

Society's Commitment to Sustainable Development

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Vision:

A prosperous Finland with global responsibility for sustainability and the carrying capacity of nature



Equal prospects for well-being



Carbon-neutral society



Participatory society for all



A Resource-wise economy



Work in a sustainable way



Lifestyles respectful of the carrying capacity of nature



Sustainable society and local communities



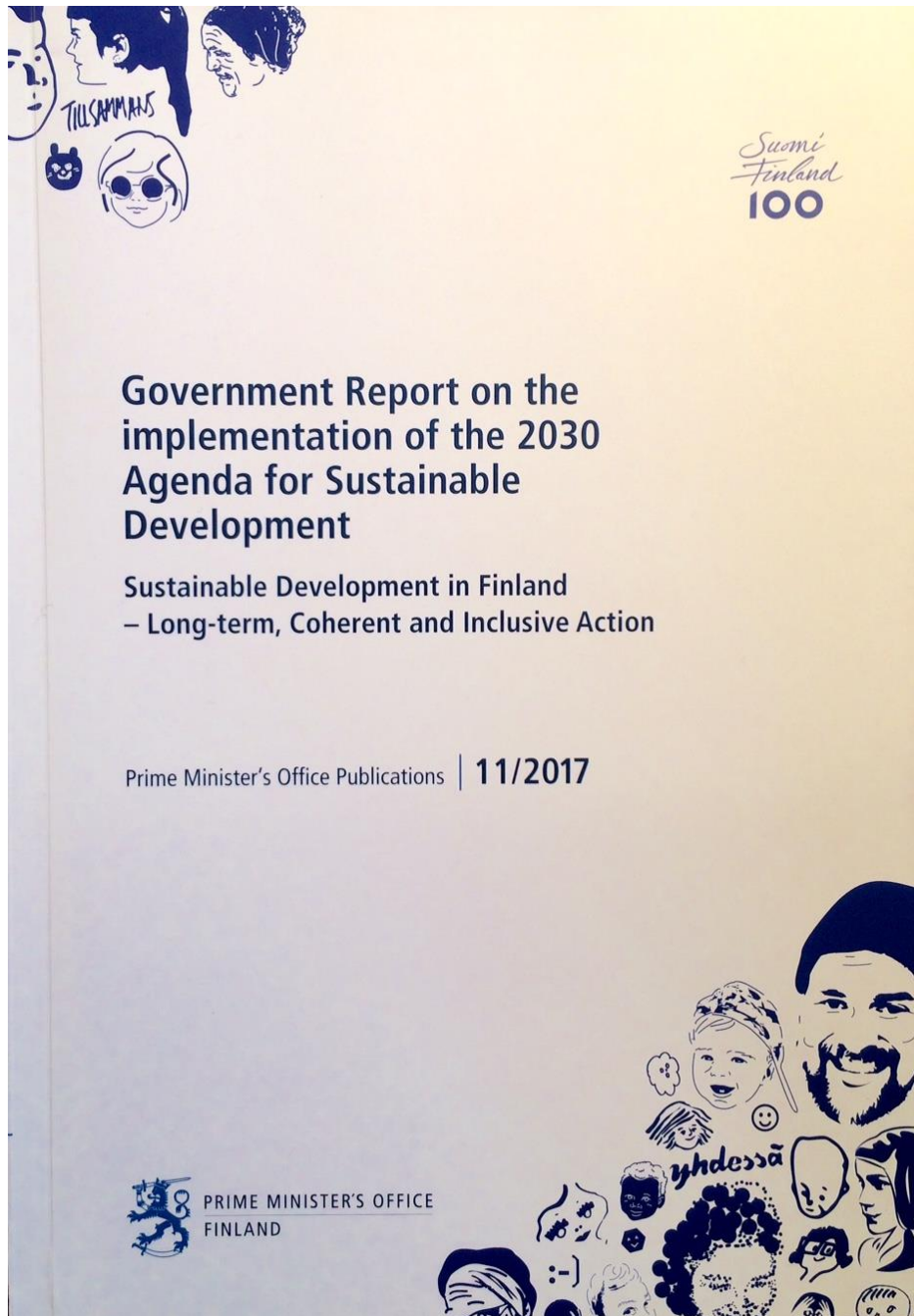
Decision-making respectful of nature

Objectives of the Society's Commitment:

Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda:



Figure 1: Correspondence between the objectives of the Society's Commitment and the goals of the 2030 Agenda (SDGs)



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[...] the Society's Commitment to Sustainable Development - The Finland We Want by 2050 - constitutes Finland's national interpretation of the 2030 Agenda.

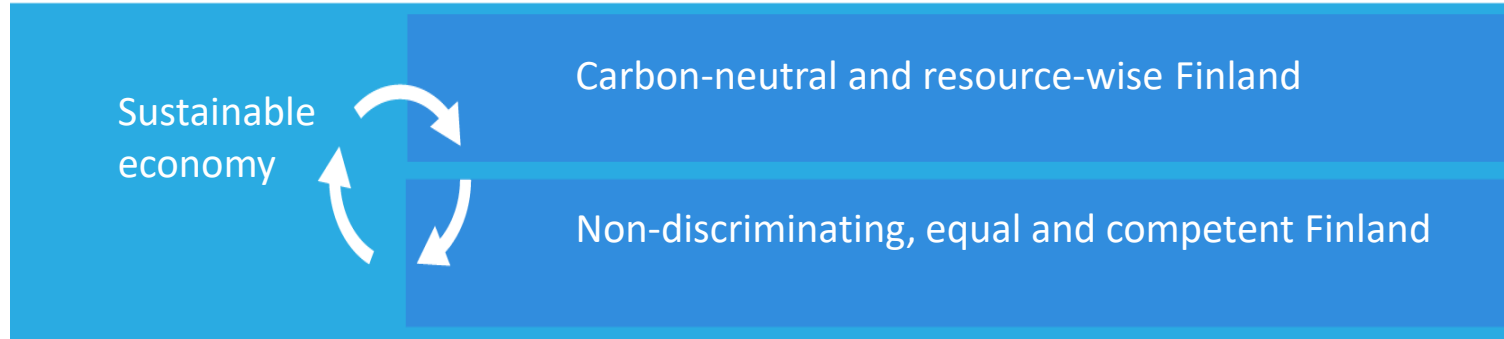
This commitment can be regarded as a plan adopted by the whole of Finnish society to drive sustainable development forward.

Meanwhile, the present implementation plan elucidates the actions taken by the Government to implement the 2030 Agenda.

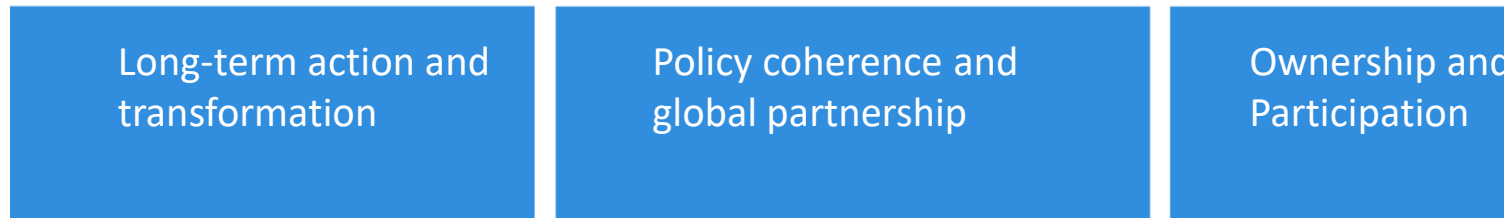
Government Implementation Plan for 2030 Agenda

Adopted in February 2017

FOCUS AREAS



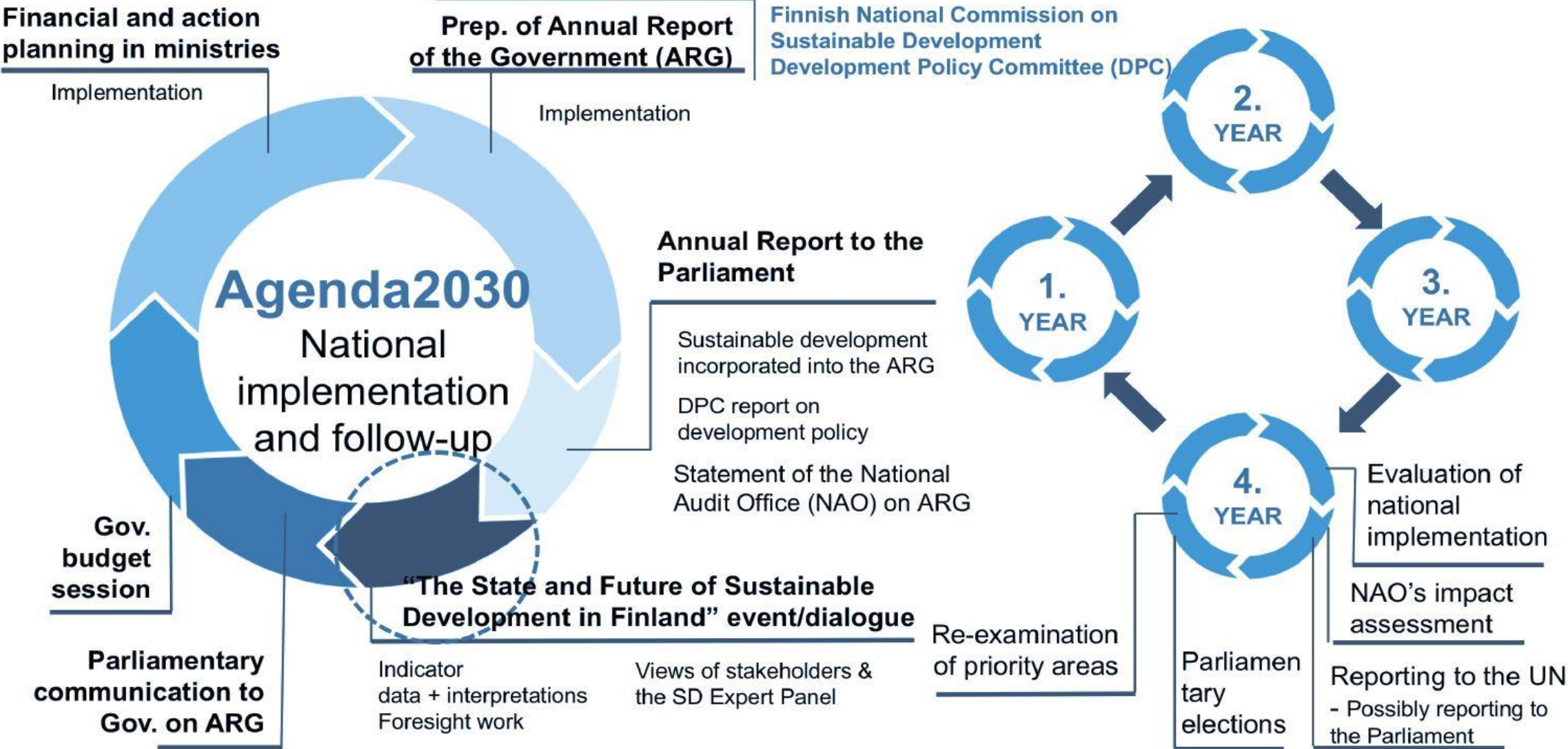
POLICY PRINCIPLES



FOLLOW-UP AND REVIEW



The year clock for the follow-up and review of national implementation, and a description of the four-year cycle of each parliamentary term. (p. 52 of the national implementation plan)



Evaluation 2019

Mandate from Government's implementation plan

- ✓ *4.5: "A comprehensive and independent assessment of Finland's sustainable development policy and the national implementation of the 2030 Agenda will be conducted every four years, starting in 2019. The implementation plan will be updated to ensure consistency with the recommendations made."*
- ✓ *B.1: "An overall assessment will be drawn up of the different ways in which Finland's foreign policy can contribute to the achievement of goals across all administrative branches, and ways in which the coherence of practices and procedures to drive sustainable development outside Finland could be developed."*

Scope of evaluation



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Coherence

OECD DAC criteria

- Relevance
- Efficiency
- Sustainability

OECD DAC criteria

- (Effectiveness)
- (Impact)

Principles of the NCS D's strategy

- cooperation and commitment
- creative use of knowledge and expertise
- broad-based cross-generational thinking and global responsibility
- capacity for renewal and good governance

Principles of Government's implementation plan

- long-term action and transformation
- policy coherence and global partnership
- ownership and participation

Use of evaluation results

The evaluation and its results:

- 1) Are an essential part of coherent and long-term implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Finland.
- 2) Create preconditions for the update of national implementation plan after the 2019 Parliamentary elections, and give input to the preparation of next government's programme.
- 3) Make an input to pre-electoral socio-political debate.
- 4) Benefit all government branches by increasing the awareness on the relevance, efficiency and sustainability of their sustainability work.
- 5) Make an important contribution for Finland's next VNR at the HLPF in 2020.

Next steps

- Evaluation out to tender in May
 - Begins in June 2018
 - Report ready in February 2019
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- How to involve international evaluation community and take advantage of the expertise of EvalSDG's?