



Fit for recovery and transition: Supporting Quality of Public Administration in the European Union Member States

Public Administration & Governance for Policy Coherence and the SDGs

Sustainable development is a core principle of the Treaty on European Union and a priority objective for the Union's internal and external policies. The UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are being mainstreamed in all EU policies and tools (e.g. Impact Assessments and evaluations). SDGs 16 and 17 are enabling Goals with targets on improving the quality of public institutions (Target 16.6) and on governance, with Target 17.14 on creating mechanisms for Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development (PCSD) as a priority.

PCSD is an approach for governance (how and who?) to support policies (what and when?). It demonstrates that policy and governance are two sides of the same coin and should be addressed at the same time and with the same ambition. This session takes stock of the challenges and achievements of EU Member States on institutionalising PCSD.

Agenda

14:30 start

1. Louis Meuleman (moderator) - Setting the stage: The SDGs, Public Administration, Governance, and Policy Coherence (6 min)

Louis Meuleman, director at Public Strategy for Sustainable Development (ps4sd.eu), visiting professor public governance at KU Leuven, and vice chair of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA)

2. Ludgarde Coppens – The global context: Mainstreaming the SDGs in public administration and governance, and the role of PCSD (6 min)

Ludgarde Coppens is Senior Sustainable Development Officer at UNEP, Nairobi.

3. Mara Cossu - A PCSD action plan to support the National SD Strategy of Italy (6 min)

Mara Cossu is Senior Policy Advisor, Ministry for Ecological Transition, Italy

4. Sami Pirkkala - How Finland achieved a whole-of-government and a whole-of-society approach to the SDGs (6 min)





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Sami Pirkkala is Chief Specialist, Secretary General of Finnish National Commission on Sustainable Development, Prime Minister's Office

5. Luminita Balalau - Insights from the OECD Scan of Institutional Mechanisms to Deliver on the SDGs in Romania (6 min)

Luminita Balalau is Head of the Sustainable Development Coordination Service, Department for Sustainable Development, Prime Minister's Office, Romania

15:00 – 15:20 Reflections, questions and answers, including from the chat box

15:20 Closing reflections

6. Alexandra Papatheodorou - The SDGs as inspiration and guidance for PAG reforms in the EU? (6 min)

Alexandra Papatheodorou is Policy Officer at the Unit Governance & Public Administration of the Directorate General for Structural Reform Support (DG REFORM), European Commission.

7. Short round of take-aways from the speakers

15:30 Closing of the session by the moderator

