

Country case study for *Road Map on statistics for SDGs 2.0*

Poland: Experimental SDG statistics

Description

Statistics Poland continuously develops methods for measuring sustainable development, striving to expand its informational resources in the area of statistics related to the SDGs. To this end, it applies innovative techniques and utilizes non-traditional data sources, such as satellite remote sensing and geospatial data.

Although these statistics are experimental and not official data, they enhance the results of traditional statistical surveys by offering a more comprehensive picture of SDG implementation in Poland.

Statistics Poland makes the results available on a dedicated Internet platform. This innovative tool allows for interactive presentation of the indicators on maps. Each indicator is accompanied by basic information facilitating its interpretation, such as a description of the methodology, value of the indicator for sustainable development, and guidance for its use by decision-makers. Additionally, a set of contextual indicators has been developed for each indicator, enabling a better understanding of the calculations.

Advantages

1. Complementing traditional data sources and filling the gap in statistical data by using non-traditional data sources.
2. More accurate monitoring of SDGs by the government and local governments.
3. Monitoring SDGs at lower territorial levels (voivodships, powiats, gminas, cities).
4. Support for policy-making by decision-makers.
5. Building a positive image of NSO based on innovations.
6. The simplicity of the tool makes it intuitive and easy to understand even for people without specialist knowledge.
7. Promoting statistical issues of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs.

Challenges

1. Problems with validating statistical data from non-traditional sources.
2. Time-consuming integration of different data sources that requires advanced skills and specialized staff.

Future steps

1. Providing new experimental indicators.
2. Ensuring comparability between voivodships, counties/powiats, gminas and cities.
3. Providing data for lower territorial levels.

More information

https://sdg.gov.pl/en/statistics_exp/