



Mechanisms for Implementing and Monitoring the 2030 Agenda on a National and European Level

Workshop
Sustainability: The Solution for Europe

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Topics for discussion

- Sustainable Development: A Short Introduction
- Sustainable Development in Romania: The Strategy and Institutional Reform
- The Parliamentary Dimension
- The Romanian Presidency: A Sustainable Agenda

Sustainable Development in a Nutshell

The 2030 Agenda:

- Was adopted in 2015 by all UN Member States.
- Represents a response to the world's current social, economic, and environmental problems
- Established a set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 targets.
- The European Union has the aim, from the very beginning, to be a leader in implementing the Agenda.



Sustainable Development in Romania

Political Commitment

- On April 2016, both houses of the Romanian Parliament declared their support for implementing the 17 Goals.
- Two handbooks that are geared towards MP's on the parliamentary dimension of the 2030 Agenda were translated into Romanian in order to include the SDGs in the legislative process.

Consolidating the Institutional Framework

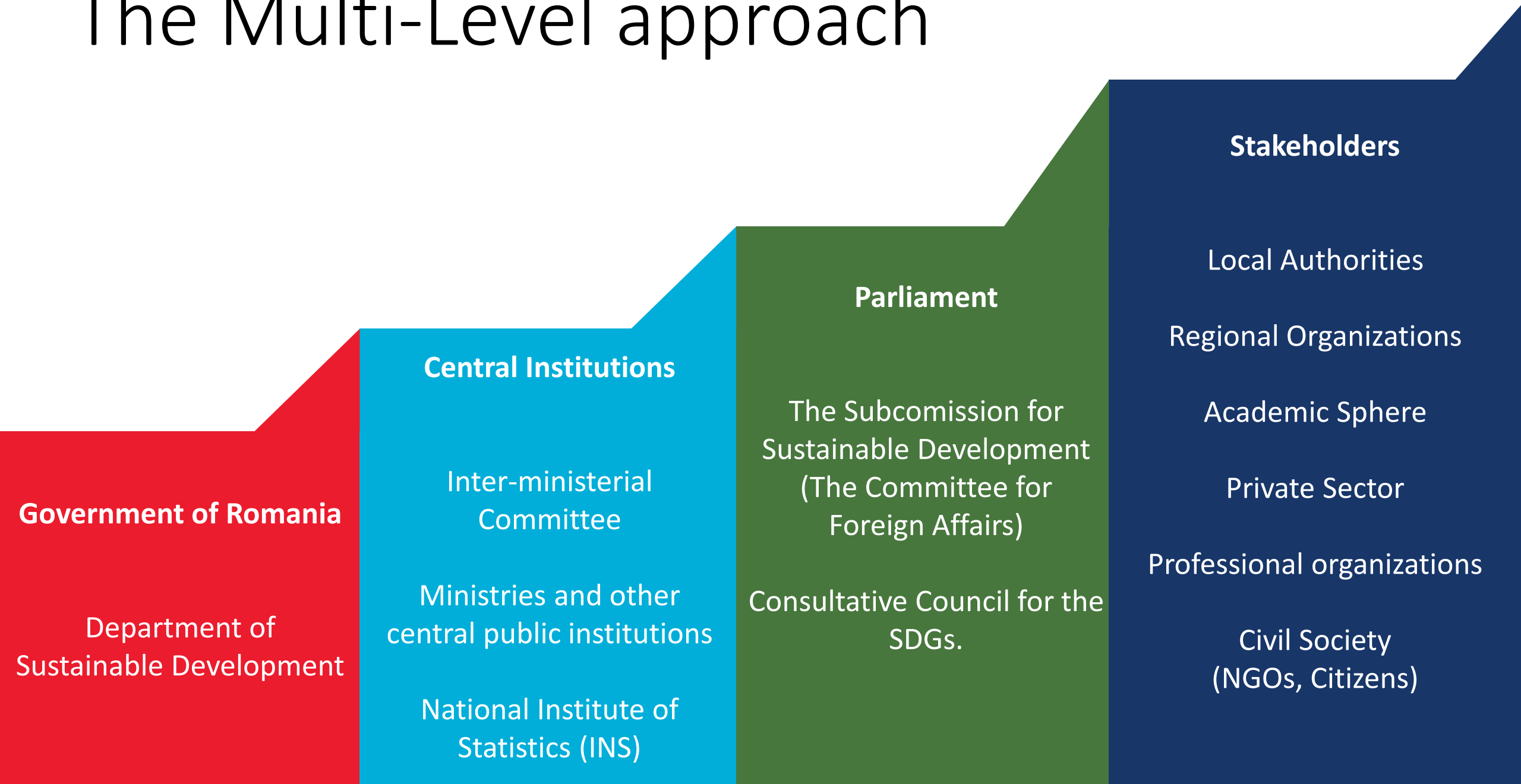
- On May 2017, the Department of Sustainable Development was established within the Government's Working Apparatus through *Government Decision* 313/2017 to help coordinate the implementation of the SDGs on a National Level

**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS**



**BIECTIVELE
DE DEZVOLTARE
DURABILĂ**

The Multi-Level approach





ROMANIA'S SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY 2030

- The Department of Sustainable Development coordinated the revision process of Romania's Sustainable Development Strategy.
- The revision process was 1 year long (5th of September 2017 – 20th of September 2018)
- The aim of this process was to evaluate the implementation of the previous strategy (2008) and to adapt it to the 2030 Agenda.
- Structured along the 17 SDGs.
- Places **the Citizen** at the **center** of **Sustainable Development**.
- Sets Romania's priorities, targets, and measures necessary for implementation and monitorization.
- Its success depends on the active involvement of every stakeholder.

Public Consultation

- 3 preliminary meetings
- Launching conference
- 8 regional seminar
- National Conference with the Academic Sphere
- National Debate with representatives from Civil Society
- Meetings with the revision committee
- Meeting with representatives of ministries
- Meeting with the Subcommittee for Sustainable Development (Parliament)
- National Debate with research institutes
- National Debate with the Private Sector
- National Debate with Trade Union Leaders
- Environmental assessment procedure - decision of the classification stage

Total – ~ 1100 people



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Necessary Institutional Reforms

- The Strategy's *holistic* approach requires a new institutional framework in order to “*meet the needs of future generations.*”
 - ➔ The Strategy calls for the establishment of:
 - **An Interdepartmental Committee on Sustainable Development**, headed by the Prime Minister.
 - **A Sustainable Development Network**, made up of groups of *trained experts in Sustainable Development*, with a **hub in every relevant public institution**.
 - **A Consultative Council for Sustainable Development**, a group of specialists from the academic sphere, research institutes, and representatives from civil society which will analyze the impact of Sustainable Development public policy.
- The Strategy also proposes helping in establishing a **Coalition for Sustainable Development** with representatives from Civil Society.

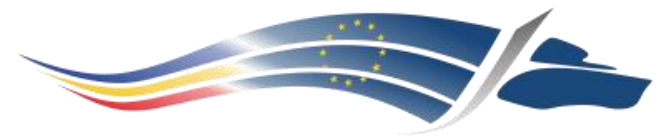


Implementation and Monitorization

- The Department of Sustainable Development is currently collaborating with the National Institute of Statistics on revising Romania's Sustainable Development indicator set.
- An **Action Plan** will be drafted which aims to implement the Strategy's objectives. It will take into account the proposals received during the consultation and public debate phase.
- The Department of Sustainable Development will draft regular reports to the EU and the UN.

The Romanian Presidency at the EU CONS

- **2019** presents the opportunity for Romania to carry out, during the first semester, the Presidency of the Council of Europe.
- **Sustainable Development** will play a **pivotal role**, not just for Romania's upcoming presidency, but for the future of the Union as a whole.
- The Department of Sustainable Development is currently preparing for the Romanian Presidency.



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The 2030 Agenda and the European Union

- For the European Union to maintain its leading role in implementing the 2030 Agenda, its needs:
 - A vision, a plan, and targets for the 2020-2030 period.
 - Firm political commitments
 - Integrating these commitments in every EU policy
 - A institutional framework that will help in achieving these tasks
 - A monitorization mechanism
 - Partnership within the EU and with other states.



The 2030 Agenda and the European Union

- At the end of 2018, the EU Commission will publish its Reflection Paper which will present the Commission's vision on implementing the 2030 Agenda.
- An EU report for the High Level Policy Forum (HLPF) of 2019 on the implementation of the Agenda externally (Joint Synthesis Report) is being prepared. At the same time it wants to report on internal implementation as well.

The EU Parliamentarian Dimension

- The European Parliament has a significant role in implementing the 2030 Agenda, representing the ideal forum through which the SDGs can be discussed and promoted *in the spirit of SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals*.
- Considering the fact that EU legislation requires the approval of the EU parliament, the role of the Parliament is vital in ensuring that Sustainability is promoted for the next 12 years.
- This will ensure policy coherence by integrating the SDGs in every EU policy.





The 2030 Agenda and the European Union

- A representative of the Department will chair, during the Romanian Presidency, the **Working Party on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** at the Council of the European Union. This working party is responsible with the implementation of the 2030 Agenda both internally and externally.
- The Department, together with the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in partnership with UNECE, will organize on the **16th of April, in Bucharest, a high-level conference on Partnership on Implementing the 2030 Agenda** (EU, Eastern Partnership, Central Asia, Western Balkans).



Thank you!

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