

Concept Note

EAEU sustainable development and its experience of the SDG implementation at subregional level

Date: March 2nd, Friday

Time: 08:30-9:45

Venue: International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG)

Type: Side event session

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a key element of the strategic long-term development for most countries of the world including Member States of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU). The Eurasian Economic Commission considers the SDGs implementation as an important aspect of supranational regulation. The EAEU implements the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development via the following steps:

- + **How regional integration helps countries to achieve the SDGs.** The EAEU became the first regional integration organization prepared a volunteer report on the SDGs implementation at supranational level which was presented at the HLPF in New York in 2017.*
- + **Evaluation of integration cooperation for the SDGs implementation.** The Eurasian Economic Commission has defined a System of Integration Indicators (SII) evaluating the level and quality of the member countries' integration cooperation within regional integration blocs/groupings. This System allows comparing regional integration blocs/groupings worldwide to define common features and specific aspects/trends including potential areas for deepening integration cooperation in the global context of "Integration of Integrations."*
- + **EAEU sustainable and inclusive growth.** Economic growth evaluations via GDP indicators do not always correctly reflect the whole spectrum of country's economic and social developments. In this regard the Inclusive Growth Concept becomes more and more popular. The Concept focuses on comprehensive life quality improvement for all population groups by creating environment of equal opportunities for everyone (Goal 8). The Eurasian Economic Commission aims to implement this Concept and prepared a Report on Inclusive Growth of the EAEU Member States.*

Agenda:

I. How Regional Integration supports the achievement of the SDG Agenda in the EAEU and its Member States:

- Regional and subregional integration as one of a key elements of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Achievement of the SDGs: EAEU experience
- Integration benefits and its potential for the SDG implementation by member countries

II. Presentation of the System of Integration Indicators (SII):

- SII goals and objectives
- SII methodology and conceptual approaches
- SII elements
- EAEU, EU, ASEAN, MERCOSUR comparison results with regards of existing integration cooperation ties

III. Presentation of the Report on Inclusive Growth for the EAEU Member States:

- Why inclusive growth is important?
- Five dimensions of inclusive development of the EAEU Member States: poverty and inequality, economic growth and employment, infrastructure, education, and health
- Inclusive Growth Indexes – comparative analysis of the EAEU Member States
- Convergence of the EAEU Member States inclusive growth in 2011-2015
- Key elements of economic policy reforms to secure inclusive growth in the EAEU Member States