



# Strengthening leadership and institutional capacities for policy coherence in support of the SDGs

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# Governance challenges in SDG implementation

## Frequent governance challenges to be addressed...

SDG implementation efforts often disconnected from the mainstream policy agenda

Frequent gaps in leadership skills and competencies

SDGs often not yet integrated into core governance mechanisms (e.g. budget, public procurement)

Little tracking of SDG implementation and impact

Lack of accountability and inclusiveness

## ... by mechanisms to accelerate SDG implementation

Institutional coordination, robust mandate and policy coherence

Enhanced political culture as well as leadership, people management and technical skills

Budgeting for the SDGs to promote policy integration and ensuring continuity beyond electoral cycles

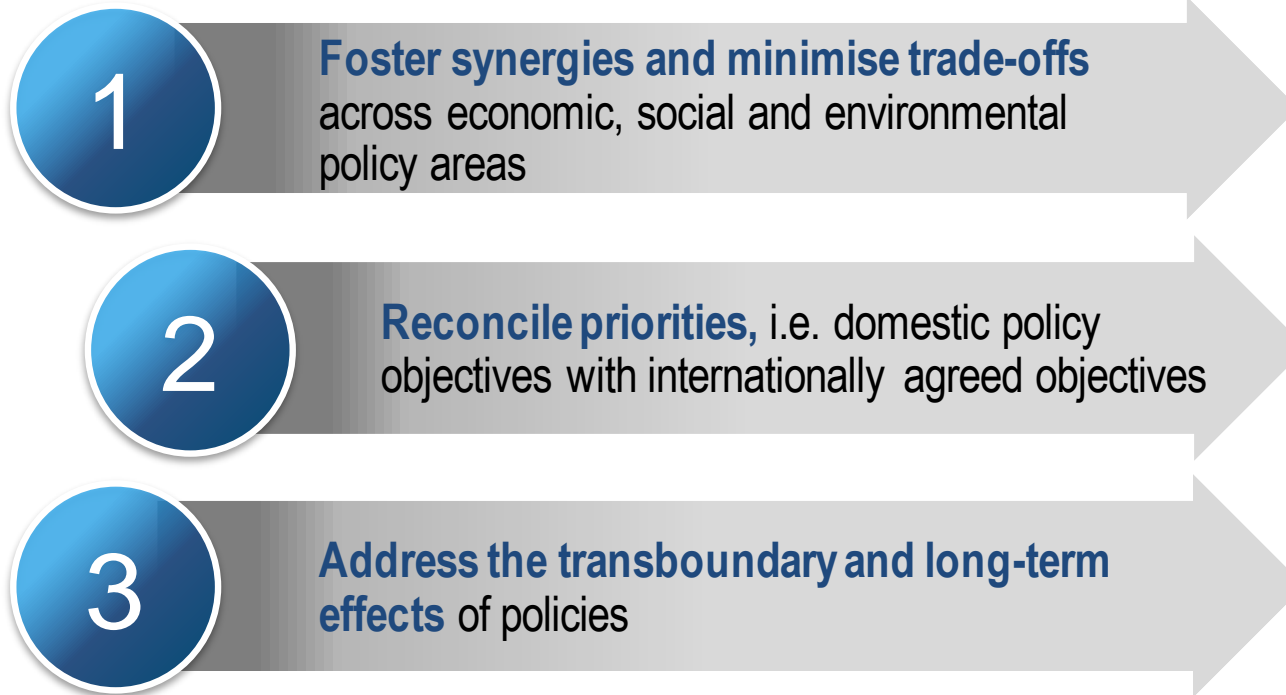
Monitoring and evaluation systems to track SDG implementation and take corrective action

Enhanced integrity, stakeholder participation and policies that leave no one behind



# Policy coherence for sustainable development

**PCSD** is an approach and policy tool to integrate the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development at all stages of policy making.



**SDG Target 17.14** Enhance policy coherence for sustainable development

**Indicator: 17.14.1** Number of countries with mechanisms in place to enhance policy coherence of sustainable development



# What is the PCSD Online Toolkit?

## A one-stop shop portal to knowledge resources on policy coherence

### GUIDANCE

**Recommendations** to support governments and stakeholders to enhance PCSD according to good institutional practices in 8 key areas (Building Blocks)

### SELF ASSESSMENT

**Screening Checklist** to assess organisational structures and policy-making processes, and to identify strengths and areas for improvement

### GOOD PRACTICE

**Examples of country practices**, which can inspire other countries in their efforts to enhance policy coherence

### TOOLS

**Links to complementary tools** developed by Partners, which can help address multiple areas of policy coherence beyond institutional aspects



# PCSD Institutional country scans/reviews

<b>Slovak Republic</b>	Development of SDG strategy and review of budget practices in support of SDGs	<b>Bulgaria</b>	Supporting stakeholder consultation process to identify capacity gaps
<b>Egypt</b>	Strengthening institutional arrangements for cross-ministerial collaboration	<b>Croatia</b>	Skills and competency gap analysis
<b>Czech Republic</b>	Strengthening of institutional mechanisms for SDG co-ordination	<b>Romania</b>	Integration of the SDGs in the budget process
<b>Spain</b>	Needs assessment for targeted administrative capacity-building	<b>Malta</b>	Capacity building for embedding SDGs into policy and budget planning

**Based on evidence-based standards, tools and guidance**



# Eight Guiding Principles for Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development

## I. A strategic vision for achieving the 2030 Agenda and SDGs in an integrated and coherent manner

### 1 Political Commitment and Leadership



to foster whole-of-government action for PCSD

### 2 Strategic Long-term Vision



to support policy coherence and orient the government and stakeholders towards SDGs

### 3 Policy integration



to capitalise on synergies and benefits across economic, social and environmental policies

## II. Effective and inclusive institutional and governance mechanisms to address policy interactions

### 4 Whole-of-Government coordination



to mitigate divergences between sectoral priorities and policies

### 5 Subnational engagement



to promote coordinated actions and enhance coherence across levels of governments

### 6 Stakeholder engagement



to sustain broader support for PCSD and its implementation

## III. A set of responsive and adaptive tools to anticipate, assess and address impacts of policies

### 7 Policy and financial impacts



to inform decision-making, increase positive impacts and avoid potential negative impacts

### 8 Monitoring, reporting and evaluation



to collect qualitative and quantitative evidence on the impact of policies and financing, and report progress on PCSD



# Evidence-based standards, tools and guidance

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- ✓ Recommendation on Public Service Leadership and Capability
- ✓ Recommendation on Budgetary Governance
- ✓ Recommendation on Public Procurement
- ✓ Recommendation of the Council on Open Government
- ✓ Recommendation on Public Integrity
- ✓ Framework for Regulatory Policy Evaluation

*...and more.*



# Global needs assessment

To assess country needs and seeking the views of countries and stakeholders on the main governance bottlenecks and gaps for SDG implementation, particularly in policy coherence.

- Regional consultations
- Country pilots
- Online survey:

**[oe.cd/sdgARFSD](https://oe.cd/sdgARFSD)**

## Regional Needs Assessment

What support do African countries need for tackling governance bottlenecks in SDG implementation?



### **WHAT?**

OECD Online public consultation

### **WHEN?**

For the duration of the 6th Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. 24-27 February 2020

### **HOW?**

Access the survey: [oe.cd/sdgARFSD](https://oe.cd/sdgARFSD)





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