SDG Coordination and Implementation in Estonia

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Strategic framework for sustainable development in Estonia

- Sustainable Development Act (1995)
  - Viability of cultural space
  - Growth of welfare
  - Coherent society
  - Ecological balance
- Sustainable Development Indicators
Coordination mechanism for sustainable development

Same for implementing the 2030 Agenda as for National Sustainable Development Strategy:

- **Government Office** as central coordinator
- **Inter-ministerial Working Group** on Sustainable Development (government officials)
- **Estonian Sustainable Development Commission** (non-government officials)
Government Office
Central coordinator for implementation and monitoring SD issues

Strategy Unit:

- Sustainable Development
- Estonian Competitiveness Strategy Estonia2020
- Government Action Plan
Inter-Ministerial Working Group on Sustainable Development

- **High level government officials** from all SD sectors (Deputy Secretary Generals, Directors of Departments)

- **Coordination of horizontal SD issues** (positions for UN negotiations, SD indicators, National Voluntary Review on Implementation of 2030 Agenda)
Estonian Sustainable Development Commission

Nongovernmental roof-organizations

19+4 members in different SD fields:
energy, environment, child welfare, youth, cities, local governments, business, science, education, culture, health, development cooperation

Established in 1996
Role of SD Commission

• Monitoring the implementation of SD policy
• Opinion on the Government strategic development plans (before adoption)
• Proposals to the Government and the Parliament

Main instruments:

- Thematic discussions
- Focus reports (with policy proposals)
- Letters of attention
National Voluntary Review on 2030 Agenda (UN HLPF 2016)
Main strenghts in SDG-s

• Rich biodiversity protections

• High share of renewables in the heating sector

• Inclusive regulatory process of the government

• High quality and good accessibility of education

• Quick and extensive access to public services through e-services
Main challenges in SDG-s

• Achieving **productivity** growth
• Developing an **energy- and resource efficient economy**
• Lowering **CO₂ emissions** per capita
• Tackling the **gender pay gap**
• Raising the general **awareness** of Agenda 2030 and creating **ownership** of SDG-s
Thank you!

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