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What are the key learning effects of the sustainability strategy process in North Rhine-Westphalia?

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Starting Points



- **After Rio Conference 1992 many Local Agenda 21 processes in NRW cities, towns and counties**
- **Agenda 21 process on regional level 2000-2005**
- **Fresh start for a regional Sustainability Process in NRW after regional elections in 2010/2012:**



„Sustainability is our guiding principle. This means for us combining ecological responsibility and economic sense closely with social justice.“

(Coalition Treaty NRW 2012-2017)

Proposal for 17 Sustainable Development Goals and NRW topics

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GOAL 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere

GOAL 2: End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture

GOAL 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages

GOAL 4: Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

GOAL 5: Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

GOAL 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

GOAL 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all

GOAL 8: Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all

GOAL 9: Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation

GOAL 10: Reduce inequality within and among countries

GOAL 11: Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

GOAL 12: Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

GOAL 13: Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

GOAL 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

GOAL 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss

GOAL 16: Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

GOAL 17: Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development

Fields of actions and possible priority areas of a SD Strategy for NRW

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- **Climate Change (NRW Climate Action Plan) and Energy Transition**
- **Sustainable Economy (Green Economy Strategy)**
- **Protection of natural resources: Biodiversity (Biodiversity strategy), Forests, Water, Spatial planning/Soil, Air Quality, Environment & Health**
- **Demographic change and neighbourhoods for all ages**
- **Social cohesion** (“North Rhine-Westphalia together“/
Action plan against poverty and social exclusion)
- **Decent and fair work**
- **Integration (of migrants)**
- **Sustainable Financial policy**
- **Sustainable Urban Development**
- **(Local Mobility)**
- **Sustainable Consumption/Sustainable Living**
- **Education for sustainable development**
- **One World Policy**



*Horizontal issues: Equality/Gender Mainstreaming, Inclusion, Sustainability on local level
("Local Agenda 21"), Education & Science, **European & International Dimension** etc.*



- **Sustainability Goals for 2030**, if possible quantitative, for all priority areas and fields of action
- **Indicators** (national SD Strategy for Germany, Europe 2020, SDGs etc.)
- **Synergies and conflicts** between the different goals
- **Inter-ministerial coordination**: Environment Ministry and all other ministries
- **“Sustainability checks“** for regional legal acts and programmes
- **Participatory elements** (with local communities, civil society, e.g. TEAM Sustainability with Wuppertal Institute and Dialogue with mayors)
- **Sustainable regional administration** (public procurement, climate neutral buildings, sustainable events etc.)

Tentative Timetable



- **Nov. 2013:** First cabinet decision on fundamental elements of an SD Strategy for NRW
- **Sept.-Nov. 2014: Public consultation on a discussion paper** with Annual Multi-Stakeholder NRW Sustainability conference
- **First semester 2015:** Development of a Draft SD Strategy for NRW
- **Autumn 2015: Cabinet decision** on Draft SD Strategy
- *25-27 Sept. 2015: UN Summit on Sustainable Development Goals*
- **Sept./Oct. 2015: Consultation on Draft SD Strategy** and Annual NRW Sustainability Conference in Regional Parliament (Landtag), 28 October 2015
- *October 2015: Start of public discussion on Progress Report 2016 for national SD Strategy*
- **End of 2015/Beginning of 2016: Final cabinet decision on SD Strategy for NRW**, following discussion in Regional Parliament
- **Regular reporting** on indicators (every 2 years) and progress reports (every 4 years)

Key learnings



- **Political will** as starting point, but also needed throughout the process
- **Common political ground** (political “narrative“)
- **Internal coordination between ministries** (“horizontal integration“)
- **Participatory process**, also including regional economy
- Integration of local – regional – national – European and international perspectives (“vertical integration“)
- **Concrete goals and time frame**
- **Implementation mechanisms**
incl. human and financial resources
- **Evaluation and reporting mechanisms**

**Adaption to specific political,
economic and social
circumstances necessary!**





Thank you!

