame and SDGs

National Strategy for Development and Integration NSDI 2015- 2020 (NSDI II)

National Sector Strategies & Action Plans (15)
National Cross-cutting Strategies (14)

Ministry Action Plans
(Policy papers; Master plans; Action Plans)

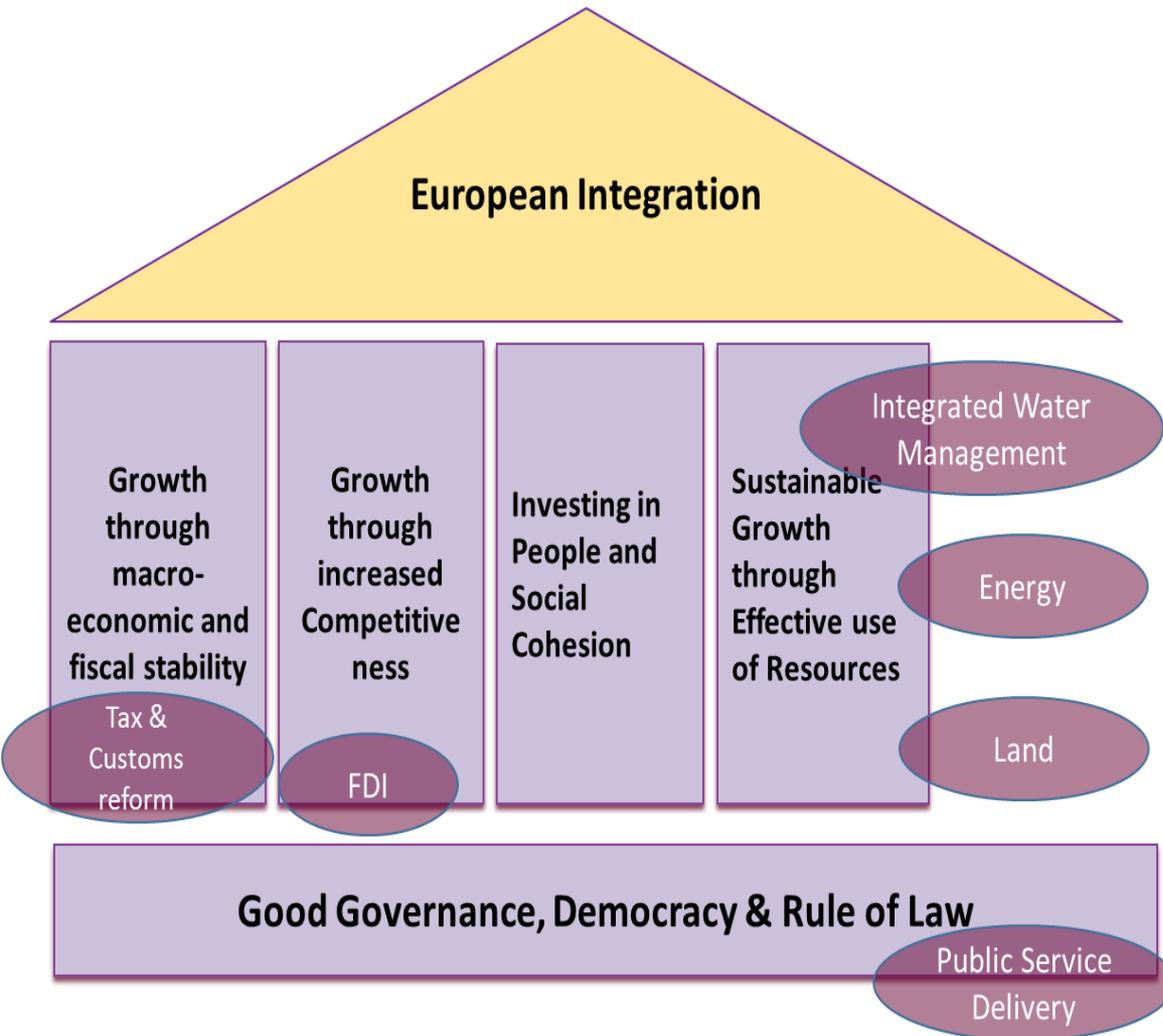
Medium Term Budget Program (MTBP)
Development programs with EU, UN, WB & other
donors

Implementation
(Delivery Agreements on priority Sectors)

Monitoring
NSDI indicators & sector strategy Indicators

- **Mainstreaming the SDGs** in the recently adopted NSDI, including the related sector strategies and national policies and plans, would be essential for the successful implementation of the SDGs in Albania.
- **Indicators** within the national strategic frame, linkage between indicators: NSDI, Cross-cutting strategies, Sector strategies, Master Plans; Action Plans
- **Cooperation** during planning and implementation/monitoring
 - LM, subordinates institution,
 - Independent institutions

Current situation - NSDI-II and SDGs



Link between 6 priorities of NSDI-II and SDGs:

- EU membership (EU sustainability agenda)
- Good governance, democracy and the rule of law (SDG 16)
- Macroeconomic stability (SDG 8, 17)
- Increased competitiveness & innovation (SDG 9)
- Investing in people and social cohesion (SDG 1,2,3,4,5,10)
- Connectivity and sustainable use of resources (SDG 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15)

50 indicators:

- 10 Indicators under integrating commitments, a signatory to the EU
- 15 Economic development and Macroeconomic High-level indicators
- 25 Sectoral Indicators Related to Social policies and resource sustainability

Goals and targets

High Level Linkage of SDGs to Main NSDI Components according to chapter and section of the NSDI

NSDI II	Part III: Development and Integration Strategies	SDGs
7.0	Albania's Overarching Goal: Accession to the European Union	n/a mainly EU-related
8.0	Foundations: Good Governance, Democracy & the Rule of Law	
8.1	An Open Judicial System with Equal Access for All	SDG 16
8.2	Strengthening Legislative and Electoral Processes	SDG 16 + 5 (ref. gender)
8.3	Integrated Border Management	SDG 16
8.4	The Fight against Organized Crime, Terrorism and Trafficking	SDG 16
8.5	Ensuring Public Order	SDG 3 + 16
8.6	Strengthening Human Rights	cross-cutting (1 + 10 + 16...)
8.7	Reforming Public Administration and the Civil Services	SDG 16
8.8	Transparency and the Fight against Corruption	SDG 16
8.9	Decentralization and Local Government Reform	
8.10	Strengthening Albanian Statistics	SDG 17
8.11	The Increasing Importance of Foreign Policy	SDG 10
8.12	A Stronger Defence	n/a mainly NATO-related
8.13	Civil Society	SDG 17
9.0	Pillar 1: Growth Through Macro-Economic and Fiscal Stability	
9.1	Strengthening the Financial System and Monetary Policy	SDG 8 + 10 +17
9.2	Strengthened Public Finance for Fiscal Stability	partially SDG 10
10.0	Pillar 2: Growth Through Increased Competitiveness	
10.1	Assuring and Protecting Property Rights	SDG 1
10.2	Promoting Business and Foreign Direct Investment	SDG 8
10.3	Expanding Scientific Research and Innovation	SDG 9 +17
10.4	Investing in Information Technology and Communications	SDG 9
10.5	Ensuring Consumer Protection and Market Surveillance	SDG 2 + 12
10.6	Protecting Competition and Providing for State Aid Control	

Current situation – actions

- Establish the discussion to the political level
 - Signed the Cooperation Programm (CP) 2017-2021 between UN RCO and GoA
 - Under preparation CP UNDP, CP UNFPA, CP UNICEF
 - The Strategic Planning and Development Unit, within the Department for Development, Financing and Foreign Aid, in the Prime Minister's Office is a central policy coordination structure that coordinate and guide the process of SDGs. The main actors in this process are also INSTAT, MFA and UN Agencies in Albania.
 - There are established 4 pilot Integrated Policy Management Group to ensure implementation and monitoring of sectoral strategies.
 - SDG indicators are included in the Official Statistical Programme 2017 – 2021 (draft version to be passed in and approved by Parliament in early December 2016)
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- UN Res.Coordinator has appointed an SDG Focal Point who works in close consultation with UN Agencies in the country and national SDG Focal Point.
 - UN is advocating to mainstream and streamline inclusion of SDGs monitoring and aligning with the EU integration processes and as part of the work of IPMGs.
 - UN agencies including UNFPA have provided thorough feed-back in the process of developing national indicators to reflect also ICPD based SDGs.

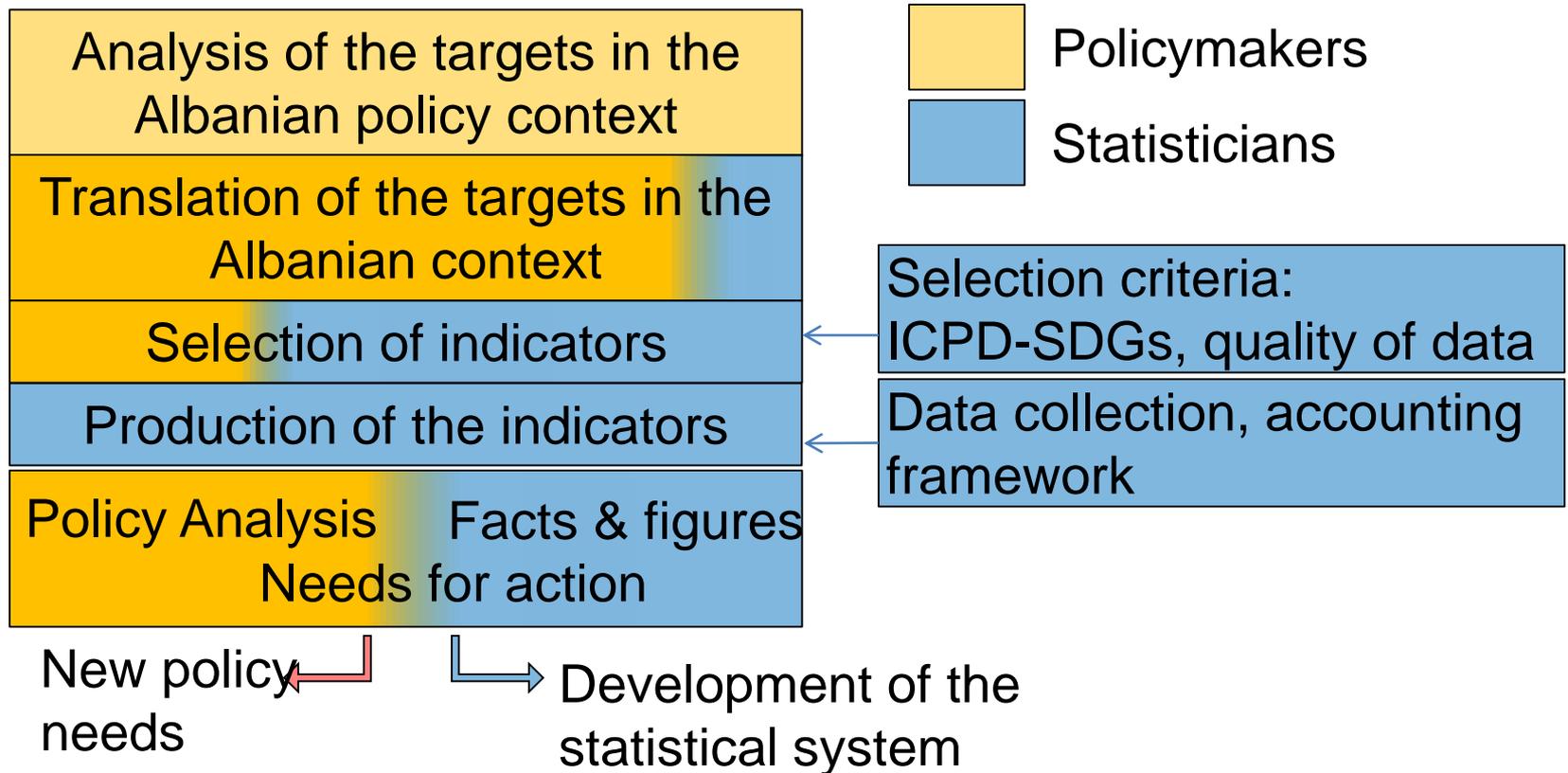
Current situation – actions, ICPD based SDGs

- An informal UN – INSTAT group has been established to:
 - Identify data providers and data sources for SDG indicators;
 - Identify data gaps and methodological gaps;
 - Take into account data disaggregation requirements in the assessment;
 - These stocktaking assessments be led by INSTAT in close coordination with relevant data producers, and in consultation with civil society and international organisations and development partners;

- INSTAT has drafted the 5 years Official Statistical Programme, 2017-2021, which provides compulsory obligation from all institutions to collect data and provide data for all indicators in the Plan.

- ICPD based SDGs are included in the Programme and UNFPA will support with methodology and technical capacity ensure that ICPD based SDGs ' indicators are properly collected and reported regularly.

Implementation and monitoring of SDGs



Incorporation of the SDGs in national development frameworks

Efforts to implement the global development goals - 17 goals, 169 targets and 229 indicators that need to be achieved by 2030:

- SPU/DDFFA, with the support of UNDP implemented in 2015 a pilot project to develop and **test SDG16 targets and indicators** (21 governance indicators were developed, analysis to establish linkages between the NSDI II pillars & sub-themes with the different SDGs).
- A baseline analysis was carried to define the level of integration of SDGs- goals, targets, and SDG's indicators into the NSDI II and sectoral programmes (assessment at the goal, target and indicator levels of the NSDI and related strategic framework- a set of 50+ strategies, national plans and policy documents).
- DDFFA, in close cooperation with the UN ORC, UN agencies in Tirana, INSTAT and other institutions, assisted by international expertise will prepare:
 - a baseline report - identify where the country stands in relation to SDG mainstreaming in terms of data statistics, “where” it needs to be – reflecting on the baseline to measure progress.
 - elaborate a two year National Action Plan for the implementation of the SDGs in the country, as well as make recommendations about the path to take until 2030

Challenges and work forward

- Follow up with information network on the SDGs for stakeholders (various workshops with different stakeholders have been conducted during 2015 and 2016)
- Ensuring that the necessary statistics and indicators be made available in the short term to allow institutions to monitor progress and inform the necessary policies
- Adopting development co-operation goals and policies to the 2030 Agenda, while building on priorities and ensuring that indicators be available in the short-term at the national level for SDG monitoring and ties
- Develop a plan for increasing the data covering
- Establish interlinks among goals and targets
- Institutional arrangements
- Preparing to monitor the SDGs: setting indicators and harnessing the data revolution
- Incorporating SDG indicators into reporting frameworks and to progressively adapt their reporting systems to be consistent with the 2030 Agenda's targets and indicators
- Strengthening of statistical capacities of the country as increasingly important for monitoring progress and evaluating impact
- Greater emphasis measuring performance against the goals targeted, and their ability to link budgets with planning processes

Thank you!