

Case study for Road Map on Statistics for SDGs 2.0
Austria: Integration of statistical SDG-Monitoring in VNR

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| Description | <p>Austria presented its second VNR at the High-level political Forum (HLPF) in 2024. With the chapter on “Progress towards goals and targets” Austria integrated a comprehensive and objective monitoring of the SDG goals and targets into the VNR. This monitoring chapter was prepared by Statistics Austria. It was published in a detailed form in the SDG Indicator Report by Statistics Austria prior to the FNU and shortened and edited accordingly for the FNU. So-called political “success stories” supplement the statistical section. The chapter shows the development of the SDG indicators from 2010 to 2022. Each goal includes an assessment of the indicators according to Eurostat's trend assessment. For each of the 17 goals an overview graphic was created.</p> <p>Statistics Austria selected the main indicators and discussed them with the VNR working group. The statistical description and analysis of progress was solely provided by Statistics Austria, as well as the trend assessment.</p> <p>Austria has thus repeated in 2024 the positive experiences and lessons learned with a transparent and independent data chapter already presented in the first VNR 2020. Thanks to the good cooperation between politics, statistics, science and stakeholders, the monitoring could be implemented in the second edition of the VNR with an even more advanced data set.</p> |
| Advantages | <p>A data chapter in the VNR increases the importance and reliability of monitoring the SDGs one the one hand. On the other hand, it also increases the credibility of the VNR. A VNR monitoring chapter further benefits from a statistically oriented choice of the indicators and the assessment. Therefore, the responsibilities must be clearly defined and the statistical independence must be maintained!</p> |
| Challenges | <p>A lot of coordination work is necessary while maintaining statistical independence. The responsible parties themselves must have an interest in an independent data chapter. The scientific community and NGOs in particular must be made aware that statistical criteria were applied when selecting and interpreting the data.</p> |
| Future steps | <p>Further refinement of the indicator set (e.g. data from civil scientists) and a new assessment model.</p> |
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