



## *Policy coherence for sustainable development: mainstreaming the SDGs in Italian decision making process*

### Structural Reform Support Programme

## **1° Workshop: Simulation of a coherent decision making process around the National Strategy for Sustainable Development : Institutional dialogue for more coherent policies in the area of Prosperity**



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## Agenda

*Durata:* two half days

*Piattaforma:* Zoom working language English

*Data:* 16-17 December 20

*Time:* 10:00-13:00

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Participants from IT GOV side: around 30 representatives

1. Cabina di Regia Benessere (Steering Committee Well-Being Italia) within the Presidency of the Council of Ministry (PCM)
2. Dipartimento per la programmazione e il coordinamento della politica economica DIPE (Department for programming and coordinating economic policies) within the PCM
3. Department for territorial cohesion within PCM
4. Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation MAECI
5. Ministry of Economy and Finance MEF
6. Department of European Policies within the PCM
7. Regions
8. Metropolitan cities
9. Civil Society Forum
10. All Line ministries and responsible entities

Participants from OECD side

GOV/PCSD

CFE/City



OSG/Policy Foresight  
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Objective: in the context of the revision process of the National Sustainable Development Strategy (SNSVS) to be performed by June 2021, in light of the PCSD principles and tools, this workshop will simulate a decision making process around specific sectoral issues in order to identify what would be useful for enhancing policy coherence in Italy. The meeting picks one of the five Area of the SNSVS and works around the “Strategic Choices” therein. Building on inputs received so far, the chosen Area is **Prosperity** with its four “Strategic Choices”:

- I. Finanziare e promuovere ricerca e innovazione sostenibili
- II. Garantire piena occupazione e formazione di qualità
- III. Affermare modelli sostenibili di produzione e consumo
- IV. Decarbonizzare l'economia

Appropriate consideration of the territorial level as activated by MATTM and the other central administrations will be ensured, as well as of the recent European/National programming instruments including the Green Deal and the NGUE. An analysis of the policy tools associated with the Strategic Choices will be conducted with a view to understand whether, if and how, those instruments have contributed to achieve the strategic vision and if they need to be updated. It will also investigate whether those policy instruments have fostered cross sectoral synergies and dialogue among the responsible institutions around these “Strategic Choices”. The scope of such analysis is to take stock of the current tools and decision-making mechanisms, and to discuss options to foster policy coherence that could be included in the PCSD action plan.

Final output: The workshop will contribute to identify, consolidate, improve or update existing policy coherence mechanisms to be included in the PCSD Action Plan due by 2021.

Workshop preparation phase:

- Identification of the responsible institutions and other actors to be involved;
- Socialisation through a database of the background documentation (SNSVS, policy instruments as identified in the SNSVS, identification of possible others policies, etc..)
- Through a short pre-workshop survey, participants will select one Strategic Choice and two Strategic objectives out of the one listed in the area Prosperity of the SNSVS based on their level of priority and cross-sectoral nature.

**Day 1 December 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Part 1:**

10:00 Opening – Oliviero Montanaro (MATTM DG CRESS)

10:05-10:25 Introduction by MATTM: *Setting the scene* – Leonardo Becchetti, Piergiuseppe Morone (MATTM)

Practices for policy coherence in the context of the National Sustainable Development Strategy

10h25-10h35 The Territorial point of view: presentation of regional or Metropolitan areas practices related to policy coherence, recap of the exchanges during the Regional and Metropolitan area roundtable meeting held on December 9<sup>th</sup> 2020 (MATTM DG CRESS)



10h35-10h45 Presenting the joint work of the Department for Territorial Cohesion of the PCM and the MATTM in tracking Cohesion policy's contribution to the achievement of the SDGs and outline results at territorial level (DIPCoE)

**10:45-10:50 coffee pause**

**Part 2: Policy foresight (2 hours workshop)**

OECD presentation of strategic foresight approaches for identifying plausible future scenarios

10:50-11:10 Presentation of OECD tools for policy foresight

Break-out sessions: four or more working groups depending on the participants grouped around the four Strategic Choices within the area of Prosperity of the SNSVS that have been selected for the workshop

Each group exercise will be moderated by OECD experts and one rapporteur from MATTM

- 11h10-11h40 Identifying potential disruptions/incertitudes in the next 10 years to the global and local context related to the Strategic Choice that the group is discussing
- 11h40-12h00 Identifying potential steps for being better prepared to those disruptions, 'no-regrets' strategies and actions (2030) that you can prepare around that Strategic Choice
- 12h00-12h30 Identifying the current or potential evaluation and policy mechanisms that you use for anticipating the challenges in the implementation of policies associated to the Strategic Choice and revising them

12h30-13h00 Restitution from the rapporteurs and wrap-up of day 1

**Day 2: December 17<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**Simulation of a coherent decision making process around the SNSVS Prosperity Area (3 hours)**

10h00-10h20 Presentation of OECD key tools for Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development (PCSD) as foreseen in the OECD recommendation and introduction to the group work.

Break-out into working groups as during Day 1.

10h20-12h20 group exercise moderated by OECD experts and one rapporteur from MATTM

10h20-10:45 Kick off speaker within each group (ongoing identification: MATTM, civil society, territories, central administration) on Italian governance practices and policies related to the Strategic Choice of their group

10:45-12h20

Discussion during the group work will allow identifying

- Within the framework of the Strategic Choice, a Potential cross sectoral and cross-levels mid-term action(s) (2030) The selection should be based on the necessity to activate an integrated approach
- What mechanisms would work in identifying the potential synergies and trade-offs, joint formulation, budgeting, implementation and monitoring of the selected mid-term actions?



Each group will discuss:

HOW

- Identify **cross-sectoral and cross-level mid-term actions (action-clusters to be delivered by 2030-2025 and annual)** to pursue the Strategic Choice and **associated to a numerical target**
- Identify **synergies and trade offs** among sectoral strategies that help pursue the 10, 5 and 1 years actions identified. Which governance mechanisms (i.e. multi-stakeholder/multi-level dialogue) would help identifying the potential synergies and trade-offs? How should the decision-making process take place and progress to the level of decision?
- Identify **contingency planning** to anticipate/address foresight/alternative futures relating to the actions identified, as depicted during Day 1
- Ensure that the action-clusters identified are **funded properly in the annual and MFF budgets – capacity to reprofile/re-prioritise funding** if priorities change/ actions fail. Which budget mechanisms could fund these joint actions?
- Identify **KPIs/M&E frameworks** to measure baseline, what you will achieve (output and outcome indicators), when. What existing regulation/processes/monitoring systems would help producing this evidence?

WHO:

- Which **ministries/SNGs/Agencies and non-state actors** would you work with to achieve these objectives?

12h20-13h00: Restitution from the rapporteurs and closure

Each rapporteur shares the medium term objective and the set of actions identified as well as the governance mechanism that would incentivise the joint formulation, budgeting, implementation and monitoring of these joint measures/actions.