

Review of the EU Sustainable Development Strategy

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692 responses

Please tell us about yourself

I am replying...

		% of total
As an individual	556	(80.3%)
On behalf of an organisation or institution	136	(19.7%)

Gender

		% of total
Female	195	(28.2%)
Male	351	(50.7%)

Age range

		% of total
under 18	1	(0.1%)
18-24	50	(7.2%)
25-44	294	(42.5%)
45-64	188	(27.2%)
65+	14	(2%)

Type of organisation

		% of total
NGO	51	(7.4%)
Industry	15	(2.2%)
Business Organisation	29	(4.2%)
Trade Union	4	(0.6%)
Public Authority	24	(3.5%)
Academic Institution (university, ...)	10	(1.4%)

Number of employees/members

		% of total
1-9	29	(4.2%)
10-49	35	(5.1%)
50-249	18	(2.6%)
250-499	5	(0.7%)
500+	38	(5.5%)

Country of residence/where your organisation is based

		% of total
AT - Austria	16	(2.3%)
BE - Belgium	89	(12.9%)
CY - Cyprus	1	(0.1%)
CZ - Czech Republic	6	(0.9%)
DE - Germany	105	(15.2%)
DK - Denmark	2	(0.3%)
EE - Estonia	3	(0.4%)
EL - Greece	3	(0.4%)
ES - Spain	20	(2.9%)
FI - Finland	22	(3.2%)
FR - France	101	(14.6%)
HU - Hungary	10	(1.4%)
IE - Ireland	4	(0.6%)
IT - Italy	19	(2.7%)
LT - Lithuania	2	(0.3%)
LU - Luxembourg	2	(0.3%)
LV - Latvia	1	(0.1%)
MT - Malta	1	(0.1%)
NL - Netherlands	43	(6.2%)
PL - Poland	1	(0.1%)
PT - Portugal	13	(1.9%)
SE - Sweden	24	(3.5%)
SI - Slovenia	1	(0.1%)
SK - Slovak Republic	0	(0%)
UK - United Kingdom	99	(14.3%)
IS - Iceland	0	(0%)
LI - Liechtenstein	0	(0%)
NO - Norway	4	(0.6%)
CH - Switzerland	15	(2.2%)
BG - Bulgaria	1	(0.1%)
TR - Turkey	0	(0%)
RO - Romania	4	(0.6%)
Other	80	(11.6%)

In line with good practice on stakeholder consultation, the Commission will publish the responses on its website, together with a summary, identifying who has said what and how the contributions will be taken into account. Would you prefer your comments to remain anonymous?

		% of total
Yes	342	(49.4%)
No	350	(50.6%)

1. THE EU'S OVERALL APPROACH TO SUSTAINABILITY

1. Do you agree with the EU's overall approach to sustainable development as described above?

		% of total
Strongly agree	189	(27.3%)
Agree	416	(60.1%)
Disagree	56	(8.1%)
Strongly disagree	8	(1.2%)
Uncertain	23	(3.3%)

2. TAKING STOCK OF PROGRESS SINCE 2001

2.1 REVIEWING THE SIX PRIORITY ISSUES

I. Combating climate change

2. Do you agree that the EU has made satisfactory progress over the past three years towards meeting its climate change objectives?

		% of total
Strongly agree	37	(5.3%)
Agree	242	(35%)
Disagree	260	(37.6%)
Strongly disagree	76	(11%)
Uncertain	77	(11.1%)

II. Public health

4. Do you agree that the EU has made satisfactory progress over the past three years towards meeting its objectives in the field of public health and food safety?

		% of total
Strongly agree	47	(6.8%)
Agree	304	(43.9%)
Disagree	186	(26.9%)
Strongly disagree	36	(5.2%)
Uncertain	119	(17.2%)

III. Poverty and social exclusion

6. Do you agree that the EU has made satisfactory progress over the past three years towards meeting its policy objectives in the field of poverty, employment, education and social exclusion?

		% of total
Strongly agree	22	(3.2%)
Agree	147	(21.2%)
Disagree	260	(37.6%)
Strongly disagree	83	(12%)
Uncertain	180	(26%)

IV. Ageing society

8. Do you agree that the EU has made satisfactory progress over the past three years towards meeting its policy objectives in facing the challenges of an ageing society?

		% of total
Strongly agree	22	(3.2%)
Agree	229	(33.1%)
Disagree	216	(31.2%)
Strongly disagree	54	(7.8%)
Uncertain	171	(24.7%)

V. Management of natural resources

10. Do you agree that the EU has made satisfactory progress over the past three years towards meeting its objectives in the management of natural resources?

		% of total
Strongly agree	46	(6.6%)
Agree	255	(36.8%)
Disagree	232	(33.5%)
Strongly disagree	70	(10.1%)
Uncertain	89	(12.9%)

VI. Mobility and transport

12. Do you agree that the EU has made satisfactory progress over the past three years towards meeting its objectives related to transport and mobility?

		% of total
Strongly agree	47	(6.8%)
Agree	240	(34.7%)
Disagree	226	(32.7%)
Strongly disagree	80	(11.6%)
Uncertain	99	(14.3%)

VII. Beyond the priority issues

14. Having commented on the six priority issues identified in 2001, do you agree that the scope of the strategy should be widened by including additional priority issues?

		% of total
Strongly agree	165	(23.8%)
Agree	251	(36.3%)
Disagree	160	(23.1%)
Strongly disagree	23	(3.3%)
Uncertain	93	(13.4%)

15. Alternatively, do you agree that the scope of the strategy should be focused on a more limited number of issues?

		% of total
Strongly agree	28	(4%)
Agree	71	(10.3%)
Disagree	387	(55.9%)
Strongly disagree	134	(19.4%)
Uncertain	72	(10.4%)

2.2. CHANGING THE WAY WE MAKE POLICIES

I. Improving policy coherence

16. Do you agree that the Commission's approach of using Impact Assessments to increase policy coherence has been appropriate?

		% of total
Strongly agree	113	(16.3%)
Agree	350	(50.6%)
Disagree	74	(10.7%)
Strongly disagree	20	(2.9%)
Uncertain	135	(19.5%)

II. Getting prices right to give signals to individuals and businesses

17. Do you agree that the EU and Member States have made satisfactory progress in making sure that prices reflect the true costs of economic activities to society?

		% of total
Strongly agree	35	(5.1%)
Agree	187	(27%)
Disagree	277	(40%)
Strongly disagree	100	(14.5%)
Uncertain	93	(13.4%)

III. Investing in science and technology for the future

18. Do you agree that the actions identified in the EU SDS in the area of science and technology are appropriate in contributing to sustainable development?

		% of total
Strongly agree	79	(11.4%)
Agree	337	(48.7%)
Disagree	110	(15.9%)
Strongly disagree	25	(3.6%)
Uncertain	141	(20.4%)

IV. Improving communication and mobilising citizens and business

19. Do you agree that current communication and citizens and business involvement in decision making effectively support the EU's efforts to achieve the changes in behaviour that will be needed if we are to move toward long-term sustainability?

		% of total
Strongly agree	48	(6.9%)
Agree	216	(31.2%)
Disagree	218	(31.5%)
Strongly disagree	77	(11.1%)
Uncertain	133	(19.2%)

V. General assessment of changing policy making

20. Do you agree that the current EU policy making process is conducive to achieving sustainable development?

		% of total
Strongly agree	30	(4.3%)
Agree	277	(40%)
Disagree	184	(26.6%)
Strongly disagree	49	(7.1%)
Uncertain	152	(22%)

2.3. MEASURING AND REPORTING ON OUR PROGRESS

21. Are you familiar with the Commission's structural indicators and sustainable development indicators?

		% of total
Yes	243	(35.1%)
No	449	(64.9%)

22. Do you agree that progress on sustainable development is adequately reported on?

		% of total
Strongly agree	36	(5.2%)
Agree	120	(17.3%)
Disagree	268	(38.7%)
Strongly disagree	62	(9%)
Uncertain	206	(29.8%)

3. LINKING THE EU STRATEGY TO GLOBAL AND NATIONAL STRATEGIES

3.1. THE GLOBAL DIMENSION OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

23. Has the EU strategy for sustainable development effectively contributed to global sustainable development?

		% of total
Strongly agree	32	(4.6%)
Agree	291	(42.1%)
Disagree	184	(26.6%)
Strongly disagree	37	(5.3%)
Uncertain	148	(21.4%)

3.2. THE NATIONAL DIMENSION

26. Do you agree that there is a need to ensure stronger co-ordination between sustainable development strategies at different levels (e.g. local, regional, national, EU, international)?

		% of total
Strongly agree	430	(62.1%)
Agree	227	(32.8%)
Disagree	12	(1.7%)
Strongly disagree	5	(0.7%)
Uncertain	18	(2.6%)

27. Do you agree that the recent enlargement of the European Union has created new challenges for sustainable development that need to be taken into account?

		% of total
Strongly agree	397	(57.4%)
Agree	263	(38%)
Disagree	10	(1.4%)
Strongly disagree	4	(0.6%)
Uncertain	18	(2.6%)

4. OVERALL ASSESSMENT

28. Overall, would you agree that the EU's progress towards sustainable development since 2001 has been satisfactory?

		% of total
Strongly agree	22	(3.2%)
Agree	239	(34.5%)
Disagree	253	(36.6%)
Strongly disagree	50	(7.2%)
Uncertain	128	(18.5%)