DELIVERING ON THE UN'S SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
– A comprehensive approach

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The coronavirus pandemic **reminds us that the full implementation of the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is crucial** to strengthen resilience and prepare the world for future shocks, as we embark on the twin green and digital transitions.

Sustainable development is a core principle of the Treaty on European Union and a priority objective for the Union's internal and external policies. The EU was instrumental in shaping the global 2030 Agenda that has become the world's blueprint for global sustainable development and for transforming our world.

The European Commission remains committed to the UN's 2030 Agenda. Under the leadership of President von der Leyen, the Commission has presented an ambitious policy programme to deliver on sustainability in the EU and beyond. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are an intrinsic part of the President's political programme[1] and lie at the heart of the policymaking on internal and external action across all sectors.

European Commission Priorities

European Green Deal	2 ZERO HUNGER / 3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING / 6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION / 7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY / 8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH / 9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE / 10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES / 11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES / 12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION / 13 CLIMATE ACTION / 14 LIFE BELOW WATER / 15 LIFE ON LAND	
Economy that works for people	1 NO POVERTY / 3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING / 4 QUALITY EDUCATION / 5 GENDER EQUALITY / 8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH / 9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE / 10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES	
Europe fit for the digital age	4 QUALITY EDUCATION / 9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	
European way of life	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING / 4 QUALITY EDUCATION / 10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES / 16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS	
Stronger Europe in the world	17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS	
European Democracy	5 GENDER EQUALITY / 10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES / 16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS	

In this figure, the SDGs are represented under a specific Commission political priority to which they are strongly associated, while noting that most SDGs contribute to varying degrees, to several priorities.

[1] President von der Leyen's Political Guidelines: A Union that strives for more.

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Several deeply **transformative policies have already been presented** in the last year such as the European Green Deal, the climate law, a new Industrial Strategy for Europe, the Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy 2020 and 2021, the new European Skills Agenda and the European Education Area, among others.

The new Commission's comprehensive or 'whole of government' approach to implementing the Sustainable Development Goals comprises several strands, which are:

Applying deeply transformative policies	**WHOLE GOVERNMENT APPROACH**	**European Semester**
Engagement of civil society and other stakeholders	**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**	**Multiannual financial framework & NextGenerationEU**
Monitoring and reporting		**Better Regulation**
EU engagement in the world	**European Commission 2019-2024**	**Policy coherence for sustainable development**

The Commission has an ambitious political programme to deliver a sustainable European Union. Guided by the 17 SDGs, the Commission has presented numerous policy proposals since 1 December 2019 that will place the EU onto a more solid path towards sustainability, a rational use of resources and social fairness. Sustainable development is mainstreamed into the policymaking and economic coordination processes and the Commission continues to monitor progress comprehensively to ensure that the EU remains on the right long-term track. The EU also continues to take a leading role to promote international partnerships to support the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the post-coronavirus world.

The whole of government approach will continue to evolve in the coming years to achieve sustainability at home and abroad. This is a journey towards a Union that develops and shares prosperity while preserving the life- and economy-supporting natural ecosystems for this and future generations. A Union that enables its citizens to live well within planetary boundaries.

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