REGIONS2030 –
Project overview

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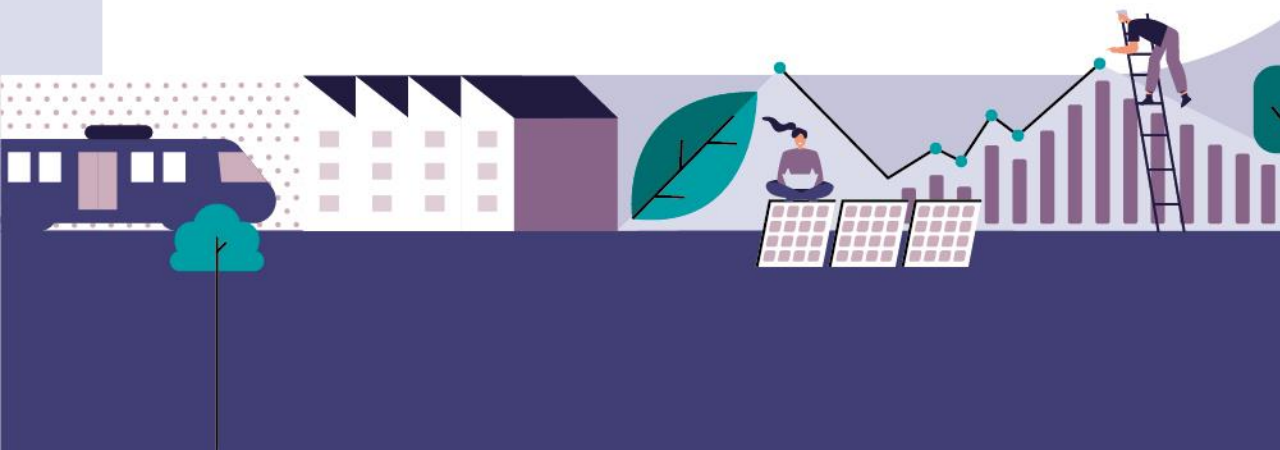
Necessary Jargon

Agenda 2030: a UN General Assembly Resolution to achieve SD by 2030, aimed at ending poverty in all its forms, focusing on 5 critical dimensions (the 5Ps) and including the SDGs

SD: Sustainable Development, an integrated approach to "meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs" (Brundtland Commission, 1987).

The 5Ps: people, prosperity, planet, partnership and peace

SDGs: the 17 Sustainable Development Goals or Global Goals and SDG Targets: 169 targets on SDGs

Monitoring: following and reviewing the achievement of the SDGs at global level (HLPF), national level (VNRs), and sub-national level (VLRs)
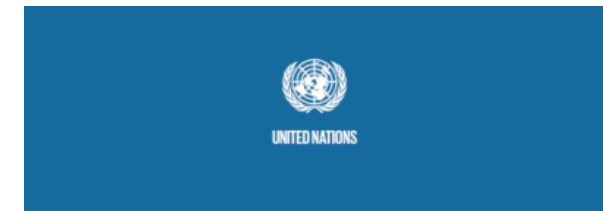
Localization: SDG localization is the process of defining, implementing, and monitoring strategies at the local level to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

VNRs: Voluntary National Reviews are national reviews that are expected to serve as a basis for the regular reviews at the HLPF. 306 VNRs conducted* up to now (from 2016 to 2023)

VLRs: Voluntary Local Reviews are sub-national reviews by cities, local and regional governments to track and report on SDGs progress

EUVR: European Union Voluntary Report (2023)

A recap: the SDGs

The SDGs : a comprehensive strategy

Source: JRC

The SDGs: a pathway to achieve SD

Institutional Dimension

Social solidarity

Cultural Dimension?

17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

5 GENDER EQUALITY

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

4 QUALITY EDUCATION

1 NO POVERTY

2 ZERO HUNGER

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

13 CLIMATE ACTION

14 LIFE BELOW WATER

15 LIFE ON LAND

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

Environmental responsibility

Economic efficiency

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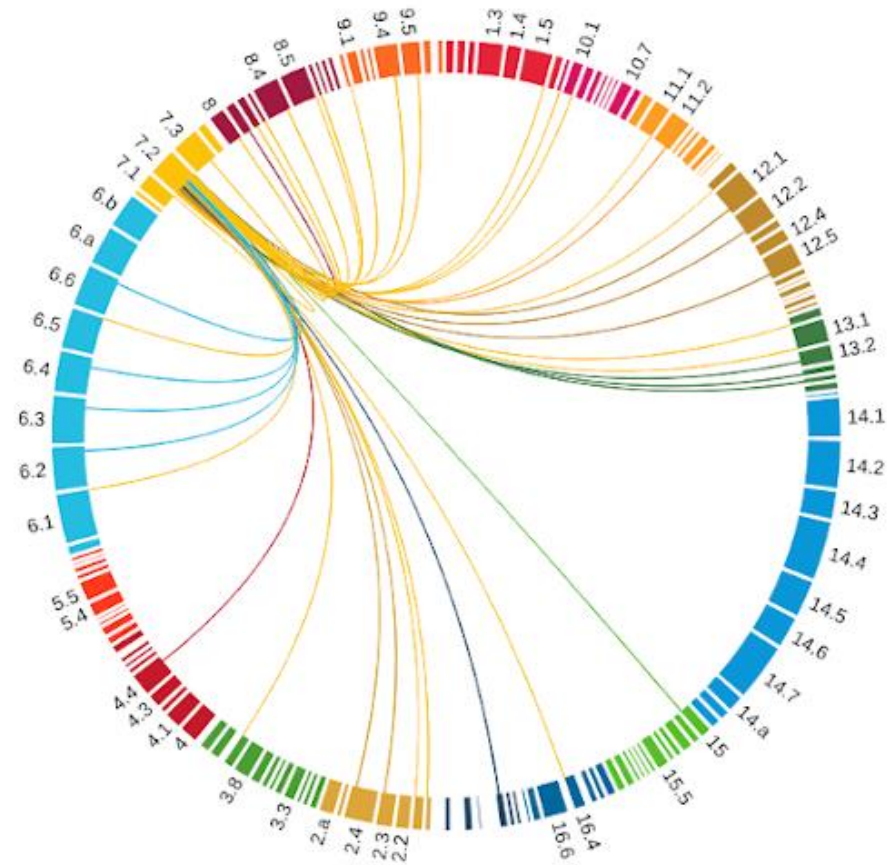
The SDGs: a pathway to achieve SD

Source: Stockholm Resilience Centre, 2016
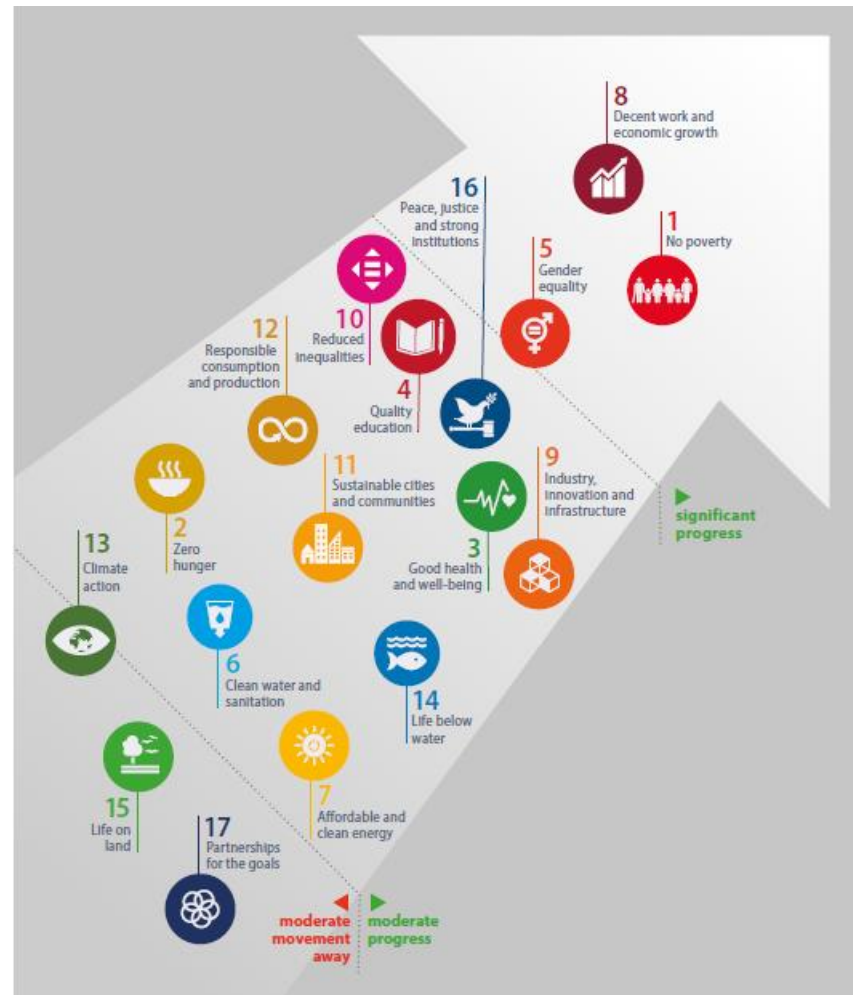
Interlinkages: synergies and trade-offs

Source: JRC

The European Commission Priorities

Source: Eurostat

EU Voluntary Review 2023

Source: Eurostat

A recap: the SDG targets

1 NO POVERTY	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.a	1.b						
2 ZERO HUNGER	2.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5	2.a	2.b	2.c					
3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	3.1	3.2	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.9	3.a	3.b	3.c	3.d
4 QUALITY EDUCATION	4.1	4.2	4.3	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.a	4.b	4.c			
5 GENDER EQUALITY	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6	5.a	5.b	5.c				
6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION	6.1	6.2	6.3	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.a	6.b					
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY	7.1	7.2	7.3	7.a	7.b								
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	8.1	8.2	8.3	8.4	8.5	8.6	8.7	8.8	8.9	8.10	8.a	8.b	
9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	9.1	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.5	9.a	9.b	9.c					
10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES	10.1	10.2	10.3	10.4	10.5	10.6	10.7	10.a	10.b	10.c			
11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES	11.1	11.2	11.3	11.4	11.5	11.6	11.7	11.a	11.b	11.c			
12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.4	12.5	12.6	12.7	12.8	12.a	12.b	12.c		
13 CLIMATE ACTION	13.1	13.2	13.3	13.a	13.b								
14 LIFE BELOW WATER	14.1	14.2	14.3	14.4	14.5	14.6	14.7	14.a	14.b	14.c			
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169 SDG targets

107 substantive targets

62 means of implementation

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REGIONS2030 Stakeholders

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT
FINANCING PARTNER

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

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COLLABORATING PARTNERS

10 PILOT REGIONS

- Βόρειο Αιγαίο (North Aegean) – EL41
- Δυτική Μακεδονία (Western Macedonia) – EL53
- Comunidad Foral de Navarra – ES22
- Andalucia – ES61
- Piemonte – ITC1
- Puglia – ITF4
- Pomorskie – PL63
- Centro (PT) – PT16
- Nord-Vest – RO11
- Manisa, Afyonkarahisar, Kütahya, Uşak – TR33

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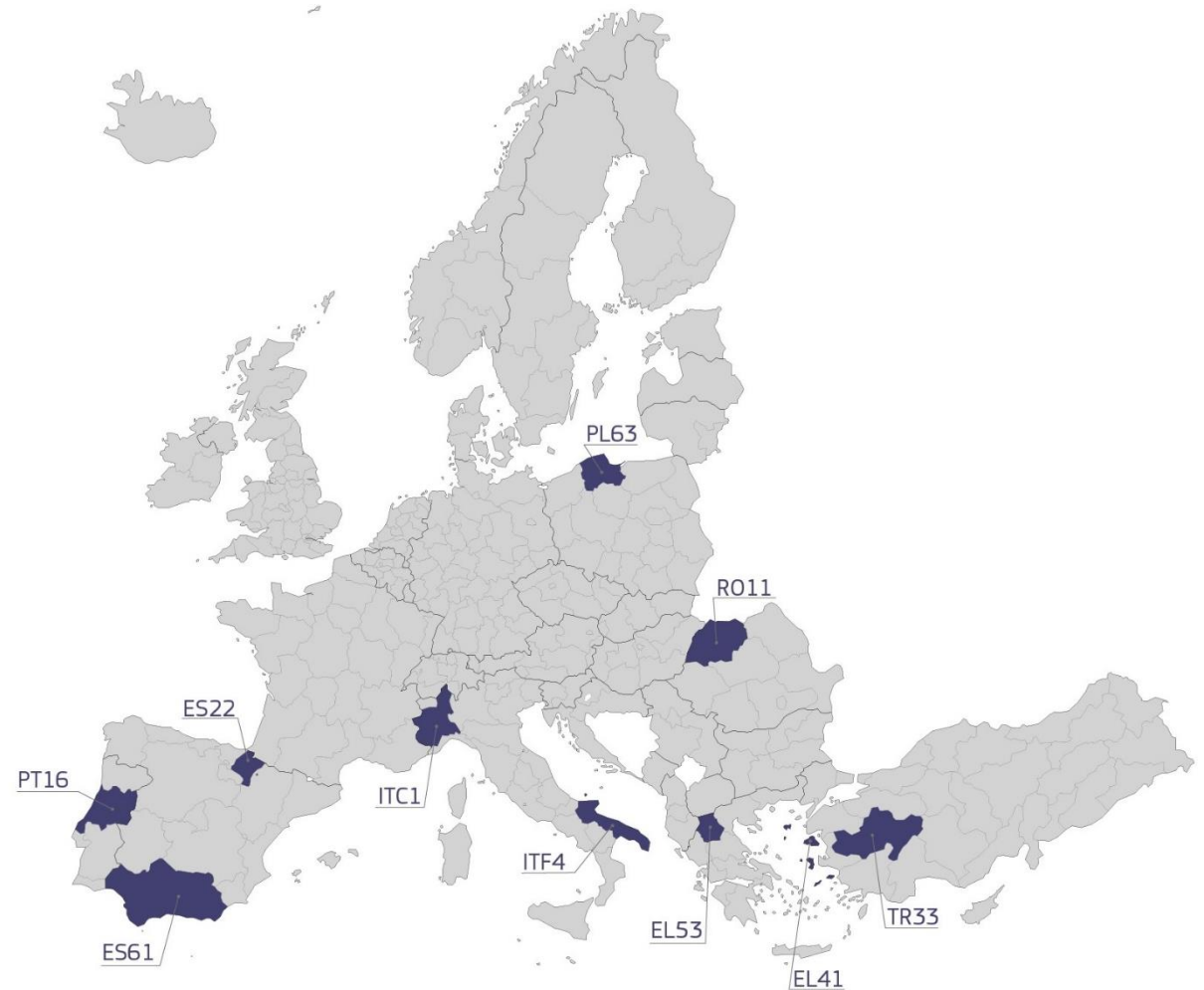Comunidad Foral de Navarra – ES22

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Objectives

ENGAGE EU REGIONS

IN THE MONITORING
PROCESS OF THE SDGs

provide a **framework** to
monitor the SDGs

support and enhance
regional **statistical
capacities**

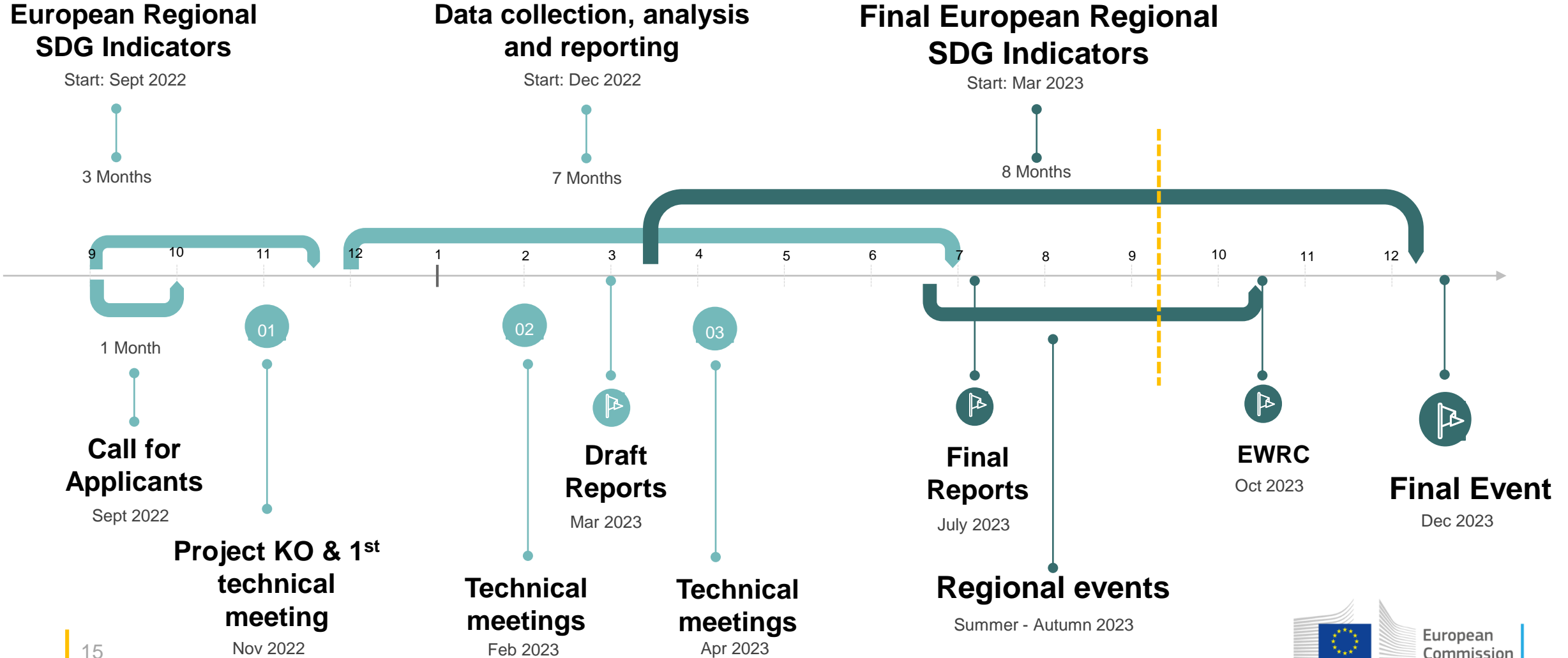**INCREASE**

LOCAL OWNERSHIP
OF THE SDGs

tailored support for data
collection and analysis

initiate a **dialogue** for the
implementation of the
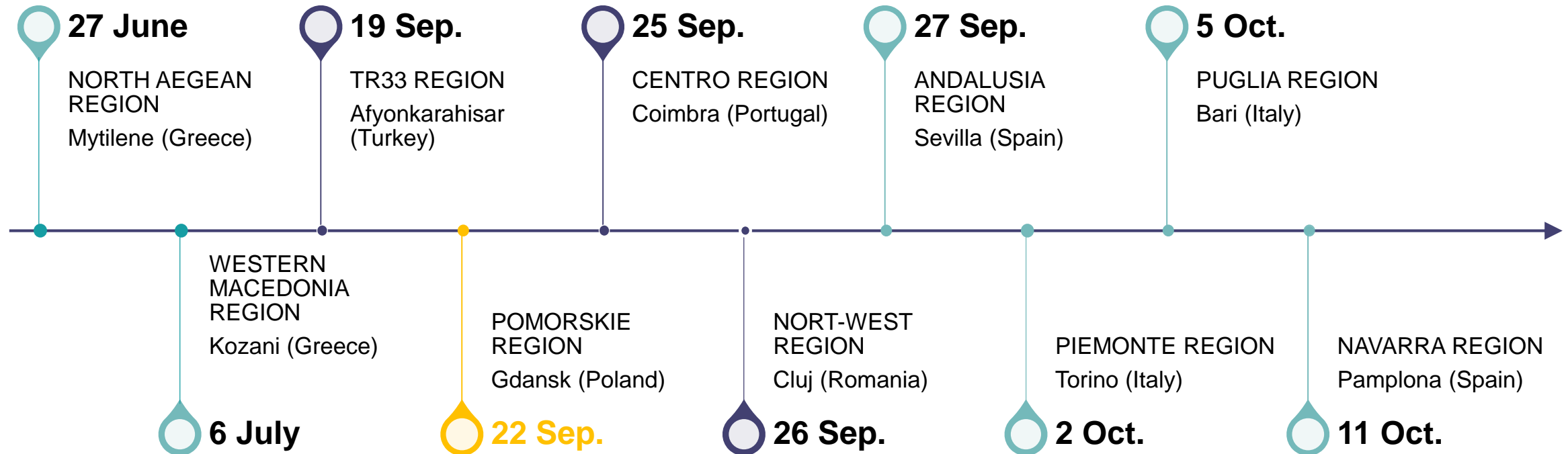**2030 Agenda**

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Expected* results

- A **harmonised set of indicators** for EU regions to monitor the achievement of the SDGs

  - *The data collected, and consequently their evaluation, will be made available to national and EU authorities for the overall evaluation of the progress towards the achievement of the SDG*

- **Increased knowledge and capacity** of EU regions on monitoring and reporting of the SDGs

- Engagement of EU regions in a **participative process** of localising the SDGs

- **Reinforcement of dialogue** with EU partners on the localisation of SDGs

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Implementation - Timeline

European Regional SDG Indicators

Start: Sept 2022

3 Months

Data collection, analysis and reporting

Start: Dec 2022

7 Months

Final European Regional SDG Indicators

Start: Mar 2023

8 Months

1 Month

9 10 11 12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

01

02

03

Call for Applicants

Sept 2022

Project KO & 1st technical meeting

Nov 2022

Draft Reports

Mar 2023

Technical meetings

Feb 2023

Technical meetings

Apr 2023

Final Reports

July 2023

Regional events

Summer - Autumn 2023

EWRC

Oct 2023

Final Event

Dec 2023

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The regional events

27 June

NORTH AEGEAN REGION

Mytilene (Greece)

6 July

WESTERN MACEDONIA REGION

Kozani (Greece)

19 Sep.

TR33 REGION

Afyonkarahisar (Turkey)

22 Sep.

POMORSKIE REGION

Gdansk (Poland)

25 Sep.

CENTRO REGION

Coimbra (Portugal)

26 Sep.

NORT-WEST REGION

Cluj (Romania)

27 Sep.

ANDALUSIA REGION

Sevilla (Spain)

2 Oct.

PIEMONTE REGION

Torino (Italy)

5 Oct.

PUGLIA REGION

Bari (Italy)

11 Oct.

NAVARRA REGION

Pamplona (Spain)

STREAMING AVAILABLE

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Project Outputs

FINALIZED

- Final regional report (one per region) – June 2023

ONGOING

- Regional events x 10 – June to October 2023

- Final project report: methodology and dataset – December 2023

- Event at the European Week of Regions and cities 11 October

- Final event – 05 December 2023

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The preliminary indicator set

83 **INDICATORS**

TYPE OF INDICATORS

57 official indicators

26 experimental indicators

FREQUENCY OF UPDATE

48 annual

6 decade

1 triannual, per election cycle, monthly, daily

SOURCES
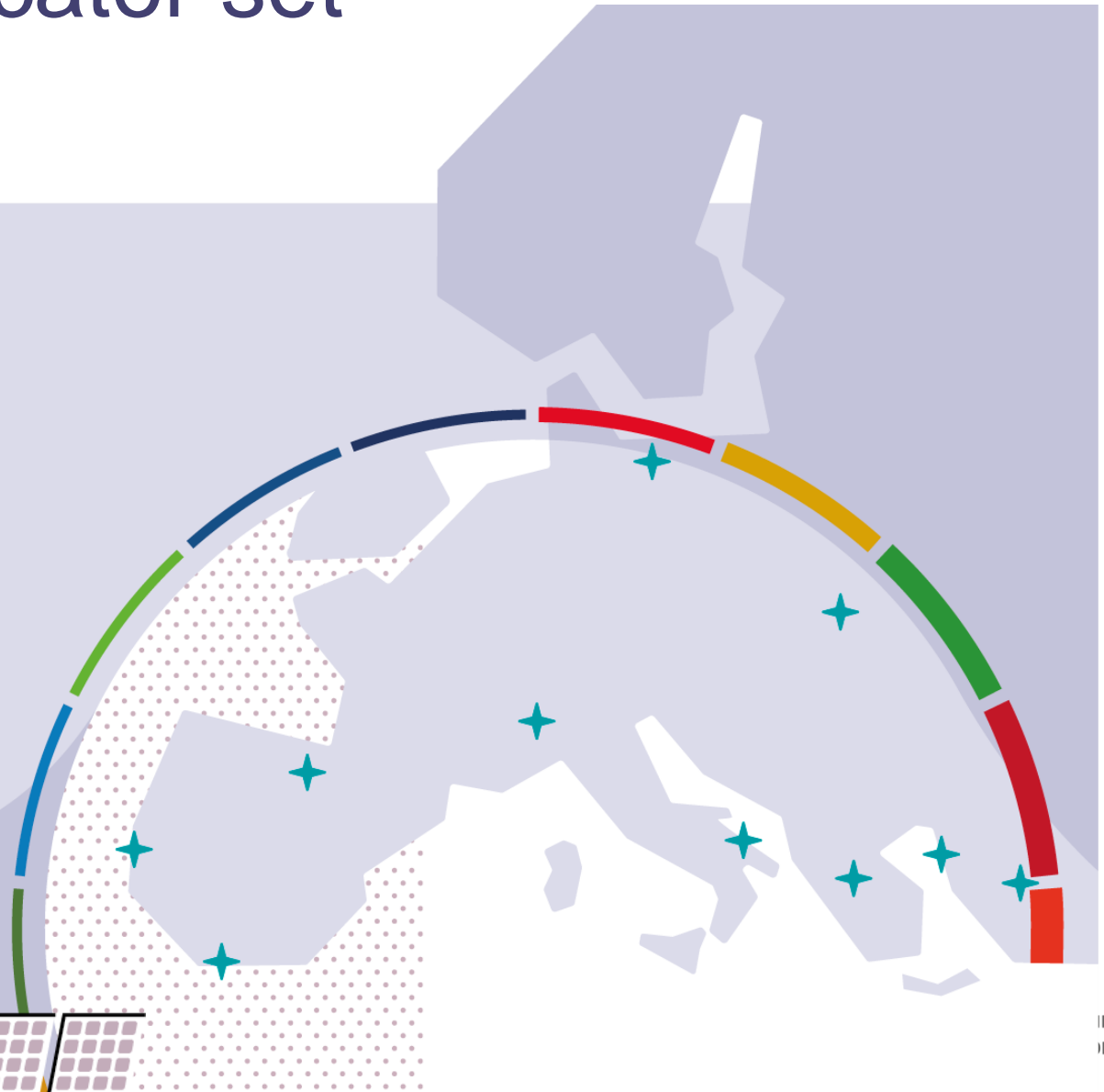
26 indicators from Eurostat, Regional Statistics

26 indicators from regional case studies and statistics offices (Spain, Belgium, Portugal, Sweden)
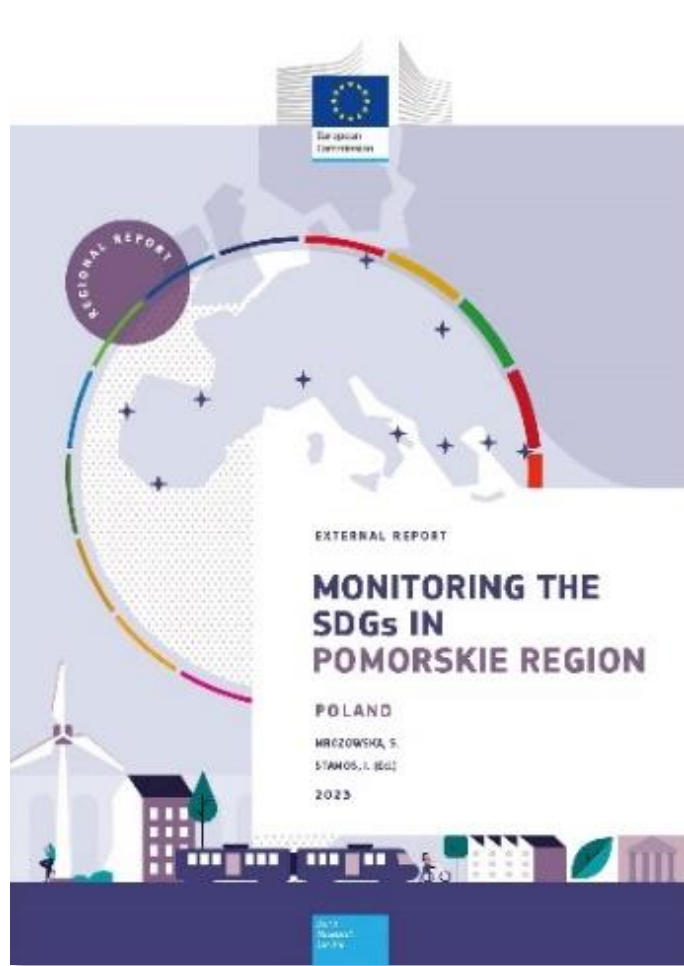
13 indicators from OECD

7 indicators from JRC

4 indicators from own elaboration by the regional government

1 indicator from DG REGIO

Project Outputs: Regional Reports

Some challenges…

- **Technical** challenges : data not available at regional level, no historical series, old data, not disaggregated, not consistent/standardized, data accessibility,…

- Ability and capacity to understand the **reasons behind the trends**, the future challenges and interpret data;

- Some areas are not adequately considered in SDG framework. **Treasure but not measure**

- Different levels of **decentralisation** and legal frameworks greatly influence the implementation of the SDGs. National governments have an important role in supporting and coordinating regions' efforts.

- Difficulty in **prioritizing actions and resources** taking in considerations the different political priorities, economic challenges, stakeholders, data availability.

- SDG **interlinkages** are perceived as very difficult to identify and quantify: synergies and trade-offs

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…and recommendations

- **Enhance coherence** between regional plans/strategies and goals.

- Allow comparison of regional data with **European, national and regional targets by 2030/50**

- (better) **connect monitoring and implementation**, in link with regional strategies and European policies

- Include **impact indicators** reflecting the **effectiveness** of regional initiatives for sustainable development

- Collect, provide, and use disaggregated data for a comprehensive understanding of progress and to **identify disparities and inequalities**.

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Save the date
Upcoming REGIONS2030 events

9-13 October

EUROPEAN WEEK OF REGIONS AND CITIES

Brussels

In person

FINAL EVENT

Brussels (Committee od the Regions)

In person, web-streamed

Technical information to be shared after the summer

5 December

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