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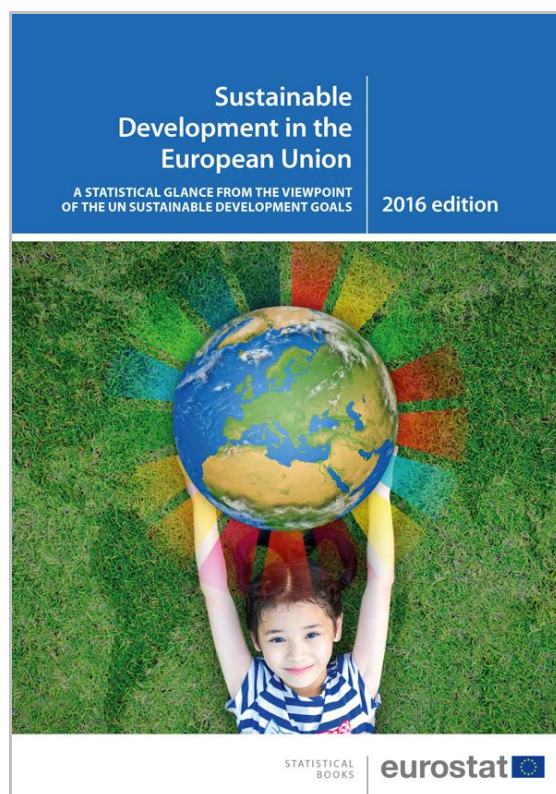
Eurostat publications

Sustainable development: a glance at where the European Union stands

A publication for professionals complemented with a citizen's guide

Sustainable development aims to achieve a continuous improvement in citizens' quality of life and well-being. This involves the pursuit of economic progress, while safeguarding the natural environment and promoting social justice. For these reasons, sustainable development is a fundamental and overarching objective of the **European Union** (EU). Since 2005 and up to 2015, **Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union**, has produced biennial monitoring reports of the EU sustainable development strategy, based on the EU set of sustainable development indicators.

Today **Eurostat** issues the publication "Sustainable Development in the European Union - A statistical glance from the viewpoint of the UN Sustainable Development Goals". It provides an overview of the current situation of the EU and its Member States in relation to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are at the core of the "2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" adopted on 25 September 2015 by the UN General Assembly.



A statistical glance at the EU from the viewpoint of the UN Sustainable Development Goals

"Sustainable Development in the European Union - A statistical glance from the viewpoint of the UN Sustainable Development Goals" is a one-off publication, bridging Eurostat's series of monitoring reports on the EU sustainable development strategy to the future regular monitoring of the UN sustainable development goals in an EU context, foreseen to start in 2017. This publication is released simultaneously with the Commission Communication "*Next steps for a sustainable European future: European action for sustainability*".

"Figures for the Future – sustainable development in our everyday life"

Eurostat is committed to providing high quality statistics on the EU not only for professionals, but for all European citizens. This is precisely the aim of the publication "Figures for the future – sustainable development in our everyday life", a blog-type presentation in which Anne, a fictional 21-year old student, links sustainable development indicators and her life. As Walter Radermacher, Director-General of Eurostat, wrote: "Sustainable development is not an abstract concept – it affects our everyday lives and defines the world we hand on to our children and grandchildren".

"Figures for the Future" combines statistical data with Anne's narrative about her hopes and dreams and the people she cares about. Writing a blog about sustainable development as part of her Young Women in Journalism scholarship, Anne refers to events in her and her friends' everyday life and links them to sustainability. The publication "Figures for the future" is complemented by a short video.



Geographical information

The **European Union (EU)** includes Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Germany, Estonia, Ireland, Greece, Spain, France, Croatia, Italy, Cyprus, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Hungary, Malta, the Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Finland, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

For more information

Eurostat publication "Sustainable Development in the European Union - A statistical glance from the viewpoint of the UN Sustainable Development Goals", PDF version.

Eurostat citizen's guide "Figures for the future"

Eurostat video "Sustainable development in the EU: a statistical snapshot from Eurostat" and its "Making of".

Eurostat website section dedicated to the EU Sustainable Development Indicators.

Communication from the Commission: "Next steps for a sustainable European future – European action for sustainability" COMM(2016)739.

The UN webpage dedicated to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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