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# The National Strategy for Sustainable Development

*Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea*



MINISTERO DELL'AMBIENTE  
E DELLA TUTELA DEL TERRITORIO E DEL MARE





# Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development



On 1 January 2016, the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development — adopted by world leaders in September 2015 at an historic UN Summit — officially came into force.

This Agenda is a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity. It also seeks to strengthen universal peace in larger freedom.

The consultations on the 2030 Agenda reached more than 1 million people.



# THE NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Principles of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development are fully embedded in the NSDS

In July 2017, Italy presented its **Voluntary National Review at the HLPF** (High Level Political Forum), focused on the National Strategy for Sustainable Development (NSDS), that was later approved in December 2017.

UNIVERSALITY

INCLUSION



INTEGRATION

TRANSFORMATION



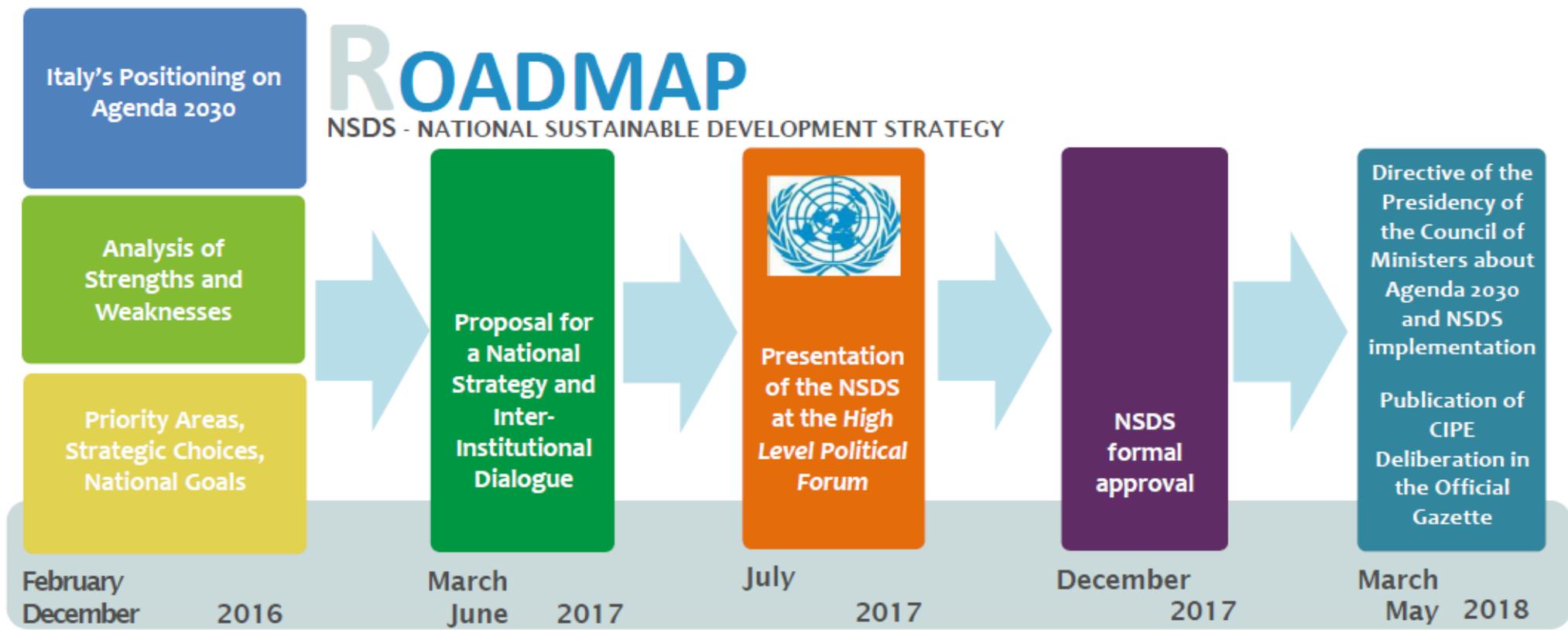
# Implementation of the 2030 Agenda 2030 in Italy: The National Strategy for Sustainable Development

- **Law 221/2015**, Art. 3, committed the Italian Government, on the proposal of the Ministry for the Environment, to the **definition of the NSDS** and to its update, every three years, in close cooperation with other ministries, relevant institutions and stakeholders.
- The NSDS represents an **update of the former** *Environmental action strategy for sustainable development (2002-2010)*, **widened to define** broad guidelines for environmental, economic and social policies, aimed at achieving the sustainable development goals of the **2030 Agenda** in Italy.
- The NSDS was created as the **key element for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda** in our country.
- The NSDS represents the **national reference framework for planning and programming** towards sustainable development policies.
- The **NSDS was approved by the Inter-ministerial Committee for Economic Planning (CIPE) in December 2017**, in accordance with the provisions of Law 221/2015.
- Art.34, of the **Legislative Decree n.152/2006** (as amended), foresees that Regions adopt the **regional strategies for sustainable development** within twelve months from the approval of the NSDS by the Inter-ministerial Committee for Economic Planning (CIPE), defining the contribution to the achievement of the national strategic objectives.



# ROADMAP

NSDS - NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY



*multilevel consultation*



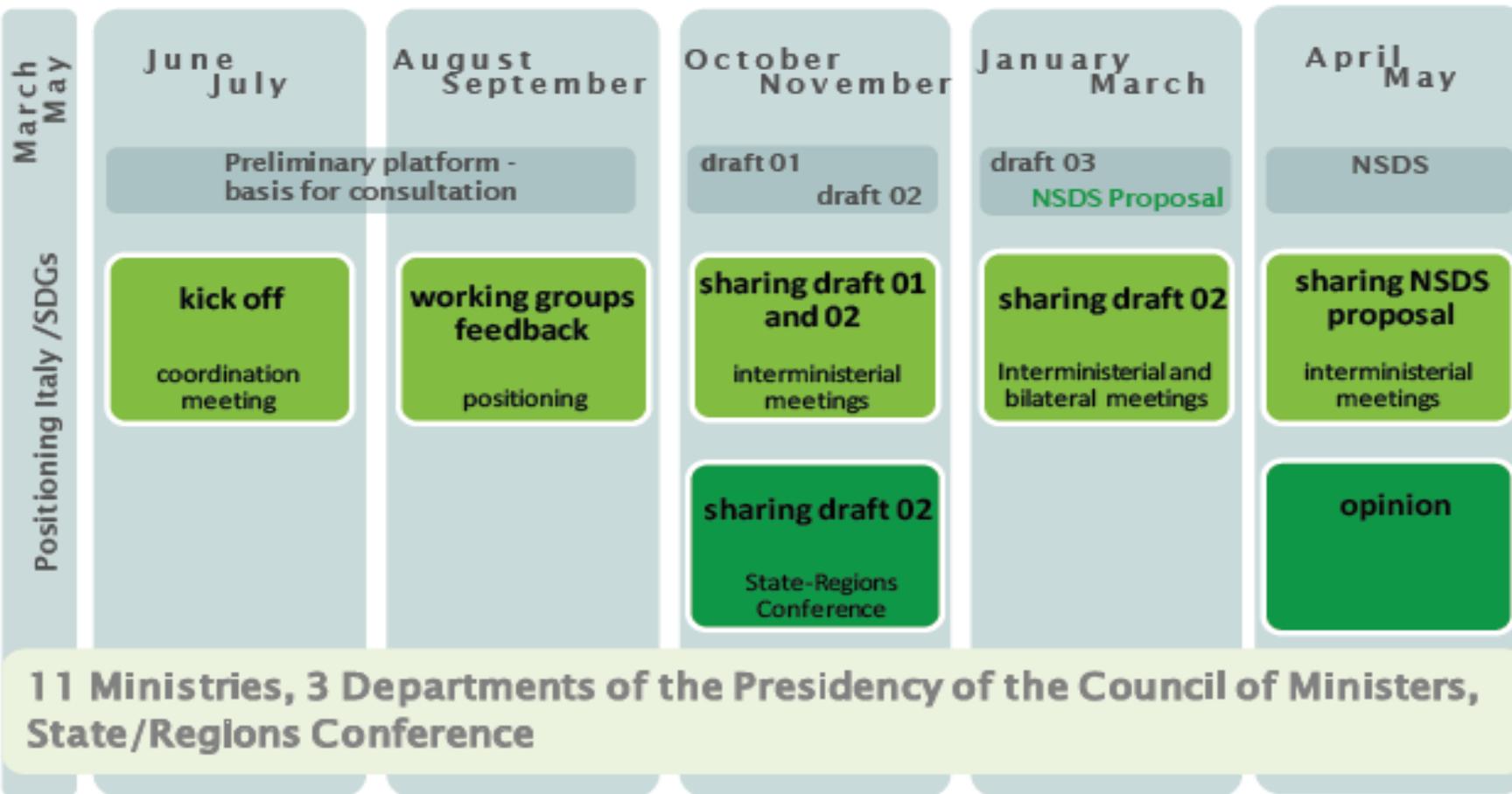


# 2016 2017

## Activities

NATIONAL  
INSTITUTIONS

REGIONAL  
INSTITUTIONS





# 2016 2017 Activities

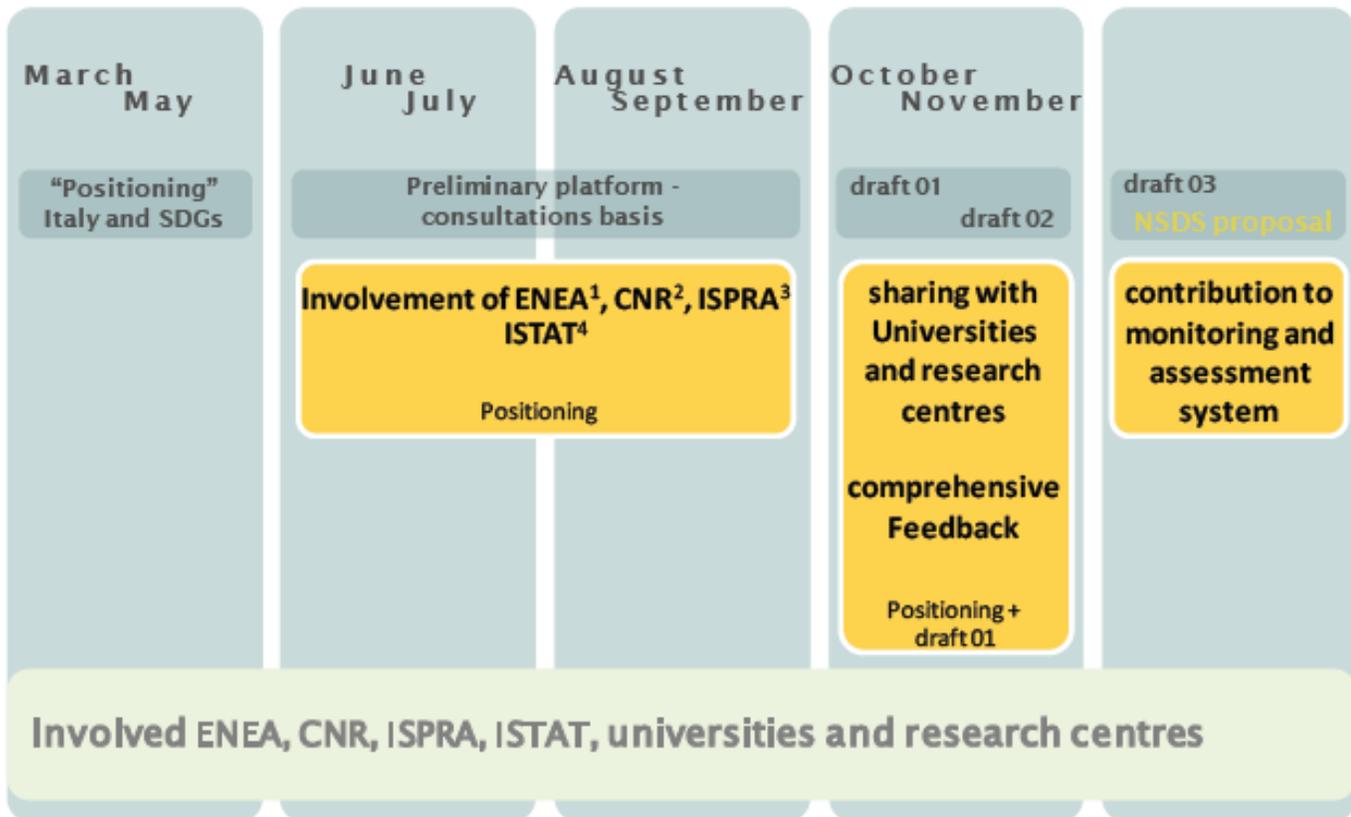
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# 2016 2017 Activities

**RESEARCH  
AND  
KNOWLEDGE  
COMMUNITY**



1 Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Development  
 2 National Research Centre  
 3 Italian National Institute for Environmental Protection and Research  
 4 National Institute of Statistics





# NSDS and the 2030 AGENDA

The **NSDS** is the cornerstone towards the implementation of the 2030 Agenda guiding principles



Integration  
Universality  
Inclusion  
Transformation





# PLANET



HALT THE LOSS OF BIODIVERSITY

ENSURE THE SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES



CREATE RESILIENT COMMUNITIES AND TERRITORIES, PROTECT LANDSCAPES AND CULTURAL HERITAGE





# PEOPLE



FIGHT POVERTY AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION, ELIMINATING TERRITORIAL GAPS

GUARANTEE THE CONDITIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF HUMAN POTENTIAL



PROMOTE HEALTH AND WELLBEING



# PROSPERITY



FUND AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

ENSURE FULL EMPLOYMENT AND HIGH QUALITY TRAINING



ENSURE SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION PATTERNS

DECARBONIZE THE ECONOMY





# PEACE



PROMOTE A NON-VIOLENT AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETY



END DISCRIMINATION IN ALL ITS FORMS

ENSURE LEGALITY AND JUSTICE



# PARTNERSHIP



The **Three-year Strategic and Planning Document of the Italian Development Cooperation** (which was reformed just before the adoption of the 2030 Agenda) related to the 2016-2018 period already adopts both content and structure of the 2030 Agenda. The macro-areas for action are reflected in the **Partnership** Area of the NSDS. They have been re-arranged to take into account the integrated nature and the structure of the 17 SDGs.



# NSDS and the 2030 Agenda

## PLANET

The "Planet" area intends to approach many challenges. Primarily, it is necessary to ensure the sustainable management of both land and maritime natural resources, to protect and strengthen the ecosystem services they provide, for present and future generations. Furthermore, it is necessary to properly assess the value of the Natural Capital within economic processes; promote the sustainability of cities and invert the depopulation trend in marginal areas; enhance the sustainability and resilience of communities and territories; protect landscapes as well as natural cultural heritage.

Italy will have to increase effort to preserve half of the species and more than half of the habitats of European interest, as well as all

endangered species. It also must tackle invasive alien species, soil degradation and desertification and the negative impacts of human activities on water resources and the atmosphere.

To make this challenge possible, an integrated and inclusive approach geared towards the sustainability of decision-making, planning and implementation processes must be adopted. Such an approach is instrumental for building sustainable and efficient cities, more resilient and safe communities and more interconnected territories enhancing green infrastructures. It would reduce natural and anthropic risk levels and allow the preservation of identity features and landscapes through the appropriate management of territories and natural resources.

### Strategic choices

- I. Halt the loss of biodiversity
- II. Ensure the sustainable management of natural resources
- III. Create resilient communities and territories, protect landscapes and cultural heritage

### 2030 Agenda: related goals



The National strategic goals are integrated and balance the three environmental, economic and social pillars of sustainable development, in line with the 2030 Agenda.

### II.3 Minimize pollutant loads in soils, water bodies and aquifers, taking into consideration the good ecological status of natural systems

### 2030 Agenda: related targets and degree of consistency



- 6.3 By 2030, improve water quality by reducing pollution, eliminating dumping and minimizing release of hazardous chemicals and materials, halving the proportion of untreated wastewater and substantially increasing recycling and safe reuse globally
- 12.4 By 2020, achieve the environmentally sound management of chemicals and all wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with agreed international frameworks, and significantly reduce their release to air, water and soil in order to minimize their adverse impacts on human health and the environment
- 15.3 By 2030, combat desertification, restore degraded land and soil, including land affected by desertification, drought and floods, and strive to achieve a land degradation-neutral world



# SUSTAINABILITY VECTORS

**The sustainability vectors are cross-cutting areas of action of the NSDS, essential** to guide and manage the integration of sustainability issues into policies, plans and projects

**Education,  
awareness and  
communication**

**Institutions,  
participation  
and  
partnerships**

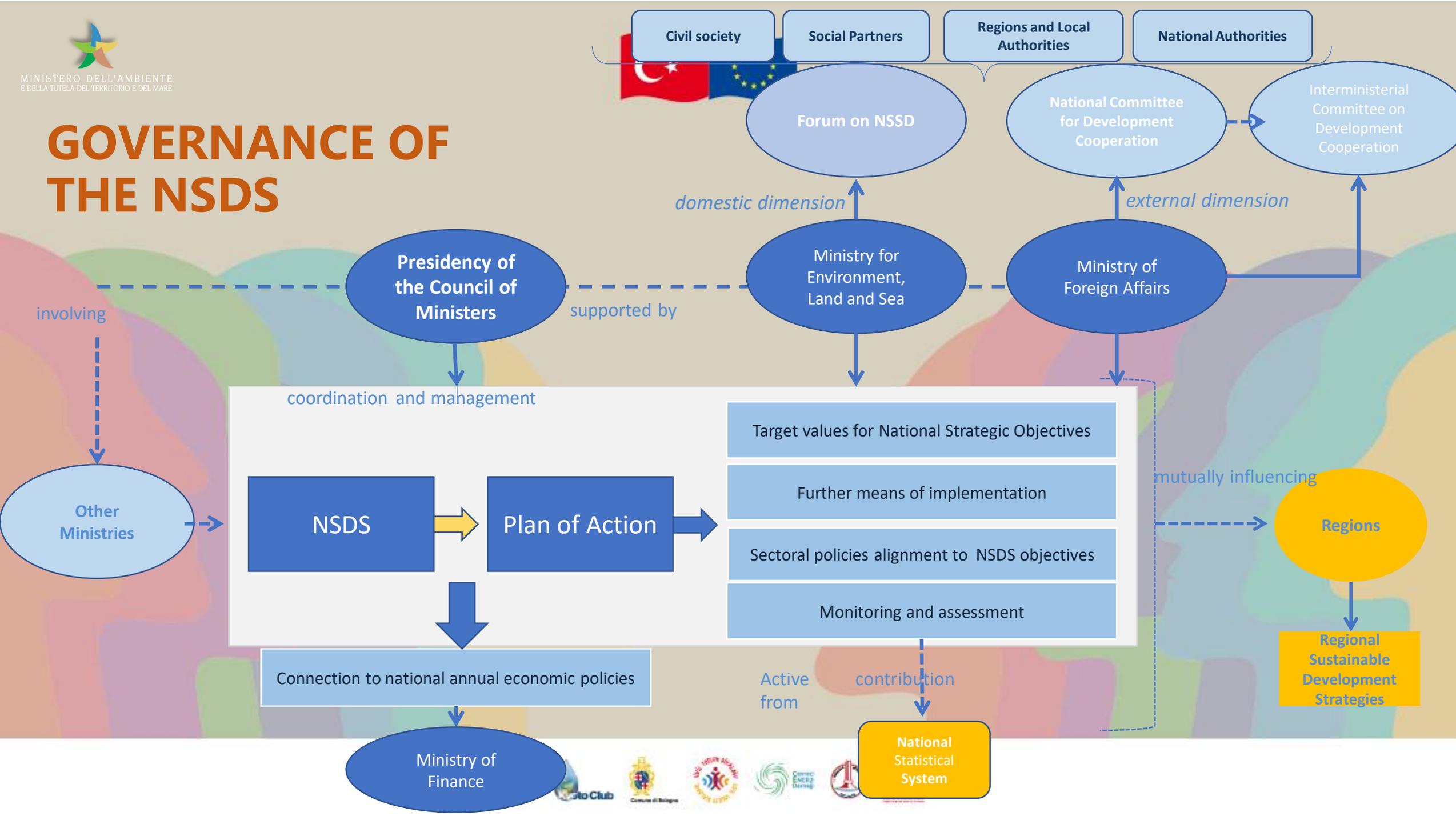
**Monitoring  
and evaluating  
policies, plans  
and  
projects**

**Modernising  
public  
administration  
and  
restructuring  
public  
expenditure**

**Common  
Knowledge**



# GOVERNANCE OF THE NSDS





# THE NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

## *Monitoring*

A set of indicators for monitoring the implementation of the NSDS has been selected with the support of the National Statistics System (SISTAN) within the indicators' framework of the Inter-agency and Expert Group on SDG Indicators (IAEG-SDGs) created by the United Nations Statistical Commission.

The Italian Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea is collaborating with the Italian Regions to decline them at territorial level in order to guarantee the integrated monitoring of the achievement of NSDS's objectives.



## IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2030 AGENDA AT REGIONAL LEVEL

- **Art.34 of the Legislative Decree n.152/2006** (as amended) foresees that Regions adopt the **regional strategies for sustainable development** within twelve months from the approval of the NSDS by the Inter-ministerial Committee for Economic Planning (CIPE).
- The **Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea** has developed and launched a set of actions, to foster a more effective integration and governance of the principle of sustainability in public policies, both in the context of the programming period 2014-2020 of the European Structural and Investment Fund and through national financial resources.





# IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2030 AGENDA AT REGIONAL LEVEL

## Initiatives of the Ministry for the Environment

### 1. NATIONAL FUNDS

- \* **PUBLIC NOTICE** addressed to Regions and Autonomous Provinces to support the implementation of the regional strategies for sustainable development.
- \* **2 Call for tender** (addressed to foundations, universities and research centers + associations and companies) for the development of activities towards the implementation of the National Sustainable Development Strategy at territorial level.

### 2. PON GOVERNANCE - CReIAMO PA (European Structural and Investment Fund - programming period 2014-2020)

- \* **Line 2** - Support for the integration of environmental sustainability objectives into administrative actions for the implementation of national strategies
- \* **Work Package 1** - Implementation and monitoring of the 2030 Agenda



# SUPPORT TO THE DEVELOPMENT REGIONAL STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

## 1. NATIONAL FUNDS

**PUBLIC NOTICE** addressed to Regions and Autonomous Provinces to support the implementation of the regional strategies for sustainable development.

**Three thematic areas of action:**

**A. Building the RSDS governance**

**B. Involvement of civil society**

**C. RSDS drafting process**





## SUPPORT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL STRATEGIES FOR SD

Regional sustainable development strategies indicate (art. 34 dlgs 152/2006 e ss.mm.ii):

- **Regional contribution to the achievement of national objectives**
- **Regional priorities**
- **Means of implementation**
- **Monitoring and review**
- **Expected actions**

Through the RSDS, Regions ensure coherency in their planning activities at horizontal and vertical level.

Local authorities are involved and are capable, through the definition of coherent strategic tools, of bringing their contribution to the achievement of the objectives of the RSDS.



## VERTICAL COORDINATION BODY: IMELS, REGIONS AND AUTONOMOUS PROVINCES

An area to **exchange experiences and methodologies** that is functional to the implementation of the NSDS and for the **drafting and future implementation** of the RSDS.

Responds to the recommendations of the State-Regions Conference that called for the establishment of an **Inter-Institutional Body, composed of Regions and Ministries with a twofold objective:**

- Further **refining the NSDS** with particular regards to the targets and their adaptability to the national context.
- Identification of **coordination initiatives** to ensure **coherency** between the **regional planning and implementation tools** and the **NSDS**, allowing for the establishment of regional and national plans and strategies **strongly interlinked and mutually supportive**.



# National Sustainable Development Forum *ownership*

## NSDS:

«**IMELS** is responsible for organizing a **National Sustainable Development Forum** open to civil society participants and experts, with multilevel consultation process similar to those used to draft this document».





# National Sustainable Development Forum *ownership*

## Opinion by the State-Regions Conference attached to the CIPE Decree:

«during the drafting process, IMELS organized various consultation meetings involving different stakeholders, from the scientific community to civil society members and the private sector. It would be important to set up this **multistakeholder process** also in the implementation phase, in order to **ensure a permanent consultation, to give visibility and valorise the results achieved and to analyze and address gaps and constraints in the implementation of the NSDS**».





# National Sustainable Development Forum

## *objectives and rationale*

The objective of the Forum is to **accompany the implementation** of the National Strategy for sustainable development (and the 2030 Agenda) also **through the active involvement** of different actors that promote policies and initiatives in favour of sustainability.

The Forum is qualified as a **space to provide visibility to actors and initiatives on sustainability**, as a meeting point between public policy and social emerging practices.

The Forum is built looking at the **structure and working methods** of the «**multistakeholder platform**» created by the European Commission in 2017, to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda at Eu level.



# National Sustainable Development Forum

## *tasks*

- Provide a platform to exchange information in view of the **participation of Italy** to the European and **International negotiation processes** (EU Council; High Level Political Forum).
- Provide the **annual contribution** of civil society to document **monitoring the implementation** of the NSDS
- Ensure the **contribution of civil society** for the effective implementation of the Strategy and of the actions linked to it, on **operational aspects** as well as on recommendations on how to **address gaps** and constraints and indications on how to better communicate the Strategy and its main results.
- Ensure an effective **exchange of information** and the **building of networks** among the main actors involved in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.





# National Sustainable Development Forum

## *Structure and functioning*

The Forum is organized in **6 working groups**, 4 relevant to the NSDS internal thematic areas (4Ps) and 2 crosscutting areas:

People

Planet

Prosperity

Peace

Governance - follow up and review

Knowledge, education, communication (Sustainability vectors)

Each WG will be **chaired through a coordination mechanism** rather than a single individual





# NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FORUM

## *Structure and functioning*

### Coordinating structure

- **Actors representing network organisations, working group coordinators, technical experts (IMELS - secretariat)**

- **Periodical meetings for:**

Exchange information and ensure coherency of the activities of various groups, with the relevant working calendars;

Verify and compare **programs** and **translate policy indications** that emerged into concrete recommendations;

Address and discuss criticalities encountered in the working groups;

Definition of **communication and information initiatives**;

Planning the annual **National Conference for Sustainable Development**.



# National Sustainable Development Forum

## *Structure and functioning*

### National Conference for Sustainable Development

- Coordinators and working groups will have a **key role** in planning and managing the Forum
- Open space to **confront ideas** among forum experts/CNCS, regional forums, fora regionali with decision makers, policy makers and institutional representatives.
- Conference is not focused on highlighting institutional initiatives, **it is focused on civil society's review of these initiatives:**

**Verify and discuss** the work on the **NSDS** and of the Forum WGs

**Address emerging challenges** at different local levels

**Create sinergies** among National Forum, CNCS and regional Forums

**Address future challenges** /build common agenda





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# THANK YOU

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