



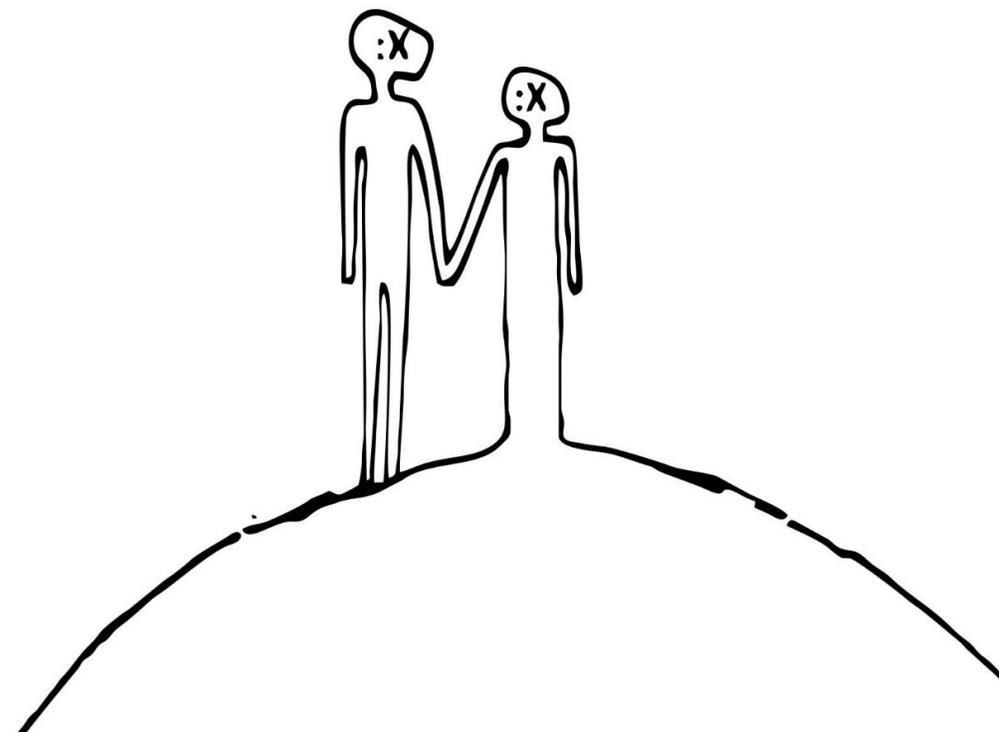
Romania's Sustainable Development Strategy 2030

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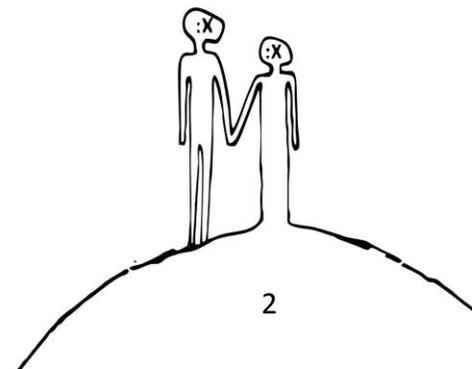
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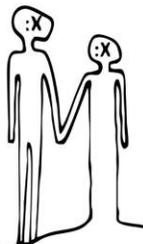
Sustainable Development in Romania

Political support for the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

- In April 2016, both houses of the Romanian Parliament declared their full support for the implementation of the 17 SDGs domestically.
- The Romanian Parliament was the first among the 176 members of the Inter-Parliamentary Union which expressed its support for the 2030 Agenda.
- To maintain support for the SDGs in parliament, two handbooks were translated into Romanian on how to integrate Sustainable Development into the legislative process.

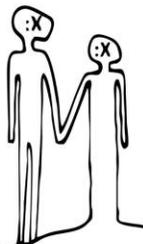
Consolidating the Institutional Framework

- In May 2017, the Department of Sustainable Development was established within the Government`s Working Apparatus through *Government Decision 313/2017* to coordinate the implementation of the SDGs on a National Level



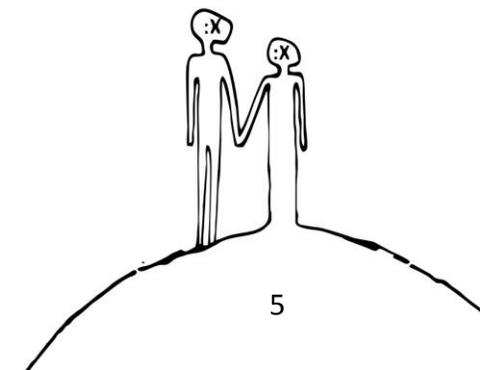
The Department of Sustainable Development

- The Department's establishment was the result of recognizing the importance of coordinating public policy that goes 'beyond' the traditional institutional framework defined by sectoral lines.
- The Department is responsible with:
 - Coordinating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda through Romania's Sustainable Development Strategy,
 - Centralizing, integrating, and monitoring data concerning Sustainable Development,
 - Collaborating with public institutions, both national and international, as well as NGOs on European projects.



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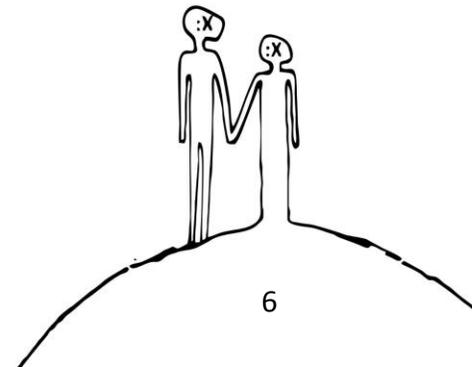
- The Department of Sustainable Development coordinated the revision process of Romania's Sustainable Development Strategy.
- The revision process took 1 year (5th of September 2017 – 20th of September 2018)
- The aim was to evaluate the implementation of the previous strategy (2008) and to adapt it to the 2030 Agenda.
- Structured along the 17 SDGs.
- Places **the Citizen** at the **center** of **Sustainable Development**.
- Sets Romania's priorities, targets, and measures necessary for implementation and the creation of a good monitoring framework.
- **Its success depends on the active involvement of every stakeholder.**



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The Public Consultation process involved aprox. 1400 de persoane:

- ✓ 3 preliminary meetings
- ✓ Launching conference
- ✓ 8 regional seminar
- ✓ National Conference with the Academic Sphere
- ✓ National Debate with representatives from Civil Society
- ✓ Meetings with the revision committee
- ✓ Meeting with representatives of ministries
- ✓ Meeting with the Subcommittee for Sustainable Development (Parliament)
- ✓ National Debate with research institutes
- ✓ National Debate with the Private Sector
- ✓ National Debate with Trade Union Leaders
- ✓ Environmental assessment procedure - decision of the classification stage

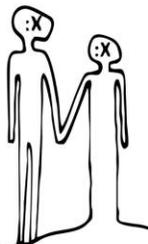


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Chapter I: Introduction

- A (short) introduction on Sustainable Development
- The International Context
- The European Context
- Romania's Perspective

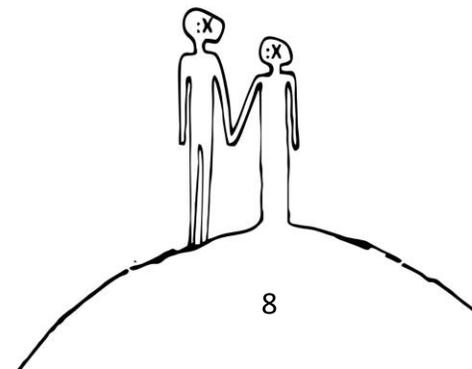
“By 2030, this Strategy hopes to see Romania as a member of a strong and stable European Union in which the differences between countries have diminished and its citizens live in a country in which the state serves the needs of each citizen equitably and efficiently, while showing increased and constant concern for a clean environment.”



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Chapter II: The Sustainable Development Goals

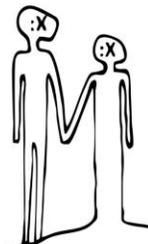
- Divided along the 17 SDGs
- Each SDG is structured as follows:
 - A short introduction
 - The scope of the SDG
 - Key topics and an evaluation
 - Horizon 2020
 - 2030 Targets



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Chapter III: Implementation

- The Strategy's holistic approach requires a change in the institutional framework to ensure a successful implementation.
- The Strategy calls for the establishment of:
 - **An Interdepartmental Committee for Sustainable Development** headed by the Prime Minister.
 - **An Advisory Council on Sustainable Development**, composed of a group of specialists from academia, research institutes, and civil society. This Council will track the effects of sustainable development public policy.
 - **Sustainable Development hubs** in every relevant public institution which will be formed out of "Experts in Sustainable Development".
- The Strategy also calls for the establishment of a **Coalition for Sustainable Development** formed out of representatives from Civil Society.

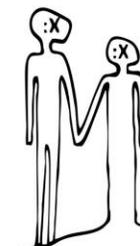


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Chapter III: Monitoring & action plan

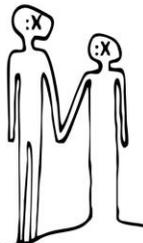
The Department of Sustainable Development is collaborating with Romania's Institute for Statistics on creating a set of national indicators.

- The Department is currently working on an **Action Plan** for implementing the Strategy. This Action Plan will take into consideration all proposals received during the Strategy's Drafting process, especially from Civil Society.



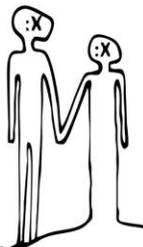
The 2030 Agenda and the European Union

- Ms. Csilla Lőrincz is currently chairing the **Working Party on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** at the Council of the European Union. This working party is responsible with preparing the framework for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda both internally and externally.
- The Department, together with the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in partnership with UNECE, will organize, on **April 16, in Bucharest, a high-level conference on Partnership on Implementing the 2030 Agenda** (EU, Eastern Partnership, Central Asia, Western Balkans).

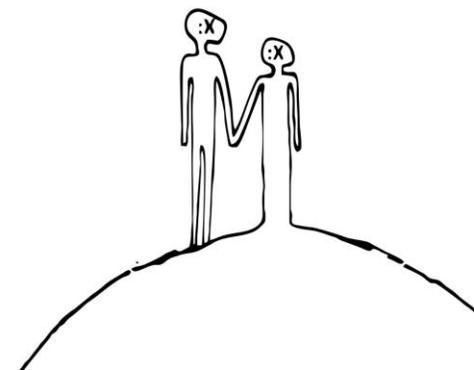


Civil Society's Essential Role

- Good public policy is not enough, however. We need all stakeholders to be involved in achieving the Sustainable Future we want.
- The concept of 'Critical Mass' derives from civil society, more specifically the long cycling event which ends up with everybody rising their bikes above their heads in triumph. Implementing Sustainable Development is similar. It will be a long process, but its essential that we also reach that victorious moment.
- Reaching the 'Critical Mass' means that moment when we achieve enough support to transform a concept into common sense. This is what we want to achieve through Sustainable Development, and both civil society and academia play one of the most important roles in reaching it.



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Thank you!

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