



Not fit for purpose: SDG monitoring report fails to illustrate how far the EU is from a sustainable future

Five questions commentary on Eurostat report “Sustainable Development in the European Union – Monitoring report on progress towards the SDGs in an EU context”

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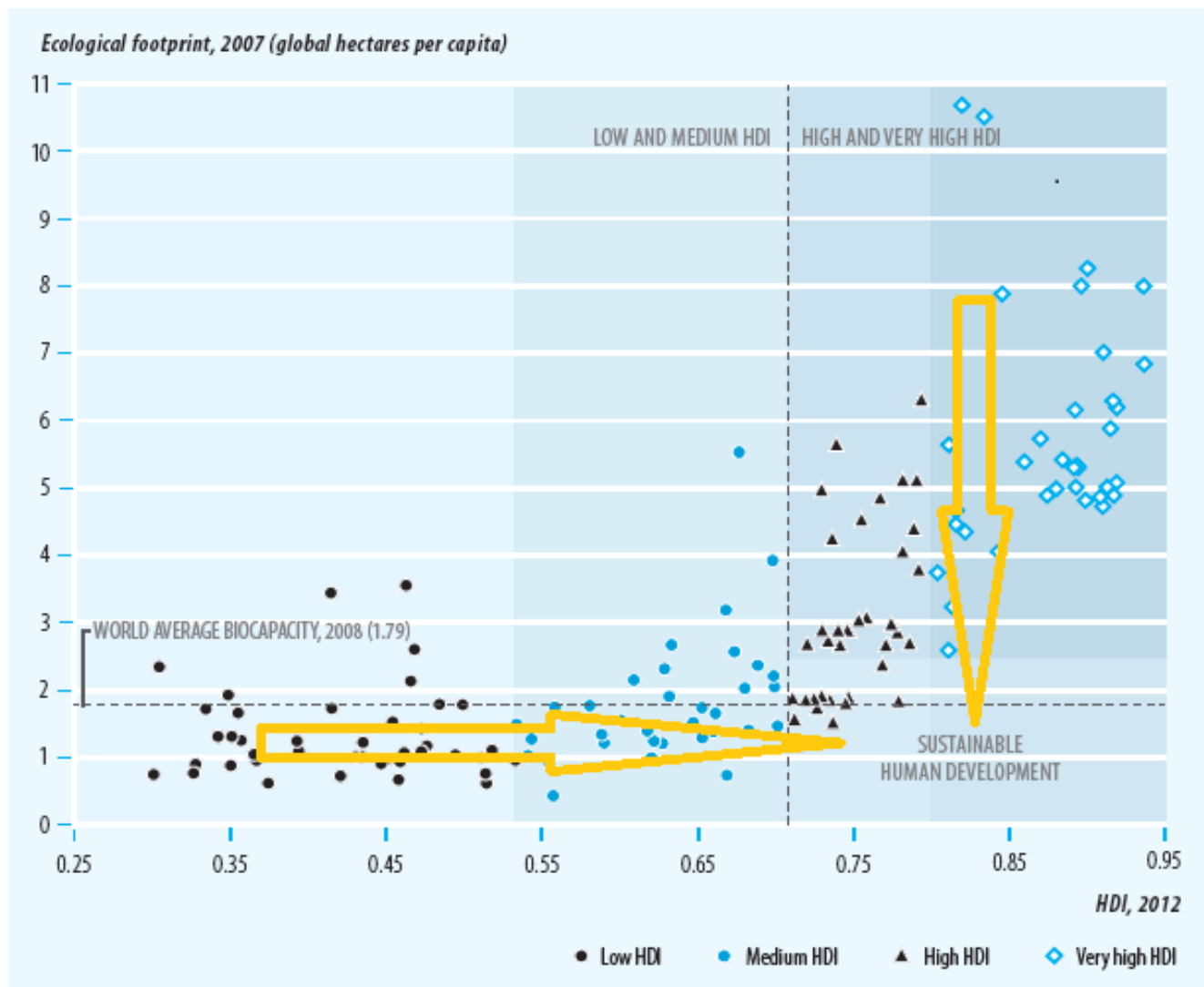


Five questions commentary

Does the Eurostat report

1. reflect the comprehensive nature of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SD)?
2. **assess where we stand and which areas we need to do more?**
3. reflect the **transformative ambition** of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development?
4. reflect the **universal nature** of the 2030 Agenda for SD?
5. reflect the **leave no-one behind** principle?

Universality – all need to move, on different pathways





Looking forward

SDG Watch Europe calls on the European Commission and Eurostat to

- **Revise the indicators** set with an appropriate and inclusive procedure, benefitting from broader input through adequate participation of researchers and CSOs.
- Beyond mere monitoring reports, **elaborate outlook reports** for proper **projections, broader and qualitative assessments** – as agreed in the June Council Conclusions - with additional data and knowledge taken into account.
-> Proposal: every 4 years for the HLPF meeting at Head of States level, in a collaborative effort with agencies, researchers and civil society. --> 2019
- **Develop a comprehensive monitoring and assessment system** that should include all the sustainable development dimensions, as well as
 - the domestic and external dimensions, and
 - the connection between the two.
- Such a **comprehensive assessment should be used to inform EU decision making** and encourage a real transformation of EU policies and practices.

In its present form, the report is not fit to the purpose.



Thank you!



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