National Reporting of SDG Statistics
Planning and launching NRPs: practical suggestions from national experiences
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- The process
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The process (1)

• Soft start with brainstorming followed by a strict project management.
• Establishing a Steering Group, consisting of all the involved divisions. Sense of ownership.

The process (2)

• Early definition of what we want to include in the platform, followed by a reality check of what is feasible within the deadline:
  • Statistical follow-up
  • HLPF themes, a more profound insight
  • Sub national level (regions and municipalities)
  • Private Sector
• Aspects of working with data platform
  • Provision of data
  • IT
  • Contacts with stakeholders
Considerations (1)

- Many stakeholders,
  - not always with a common agenda, but with many ideas – important to point out that there are costs connected.
  - Data from stakeholders – a challenge in matching their expectations and regular statistical work.
  - Many portals on 2030 Agenda – how to stand out/how to ensure some form of coordination?
- Open source question
  - Decision on using the existing IT system in Statistics Denmark – already know-how and compatibility (particularly with StatBank) – no additional capacity building needed.

Considerations (2)

- How to evaluate qualitative indicators (fx 5.1.1) - relevant Danish or international organizations?
- How to facilitate a discussion on HLPF with a view to (to the extent possible) having a coordinated national position?
- Ensuring that the shown development will be subject for discussion and not the figures – requires consultations.
Some of the possibilities

- Development of new indicators – national poverty line in case of Statistics Denmark
- New cooperation areas and strengthening visibility?
  - Clarification of cooperation modalities with private sector and their organizations
  - Clarification with municipalities and regions about subnational follow-up

What has worked for us?

- Early investment in time in order to place statistics on the agenda of the Danish follow up on the SDGs
  - Dialogue
  - Visibility
  - Frequent briefings
  - Participation in various events relating to the SDG
  - this has led to the recognition of the importance of statistics in the process and, subsequently, funding
- Openness towards discussing the statistical follow up on the 2030 Agenda
- Very positive feedback on Statistics Denmark’s coordinating role – not everyone seems to enjoy statistical reporting (sic!)
- From the outset being clear on that Statistics Denmark has the final say on the data for the follow-up.
...and do not forget human factor

Thank you