











Good institutional practices in promoting policy coherence for sustainable development

Building Block	Description
 Political Commitment	<p>Commitment to more coherent and centralized policy planning for sustainable development is expressed in the new National Development Strategy 2030, adopted in December 2017. Slovenia further outlined its long-term development plans in its Vision 2050. A public financing Act was renewed to ensure that the sustainable development planning (implementation of the Slovenia's Development Strategy 2030 through preparation of the Action plans) is integrated into the budgeting cycle.</p>
 Policy Integration	<p>A Council for Development will be established to make policy proposals that take into account inter-linkages between economic, social and environmental dimensions of policy, as well as to ensure consistency with international engagements. The Slovenian Development Strategy 2030 is supported by sectoral, regional and municipal strategies.</p>
 Strategic Long-term Vision	<p>Vision 2050 and Slovenia's Development Strategy 2030 have been elaborated through an open, transparent and inclusive approach stressing the universality of the 2030 Agenda with objectives going beyond the present governmental term. The Inter-Ministerial Working Group on Development Policies was established as a permanent body</p>
 Policy and Financing Impacts	<p>Policy effects are considered as part of environmental and regulatory impact assessments, as well as through assessments of economic values. Mechanisms are currently being developed to adjust policies in light of new information on potential negative impacts during implementation.</p>
 Policy Coordination	<p>The Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy takes the overall implementation, coordination and monitoring responsibility for the 2030 Agenda. It is supported by the permanent Inter-Ministerial Working Group on Development Policies, which meets on a monthly basis and promotes policy coherence by sharing information and solving policy conflicts. The Group is composed of two representatives from each ministry working as focal points for development policies and the 2030 Agenda, and also includes representatives of the National Statistical Office and the Institution for Macroeconomic Analysis and Development. The Government Office advises the government and manages the implementation of EU documents. This coordination mechanism aims to consider both domestic and international objectives related to SDG-implementation in close collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</p>
 Local and Regional Involvement	<p>The national organization of municipalities was involved in drafting the Vision 2050 and Slovenian Development Strategy 2030 and will be part of the Council for Development being established to foster an open and transparent dialogue with stakeholders. Local actors can currently take part in meetings/briefings and through co-organizing events and conferences.</p>
 Stakeholder Engagement	<p>The new National Development Strategy commits the government to establish a Council for Development that will bring together all stakeholders and act as an advisory board to the Inter-Ministerial Working Group, a forum and a watchdog for sustainable development policies.</p>
 Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation	<p>The Council for Development will be responsible for monitoring the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and publish annual reports. The Slovenian Development Strategy 2030 includes five strategic orientations and twelve development goals that are mapped to each SDG and provides a first set of performance indicators. The supreme audit institution (SAI) supports national monitoring and implementation efforts. The Court of Audit identifies implementation gaps for making decisions on what to audit and points out areas where problems might occur. Reports are critical towards past issues but also visionary about the future.</p>