

Strengthening existing institutional mechanisms and capacities for policy coherence in Luxembourg to deliver on the SDGs at home and abroad

Virtual joint meeting of the ICSD and ICD

26 June 2020 | 10:00-12:00 hrs

BACKGROUND

Luxembourg is an active proponent of the implementation and monitoring of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in that the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) lie at the heart of its domestic and international policy. With a clearly stated commitment, Luxembourg has engaged in a process to enhance policy coherence for the implementation of the SDGs in accordance with the OECD Recommendation on Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development (PCSD) adopted by the OECD Council in December 2019. Luxembourg's efforts to strengthen its co-ordination and analysis mechanisms for sustainable development as well as the whole-of-government approach envisioned in the National Sustainable Development Plan, provide a key foundation for enhancing coherence between domestic and international policies for effectively delivering on the 2030 Agenda and SDGs. Enhanced mechanisms and capacities for PCSD will also be essential to support a sustainable recovery from the COVID-19 crisis and ensure that measures to address the pandemic do not come at the expense of gains made in achieving the SDGs at home and abroad. A key question is how the existing mechanisms can be used more systematically in practice for maximising synergies across sectors and managing trade-offs and potential negative impacts beyond borders.

OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

This virtual meeting marks the beginning of a project supported by the OECD on "Strengthening existing institutional mechanisms and capacities for policy coherence in Luxembourg", which aims to:

- Strengthen government capacities to address synergies, manage policy trade-offs and avoid negative spill overs when implementing the SDGs, and
- Improve understanding among policy makers and key stakeholders on how to apply policy coherence and integrated policy-making in practice to achieve the SDGs in Luxembourg and abroad.

The meeting will provide the opportunity for the OECD Secretariat to introduce the project, present the OECD Recommendation on PCSD and how it relates to the steps that the government has already taken in Luxembourg. It would allow the members of the Inter-Departmental Commission on Sustainable Development (ICSD) and the Inter-Ministerial Committee for Development Cooperation (ICD) to express their views on where the OECD's support could add more value to their work.

Results of the meeting will inform the programme and outputs of the OECD project which will produce an institutional scan with recommendations for enhancing policy coherence for sustainable development as well as a review of a specific policy tool/process that is used in support of SDGs.

FORMAT OF THE MEETING

Webinar with introductory presentations and tour de table to collect participants' views.

DRAFT AGENDA

Opening remarks:

10:00 – 10:15

Chair of the Inter-Departmental Commission on Sustainable Development (ICSD)

Chair of the Inter-Ministerial Committee for Development Cooperation (ICD)

10:15 – 10:45 Presentation of the OECD project

- Presentation of the OECD Recommendation on Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development and interlinkages with PCSD
- Presentation of the results of the recent PCSD survey on a sustainable roadmap to a post-COVID recovery

10:45 – 11:45 Tour de table. Participants' perspective of the added value of strengthening Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development

In this session, the members of the two committees will share their specific experience in enhancing policy coherence for the implementation of the SDGs in Luxembourg and abroad. Participants will be asked to reply to the following questions:

What: What policies could be used to achieve the identified priorities in the National Sustainable Development Plan?

How: How can existing co-ordination, evaluation and planning mechanisms be used more proactively to maximise synergies and anticipate trade-offs between policies underpinning the National Sustainable Development Plan? How can negative impacts domestically and abroad be avoided, or at least minimised?

Who: Who are the key stakeholders that would support your efforts in enhancing policy coherence for the implementation of the National Sustainable Development Plan?

Ahead of this meeting the OECD will conduct a polling among the members of the ICD and ICSD to identify the areas where they need more support for improving policy coherence and tailor this project to their priorities. The session will start with a presentation of the results from the poll conducted.

11:45 – 12:00 Conclusions and next steps

- OECD secretariat will share the **project outline, objectives and timeframe**
- Secretariats of the ICSD and ICD will share the main take aways from the session and next steps

Background documents:

- [OECD Recommendation of the Council on Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development](#)

