











Good institutional practices in promoting policy coherence for sustainable development

Building Block	Description
 Political Commitment	<p>The third National Plan for Sustainable Development (NPSD), the implementation strategy of Agenda 2030, is currently being elaborated and will address PCSD. Since 2012, the Inter-Ministerial Committee for Development Cooperation (ICD) is mandated by law to deal with PCD and an explicit commitment is made in the current 2013-2018 government development program.</p>
 Policy Integration	<p>The National Plan for Sustainable Development (NPSD) is being elaborated by the Inter-Departmental Commission on Sustainable Development (ICSD) in a participatory process with all ministries. The ICSD supports the integration of sustainable development in sectoral policies. Ministries can decide on follow-up PCD actions after recommendations of the ICD in their respective fields.</p>
 Strategic Long-term Vision  Policy and Financing Impacts	<p>SDG-implementation is considered essential among a majority of parties and population. The trade-offs between short and long term interests are decided at government level. Identifying long-term goals can be difficult however, when tangible benefits are hard to communicate.</p> <p>The ICD can identify and propose to address ex-ante potential transboundary and intergenerational effects. Once identified, ICD can discuss unintended effects and formulate unbinding recommendations to government. The government plans to establish a sustainability check, to strengthen policy coherence and better understand potential national and transnational effects of policies on sustainable development.</p>
 Policy Coordination	<p>The Interdepartmental Commission on Sustainable Development (ICSD), composed of representatives from each ministerial department, is preparing the National Plan for Sustainable Development (PNDD) and the national report on the implementation of sustainable development. The Environment Department of the Ministry for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure coordinates national SDG-implementation and chairs the ICSD. The Inter-ministerial Committee for Development Cooperation (ICD) meets every two months to consider international development cooperation including PCD. It shares information, formulates non-binding recommendations to the government, provides mediation among ministries in potential cases of disagreement. Members of the ICD participate in the ICSD and vice-versa.</p>
 Local and Regional Involvement	<p>The PNDD will be implemented at the national as well as local level. In Luxembourg, many parliamentarians are also mayors, so that local concerns can be raised in parliament. The local level can also influence legislation via regular consultation processes.</p>
 Stakeholder Engagement	<p>The launch of the Fair Politics barometer, a report by Luxembourg's national umbrella organization of NGOs (Cercle.lu), and the subsequent discussion in Parliament in December 2017, was a first step towards greater consideration of PCD and the SDGs during the next legislative period. The Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs supports this ongoing advocacy. The ICD invites NGOs active in the development and cooperation sector to participate in its debates, attend its meetings and identify priority topics to be considered. An additional platform for reflection, discussion and advice/opinion on sustainable development, the High Council for Sustainable Development, consists of 15 persons from civil society and the private sector, and submits an annual report to parliament.</p>
 Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation	<p>The ICD meets every two months providing minutes and an annual report which are accessible to the public and presented to parliament. Parliament can also ask for action to be taken on ICD's non-binding recommendations. The close involvement of NGOs in monitoring policy impacts such as through the Fair Politics barometer is highly appreciated and supported financially and politically by the government.</p>