



Strategic issues for sustainable development in Europe

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Strategic Issues

- Priorities for the review and further development of the EU SDS
- Strengthening linkages and coherence between national and EU policy levels
- Measuring and monitoring progress through the use of indicators, sustainability impact assessments, models and other tools



Discussion on priorities

- Looking back:
 - Assessment of EU SDS performance
 - Have all important issues been addressed?
 - Have new unsustainable trends appeared?
- Looking forward:
 - Major challenges for SD in enlarged EU
 - Integration of international and domestic issues
 - Mobilising support from countries and society
- How to make the Strategy more operational



Discussion on linking national and EU SDS

- Sharing good practice
 - What areas of good practice to discuss
 - How to organise this exchange
- Better vertical linkage
 - How far to push linkage
 - How to practically manage better coherence
 - How to review policy consistency



Discussion on measuring and monitoring progress

- Ex Ante
 - Use of Cost Benefit Analysis and Impact Assessment in NSDS
 - Role of future scenarios
- Ex Post
 - Criteria to assess NSDS
 - Indicators to match criteria
 - Experiences with ex post evaluation