The key contribution of regions and cities to sustainable development

Survey results
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SDGs and You

Your level of awareness

How familiar are you with the framework and processes of implementation of the 17 SDGs?

- Never heard of them before
- Heard of them, but unfamiliar with what they represent
- Familiar with them, but not working on implementing them
- Familiar with them and in early stages of implementation
- Familiar with them and in advanced stages of implementation
- No Answer

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Policies and Actions for the implementation of the SDGs

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**Sectoral Priorities**

The key contribution of regions and cities to sustainable development.

### Which dimensions of the SDGs do you work with?

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Main challenges

What are the challenges you have faced, or are currently facing, when implementing the SDGs?

- Lack of awareness, support, capacities or trained staff
- Difficulty to prioritise the SDGs over other agendas
- Insufficient financial resources
- Difficulty to work across levels of government
- Difficulty to work across departments
- Lack of information
- Other
- No Answer

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Monitoring progress: A priority

Have you identified and/or defined local indicators to measure progress towards the SDGs in your region or municipality?

- No, we do not track progress towards the SDGs: 30%
- Yes, using existing local indicators for reference: 25%
- Yes, using national indicators for reference: 20%
- Other: 15%
- No, we have not been able to find suitable indicators: 10%
- Yes, using EU level indicators for reference: 5%
- Yes, using the official UN indicators for reference: 5%
- No Answer: 0%

Ratio (Multiple answers possible)
Multi-level and multi-stakeholders cooperation

- Strong cooperation between local and regional levels:
  - 60% local governments cooperate with their regional level;
  - 55% respondents cooperate with other regional/intermediary/local authorities

- The cooperation with the national level is weaker:
  - only 23% stating to have joint projects with the national level

- VNR to the UN are a missed opportunity – only 21% of respondents are engaged

- Most frequent partnerships are with the civil society or NGOs (39%), while collaboration with private sector is weak (28%);

- Partnerships on SDGs are not exploited yet (60% have no formal partnerships)
Expectations from the EU

- **Leadership** and ambitious implementation
- EU overarching **strategy**
- Policy **coherence; Mainstreaming** SDGs in governance and policies
- EU action on climate change

Specific expectations from the Committee of the Regions – « your » institution
- Facilitating peer-learning, capacity-building and information on financial information.
Moving Forward

➢ Need to continue raising awareness, in particular with small municipalities

➢ Need to better support LRGs on how to use the SDGs to improve their policies/actions

➢ Need to understand the transformative element of the SDGs: they are not an additional agenda, but a new framework

➢ Need for a harmonised indicator framework that can be used by LRGs

➢ Need to improve the collaboration within administrations, with the national government and with the private sector

➢ Need for an EU long-term strategy on SDGs

➢ Need to join forces to advocate for a territorial approach to SDGs at EU level
Thank you