



DEPARTMENT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Achieving the 2030 Agenda

Adapting Romanian institutions to meet the needs of the
2030 Agenda

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Introduction

- Romania's first Sustainable Development strategy was drafted in 1999.
- Romania's 2008 National Sustainable Development Strategy was influenced by EU Membership in 2007 and the UN's Millennium Goals.
 - Its main objective was to reduce the socio-economic inequality between Romania and other EU member states.
- The 2030 Agenda “*build upon the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals and seek to address their unfinished business.*” In order for the 2030 Agenda to succeed, new solutions need to be found and implemented.



Romania's First Steps

- *November 2015:* the **Sub-Committee for Sustainable Development** was established within the lower house of the Romanian Parliament.
- *April 2016:* **both houses of the Romania's Parliament issued a joint statement supporting the 2030 Agenda**, highlighting the need for Sustainable Development to be at the core of public policy.
- Romania's Parliament was the first IPU member parliament to make such a declaration of support. This is a strong signal for all segments of Romanian society and it represents a call for taking a leadership role in implementing the SDGs.



The Parliament's Support: *Declaration no. 1/2016*

- *Highlights* the need for the SDGs to be approached in a integrated manner when improving institutional capabilities both on a national and international level to achieve the goals.
- *Affirms* the fact that the Parliament is a key actor in promoting the SDGs due to its power to legislate and budget.
- *Calls* upon the need for the SDGs need to be integrated within a Strategy. Sustainable Development isn't an end in itself, but the only way forward.
- *Calls* for the establishment of a Department of Sustainable Development within the Prime Minister's Office.

The Department of Sustainable Development

- **The Department of Sustainable Development** was established through Government Decision no. 313/2017 on *May 2017* within the PM's Office.
- The Department's establishment was the result of recognizing the importance of coordinating public policy that goes 'beyond' the traditional institutional framework.
- The Department is responsible with:
 - Coordinating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda through a National Strategy,
 - Centralizing, integrating, and monitoring data concerning Sustainable Development,
 - Collaborating with public institutions, both national and international, as well as NGOs on European projects.

The Department's Objectives are:

1. **To monitor the process of implementing Romania's Sustainable Development Strategy.** *Choosing Romania's indicator set, identifying sustainability projects, finding and promoting financing opportunities, and having part of Romania's state budget for SD.*
2. **To create the institutional structure needed to make public policy 'sustainable.'** *This will be done by establishing 'teams' of Sustainable Development experts at all state levels, connected through a network with the Department at its 'core.' They will be tasked with making sure that their institution is true to the principles of Sustainable Development.*
3. **To promote partnerships** by organizing national and regional meetings with all stakeholders relevant in achieving the vision of the 2030 Agenda. This is how we will create the critical mass to create a better future.



Romania's Sustainable Development Strategy

- The first step in implementing this vision is to draft a new Sustainable Development Strategy which seeks to *contextualize* the 2030 Agenda to Romania's specificities.
- Sustainable Development presents a paradigm shift. As such, Romania's new Strategy must be understood by all. Its length and simplicity reflects that. The Strategy targets all stakeholders, ranging from the Public Sector to each and every citizen.
- The Strategy is expected to be released next month.

Public consultation

- 3 preliminary meetings
- Launching the Strategy's 'revision process'
- 8 regional seminars
- *National conference* aimed at academia
- *National debate with NGOs*
- *National debate with the private sector*
- *National debate with Trade Unions*
- *National debate with Research Institutes*
- 4 meetings with the Strategy's drafting committee
- Meeting with representatives of ministries
- Meeting with the Parliament's 'sub-committee for Sustainable Development'

Total no. of participants: aprox. 1100



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Seminar Regional



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Seminar Regional



Miercurea Ciuc

Regiunea de dezvoltare Centru
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Iași

Regiunea de dezvoltare Nord-Est
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Regiunea de dezvoltare Sud-Muntenia
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Iași - 16 aprilie 2018

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Contribuția organizațiilor societății civile
la revizuirea Strategiei Naționale
pentru Dezvoltare Durabilă
București - 24 aprilie 2018

Lansarea dezbaterii publice privind Strategia Națională



pentru Dezvoltare Durabilă
București - 5/6/2018

Dezbateri Națională



Contribuția institutelor naționale de
cercetare - dezvoltare la revizuirea
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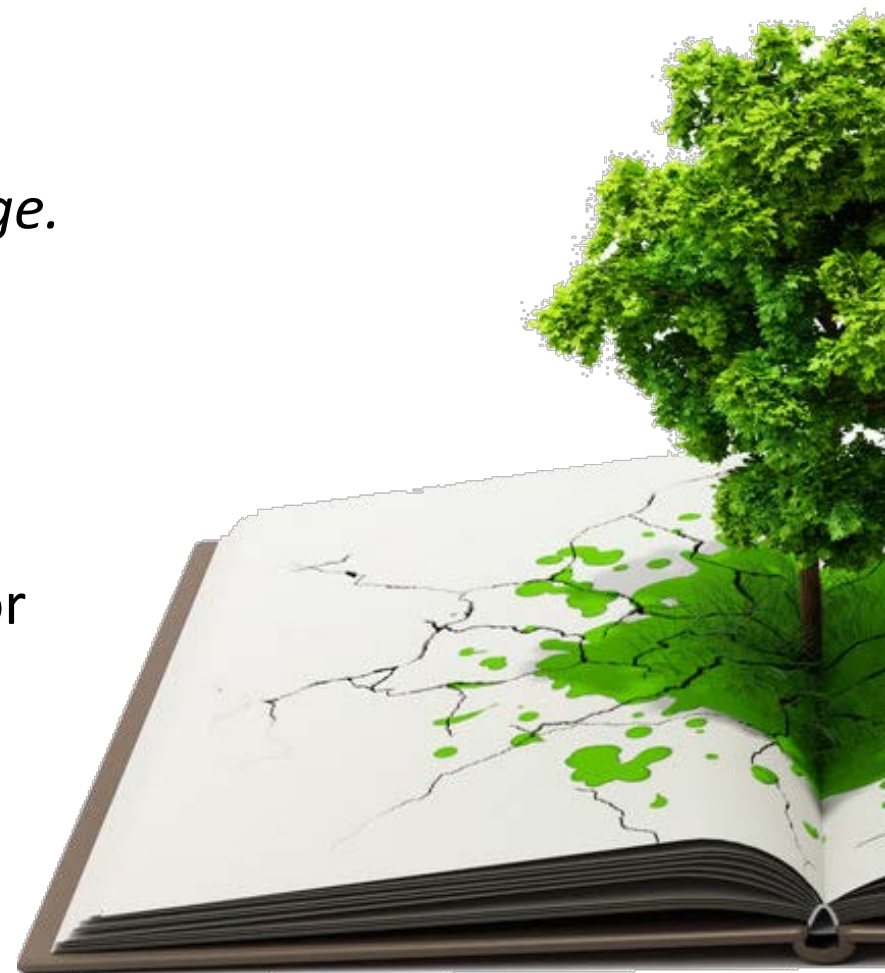
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The Strategy's Table of Contents

- **Chapter I** presents an introduction to Sustainable Development so that everybody can be *on the same page*. This chapter includes a brief history of Sustainable Development as well as a vision for Romania.
- **Chapter II** is divided along the lines of the 17 SDGs. Each 'subchapter' presents Romania's current state through the lens of the SDGs and, provides objectives for 2020 and 2030.
- **Chapter III** presents the institutional framework through which this strategy will be implemented and monitored.





A vision for a Sustainable Tomorrow

- **On an economic level**, there is a clear need to guarantee long-term sustainable economic growth. No one should be left behind, and this economic growth must not be achieved at the cost of the environment.
- **On a social level**, there is clearly a need to promote a more equitable society. This will be achieved by: investing in education and healthcare, fighting against gender inequality, and reducing rural-urban disparities and differences between Romania's different regions. We have to promote a fair society where each and every citizen is empowered and resilient.
- **On an environmental level**, raising awareness of its importance is just the first step. The environment, which includes both nature and human settlements, requires taking care of which will be taught. The environment is the context through which human potential can be achieved.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



5 GENDER EQUALITY



While income inequality between men and women in Romania is one of the lowest in the European Union, gender equality is a state of mind.

The Strategy deals with:

- Wage inequality
- Violence against women
- Women in leadership positions
- What has been done and what will be done.

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



Romania recognizes its role within both the international community and the European Union in implementing the SDGs. Sustainable Development requires leadership, and that must be achieved both on a national and a international level. **The Parliamentary Dimension is indispensable.**

The IPU presents a good framework for creating partnerships for the goals.

Parliamentary level

- **The Romanian Parliament translated the IPU's and the UNDP's handbooks into Romanian**, to help inform MPs about Sustainable Development and enable them to make better decisions.
- **The Sub-Committee for Sustainable Development** is tasked with reviewing legislation.
- **Based on a decision of the 'permanent office of both houses,'** all committees are obliged to analyze the impact of each and every law proposal on the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.
- **Every parliamentary committee** needs to take into considering the SDGs when discussing laws.



Implementation: Institutional Framework

- **Interdepartmental Committee** – *Headed by the PM*
- **Sustainable Development *Network*** – *a group of specialist in every public institution & training.*
- **Coalition for Sustainable Development** – *Involving Civil Society*
- **Consultative Committee for Sustainable Development** – *A board of specialists which will improve both **legislation** and **public policy** by advocating for the Sustainable dimension.*



Measuring future progress

- Drafting an '**action plan**' which will represent the roadmap for implementing Romania's Sustainable Development Strategy.
- Romania's **Institute for Statistics** will help the Department revise Romania's 'Sustainable Development' indicator set.
- The '**State of the Nation**' **monitoring platform** (done in collaboration with SNSPA – Romania's *Political Science and Public Administration* university) is a useful tool in presenting data.



Thank you!

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