



Preparing a Voluntary National Review to build ownership and awareness on SDGs in Romania



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Voluntary National Review of Romania

HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM 2018

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Theme: Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies

Lead by the Vice Prime Minister,
Minister of Environment



ROMANIA'S VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEW 2018



Institutional framework on Sustainable Development in Romania – before Nov 2018



- *The Inter-ministerial Committee for the Coordination of the Integration of Environmental Protection into Sectoral Policies and Strategies at the National Level*, representing the main decision-making body for sustainable development in Romania – Lead by Vice prime Minister, **Minister of Environment** (established 2001/ reviewed 2011)
- The Sub-commission for Sustainable Development in the **Parliament of Romania** (2015)
- The Department for Sustainable Development – **Prime-Minister Office**, lead by a State Counsellor/ main responsibility on the implementation of 2030 Agenda at national level. (2017)



Institutional framework on Sustainable Development in Romania – new SNDS Nov. 2018

- Establishing new dedicated structures:
 - ❖ **The Inter-departmental Committee on SD - under the PM coordination**
 - ❖ **The Council for SD – personalities from academia and civil society representatives**
- The Department for Sustainable Development – **Prime-Minister Office**, main responsibility on the implementation of 2030 Agenda at national level. (2017);
- *The Inter-ministerial Committee for the Coordination of the Integration of Environmental Protection into Sectoral Policies and Strategies at the National Level*, – Lead by Vice prime Minister, **Minister of Environment** (established 2001/ reviewed 2011), main responsibility on the implementation of Environmental dimension of SD
- The Sub-commission for Sustainable Development in the **Parliament of Romania** (2015)

The Process of VNR elaboration



2017, 5th September – Inter-ministerial Committee (IC) Meeting:

- The elaboration of the Romania's National Voluntary Review, finalized in June 2018
- The reviewing process of the National Sustainable Development Strategy, finalized in October, approved on 9th November

VNR process - Ministry of Environment through the Secretariat of the IC

Reviewing of the NSDS – Department for Sustainable Development/ Prime Minister Office

Civil society involvement – from the begging of the process

VNR – Open Working Group for VNR

NSDS – various debates with all stakeholders in all regions



Consultation process

From top political level to the kindergarten



Civil society – part of Open Working Group / NGOs, Academia

Representative of an NGO coalition (FOND Romania) – part of VNR team presenting at HLPF2018

Awareness process – **Building ownership:**

- 15 events: Conferences and thematic debates on the reviewing process on all regions.
- Debates with civil society organizations during national preparatory process for the Romania's Presidency of the Council of the European Union – *SD as a priority of RO PRES of EU Council*

Sustainable Development – 2018

- Environmental dimension

Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for SD

High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development - 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 / ECOSOC

- Ministerial Declarations
- Voluntary National Reviews - important: Guidelines

Preparing HLPF 2019 /UNGA

Synergies with Paris Agreement/ UNFCCC & other MEAs

Global Pact for the Environment

Post – 2020 strategies of various MEAs – CBD, Chemicals etc.

- Preparing 4th Session of the United Nations Environmental Assembly UNEA 4

<http://web.unep.org/environmentassembly/> . Theme: *Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable consumption and production*

Lessons learnt from VNR



- *Workflows*
- *Use the existing Networks and develop with new structures*
- ***Make functional the new structures/ Ownership***
- *SDGs are indivisible*
- *Put the goals first – SDGs and others*
- *Taking a broader community on board*
- *Need for **3rd EPR***

Thank you !

