

How “Voluntary Local Review” can amplify local sustainability

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What has the VLR Meant for Cities?

Three points

- 1) VLRs recent trends
- 2) VSRs new modalities of bottom-up reporting
- 3) Strengthening the links between VLRs/VSRs and VNRs

Voluntary Subnational Reviews 2021

**15 VSRs: 6 countries in 2020 + 9 countries in 2021
on behalf of 16,000 Local and Regional Govts.**

- A subnational approach of SDGs: offer a wider country analysis of subnational efforts and challenges for the localization of the SDGs.
- Strengthen the voice of local governments (big and small) and their national associations in the national reporting process
- Assess the efforts of local governments to align SDGs with local development plans, present an assessment of the enabling institutional environment and the means of implementation

VSR 2020: Benin, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mozambique, Kenya, Nepal



VSR 2021: Cape Vert, Indonesia, Mexico, Norway, Sweden

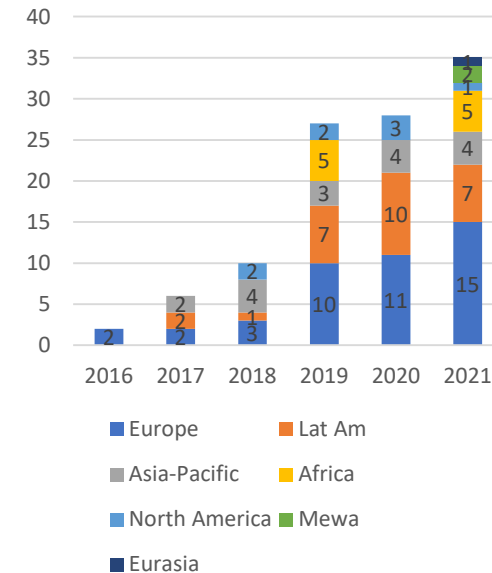


In process of being finalized: Germany, Tunisia and Zimbabwe

The 'complicated relationship' between VNRs - VLRs/VSRs: how can integration best help SDGs localization

- VLRs/VSRs contribute to galvanize the localization movement, fostering a snowballing effect
- National governments are increasingly aware of the relevance of such initiative (e.g. in more than 20 countries such as Finland, Japan, Kenya, Mexico)
- Both VLR and VSR processes are revamping the dialogue between the LRGs, the national governments and international institutions (e.g. UNDESA, UN regional commissions, different UN agencies, as well as the European Commission or OECD)
- Local reports act as a lever to promote a more comprehensive whole government approach in the monitoring and reporting of the SDGs (agreement between ministries and LGAs, LRGs were invited to be part of the national delegation to the UN)
- Both VLRS and VSR underline the role of city networks to create liveable community of practises and enhance peer to peer exchanges

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Thank you!

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