

SDG-Action Plan 2019+

promoting sustainability and shaping the future

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The starting point ...

**Austria launched the implementation of the SDGs
by a Decision by the Austrian Council of Ministers in 2016:**

The Decision of the Council of Ministers emphasizes a **mainstreaming approach**:

“The sectoral ministries will utilize their existing multi-stakeholder strategy and programming processes to take the SDGs into account in the respective national policy frameworks. Thereby, well-established structures of numerous national policy frameworks will be deployed for the SDG implementation”.

Main SDG-responsibilities of the Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism (BMNT)



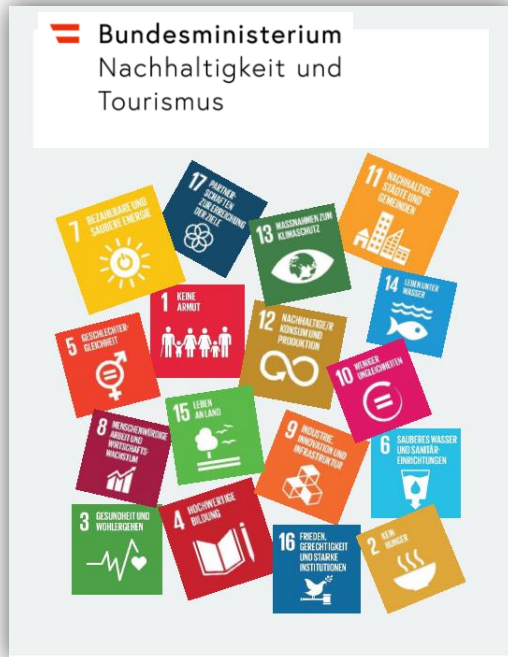
Some examples of the BMNT implementation activities since 2016



Main questions remained in 2018 ...

- How to **increase deeper awareness** for the Agenda 2030 within the Ministry, consisting of 7 departments and over 2.500 employees?
- How to **translate the Agenda 2030** more specifically into ministry's new and ongoing work packages, policies and measures?
- By doing so, how to integrate the Agenda 2030 **as thoroughly as feasible** into the BMNT's existing programs and strategies?
- How to **start a longer lasting process**, instead of single activities and time limited projects?
- How to **fulfil our ambition to progress not only on "our core SDGs & targets" but to also explore linkages to such "extended sub-targets" under other SDGs?**

... and led to the „SDG-Action Plan 2019+“ of the BMNT



launched in June 2019

provides an overview on latest processes,
improved SDG methodologies, instruments,
current and future activities

has 68 pages and 4 chapters

published in German at:

https://www.bmnt.gv.at/umwelt/nachhaltigkeit/sdgaktionsplan_2019.html

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1) **We established roles and processes** to anchor the Agenda 2030 in both personnel and institutional terms (capacity building) within the ministry:

- in-house briefings for new colleagues
- nomination of one SDG focal point at each department
- regularly Focal Point Meetings
- patronage of our general secretary Mr Plank and minister Ms. Köstinger
- establishment of an internal “SDG service point” for steering & coordination within the BMNT, i.e. unit III/2

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2) **We have developed a set of SDG quick checks**, by which everybody in the ministry can now use a quick, user friendly and easy tool kit to check whether corresponding activities are (already) in compliance with Agenda 2030 and appropriate:

- SDG fitness check for existing activities
- SDG compatibility tool for major incoming activities
- development of an improved SDG methodology allowing an enhanced systematic exploration of our activities versus all 169 sub-targets

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3) We give you an **demonstrative overview of the current portfolio** of main initiatives and measures of the BMNT concerning the SDGs:

- 37 strategies/ programs/measures
- these activities are grouped along 4 key thematic strands
- the estimated impacts of the various activities in the SDG area are highlighted in three grades:
strong/ medium/ weak

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4) We are illustrating around 80 programs & actions covering all 17 SDGs in an annex:

- within the 7 departments of the BMNT
- as “first steps towards the implementation of measures that are directly or strategically aligned with the achievement of the SDG goals”
- as a sort of preliminary second progress report

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5) Finally, we are giving you an **outlook on next steps:**

- will continue our work on common methodologies & milestones
- will explore ideas on complementing instruments together with our stakeholders and partners (stakeholder dialogues will start in autumn 2019+)
- offer expertise on the application and dissemination of SDG checks if appropriate
- offer to disseminate our BMNT experience in implementing the 2030 Agenda if appropriate

For more information



https://www.bmnt.gv.at/umwelt/nachhaltigkeit/sdg_aktionsplan_2019.html

Basics of implementation at federal level

All Ministries involved

- Coordination by interministerial WG chaired by the Federal Chancellery and the Mo European and International Affairs
- Specific interministerial set-ups via focal points due to divergent competences on SDGs
- Implementation of SDGs follows distribution of competences at federal level (Ministers' decision of 7 January 2016)
- Ongoing and further tasks of interministerial group: preparation of VNR in 2020 and proposals on future priorities for next reporting period

Political/technical co-ordination, support measures and monitoring

- regular support by Statistik Austria on all data since 2015;
- “ecological SDGs” : Env. Agency + Statistik-Austria
- regular co-ordination with Länder focal points and Länder-federation committees e.g. LURK – BMNT, regular co-ordination with cities & communes (started, annually planned)
- monitoring & recommendations by the Austrian Court of Audit in 2018, notably on BMVIT and BMNT, but also on others BMEIA
- diverse parliamentary requests since 2016, diverse and regular contacts to civil society, NGOs
- regular SDG performance checks by OECD (2019), Eurostat (EU), SDSN (annually from 2016), some of them specific distance to target reports