

THE OECD PROGRAMME ON A TERRITORIAL APPROACH TO THE SDGs

A role for cities and regions to leave no one behind

Why a territorial approach to the Sustainable Development Goals?

The OECD estimates that at least **105 out of the 169 targets** underlying the 17 SDGs will not be reached without the engagement of and coordination with regional and local governments.

Subnational governments were responsible for **55% of total public investment** OECD countries in 2021.

At least **80% of OECD regions** have not achieved the end values proposed by the OECD for 2030 in any of the 17 SDGs, and at least **70% of cities** have not achieved the suggested objectives for 15 out of the 17 SDGs.

While SDG11 on cities is central, most of the other goals are **inter-connected** and hold implications for cities and regions.

There are strong **territorial disparities** within countries: looking at national averages is not sufficient. **The SDGs can foster policy coherence and place-based solutions to complex problems.**

The SDGs offer a **clear framework** to help local and regional governments **navigate in an uncertain policy environment** marked by the fallout from the COVID-19 crisis, Russia's war against Ukraine and the climate emergency.

Main outputs of the programme

- ✓ 1 **Synthesis Report** on A Territorial Approach to the SDGs and with a **Checklist for Public Action**
- ✓ 1 **OECD Toolkit** for A Territorial Approach to the SDGs to facilitate the implementation of the SDGs by local and regional governments
- ✓ 10 **individual pilot reports** based on policy dialogues with specific regions and cities

- ✓ 1 **Interactive web-tool and database** on measuring the distance to the SDGs in regions and cities
- ✓ 1 **multi-stakeholder community of practice** gathering within the **OECD Roundtables on Cities and Regions for the SDGs**
- ✓ 3 **joint surveys** with the European Committee of the Regions i) on the localisation of the SDGs and ii) their uptake as **a tool for recovery from COVID-19** and iii) their role in an uncertain geopolitical context

Analysis



15 reports

Data



Data on 600+ regions and 600+ cities

Dialogue



11 pilot cities and regions from 10 countries

Forum



6 OECD Roundtables

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- A tailored, consensus-based and localised indicator framework
- Harmonised and comparable OECD territorial statistics for SDGs
- Common OECD/EU definition of “city” and “region”



- Analyse and discuss local SDGs stories/evolving practices
- Draw lessons in terms of incentives, processes and outcomes



- Peer-to-peer dialogue between cities, regions and national governments
- Twinning during field trips and virtual missions
- Engagement of umbrella/city networks and stakeholder groups



- Specific policy recommendations and tailored action plans based on the local context and findings



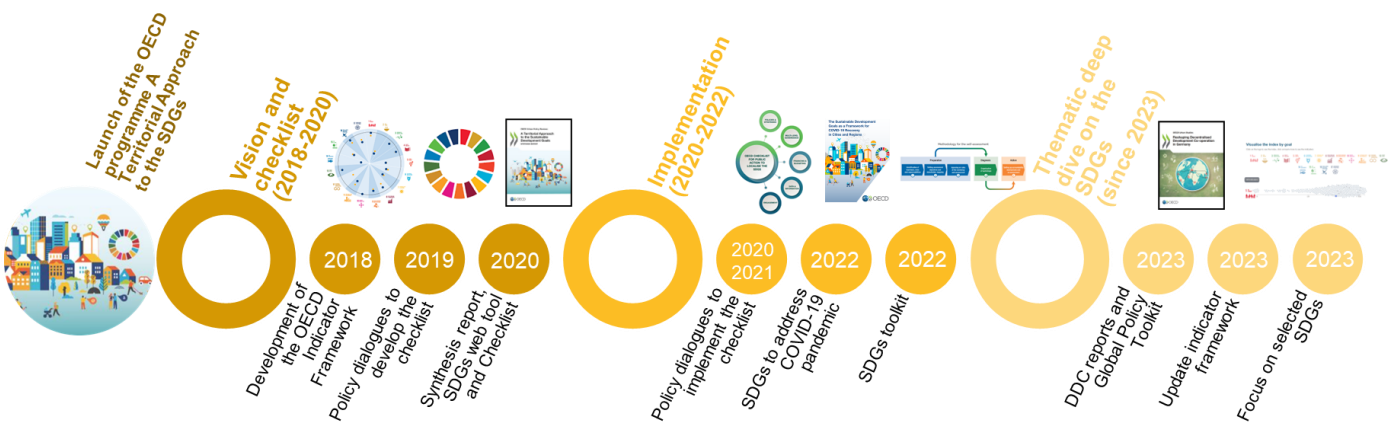
Pilot cities and regions

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| Province of Córdoba Argentina | Municipality of Kópavogur Iceland |
| Region of Flanders Belgium | Autonomous Province of Bolzano-Bozen Italy |
| State of Paraná Brazil | City of Kitakyushu Japan |
| Region of Southern Denmark Denmark | County of Viken Norway |
| City of Bonn Germany | Basque Country Spain |
| Rhine-Neckar Metropolitan Region Germany | |



Pilot cities and regions

Host cities (Roundtables, HLPF side-events)



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