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POLICY COHERENCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AT TIMES OF COVID-19

Building coherent responses for a sustainable and transformative recovery from COVID-19

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The COVID-19 crisis is undermining prospects for achieving the SDGs by 2030

Over $100 billion in capital has flowed out of emerging markets since the outbreak

Global FDI projected to shrink by 30% to 40% during 2020-2022

Global remittances are projected to fall by 20% in 2020 to $445 billion

The COVID-19 pandemic will hit hardest the more than one billion slum dwellers worldwide

The COVID-19 crisis is hitting the poorest and most vulnerable people hardest

40-60 million of people will be pushed back into extreme poverty

Disruptions in the food value chains are exacerbating hunger and food insecurity

The COVID-19 pandemic is devastating health systems globally

1.6 billion students out of schools

Globally, women make up three quarters of medical doctors and nursing personnel.

1.6 billion workers in the informal economy are significantly impacted

Source: ECOSOC (2020) *Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals. Report by the Secretary General* (Advanced unedited copy).

PCSD is essential to promote a recovery from COVID-19 aligned with the SDGs.

PCSD is an approach to integrate the economic, social, environmental dimensions of sustainable development throughout domestic and international policy-making. Its objectives are to advance the integrated implementation of the 2030 Agenda by:

1. Maximising synergies and minimising trade-offs
2. Balancing domestic and international priorities
3. Address the transboundary and long-term effects of policies

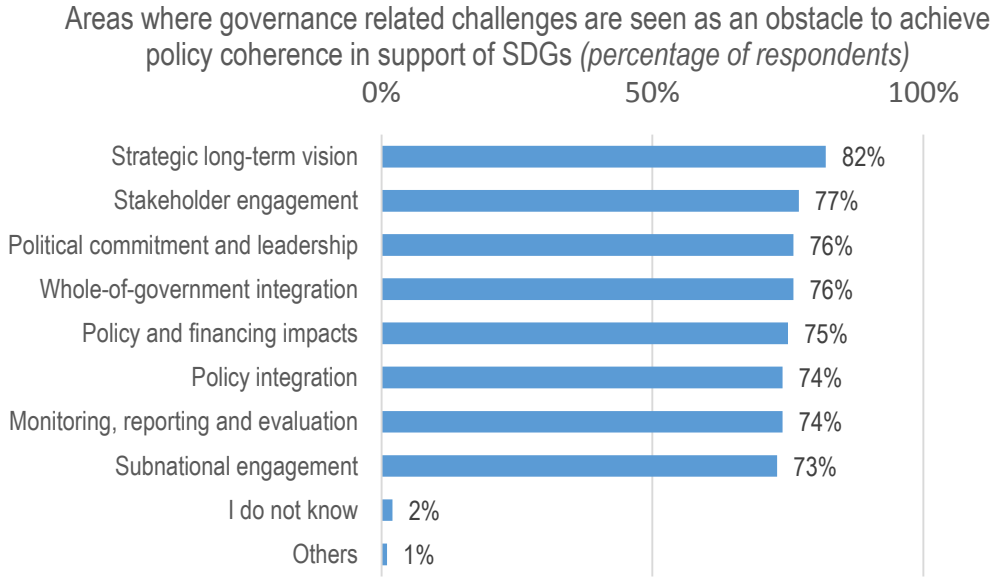
Source: OECD Council Recommendation on PCSD: https://legalinstruments.oecd.org/en/instruments/OECD-LEGAL-0381

Policy-makers worldwide still are facing major challenges to operationalise policy coherence

Survey in early 2020 with 422 expert participants (thereof 250 policy makers) from Europe, Latin America and Caribbean, North America, Africa, Middle East, Central Asia, Asia Pacific

83% of the policy practitioners indicate that they are **struggling with the implementation of the 2030 Agenda**

79% perceive **governance or leadership-related challenges** as an obstacle to SDG implementation



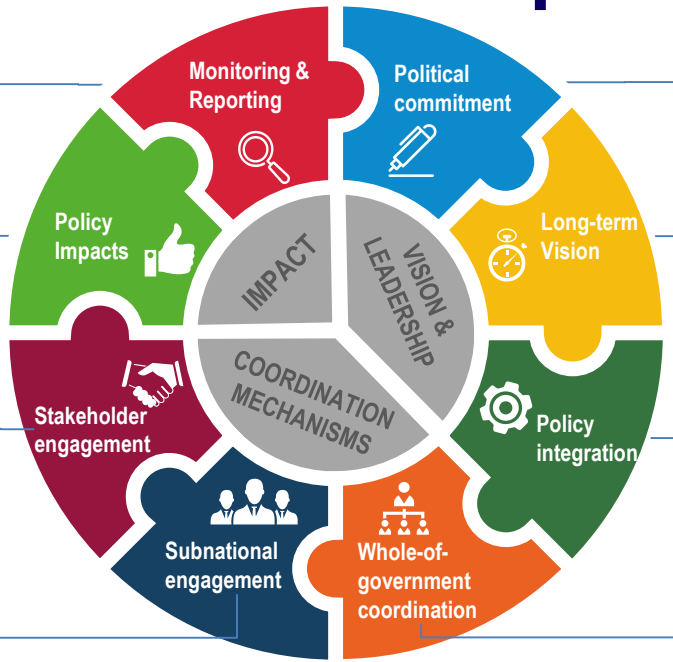
PCSD depends on mechanisms used by governments to co-ordinate policy at all levels

Inform decision-making, and adjust policies in light of potential negative effects

Systematically **consider the effects of policies** on people's well-being "here and now", "elsewhere" and "later"

Engage all relevant actors to identify challenges, set priorities, align actions and mobilise resources

Align priorities and **promote coordinated action at different levels of government**



Mobilise whole-of-government action and orient policy development towards sustainable development

Support present needs and those of future generations in a balanced manner

Capitalise on synergies and address trade-offs between economic, social and environmental policy areas

Resolve divergences between policies, including between domestic and external policies

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Supporting capacities to enhance PCSD

The OECD-UNDP Hub on Governance for the SDGs

Online knowledge platform to support countries in strengthening capacities, knowledge and skills to advance PCSD and the SDGs	**Demand-based country** support through SDG leadership knowledge and governance support actions
• OECD Standards (PCSD Recommendation and other governance standards, etc.) • Implementation toolkits (e.g., PCSD Toolkit) • Results and lessons learned from country-level work • Building on existing online platforms	• Disseminating standards and implementation guidance • Peer learning and exchange of experiences • Country reviews and scans • Providing implementation support (incl. through expert roster)

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Aligning post-COVID-2019 recovery responses with the SDGs

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