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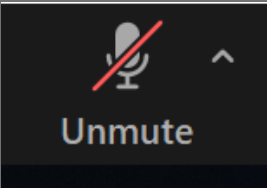
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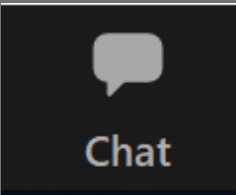
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Remain on **mute** when you're not speaking. Raise your hand and unmute yourself only when you are given the floor by the moderator.



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Note: This session is being recorded for note taking purposes



Agenda (11.00-13.00)

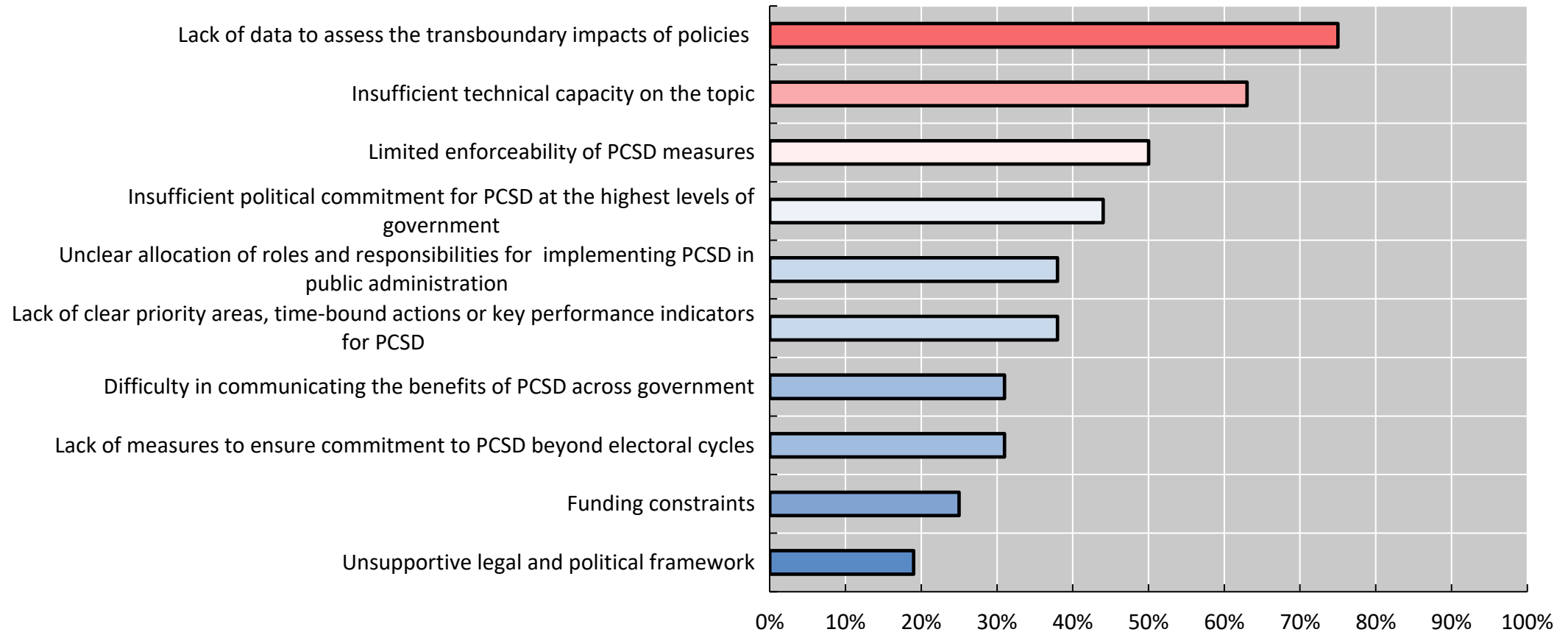
11.00-11.15	Opening remarks
11.15-11.50	Introduction to national contexts, needs and priorities
11.50-12.00	Q&A
12.00-12.25	Project overview and OECD support
12.25-12.45	Open discussion, including on joint activities and outputs
12.45-13.00	Closed session for government officials: Project governance, timeline, shared calendar and next steps





Context

Challenges to PCSD implementation across 16 EU Member States

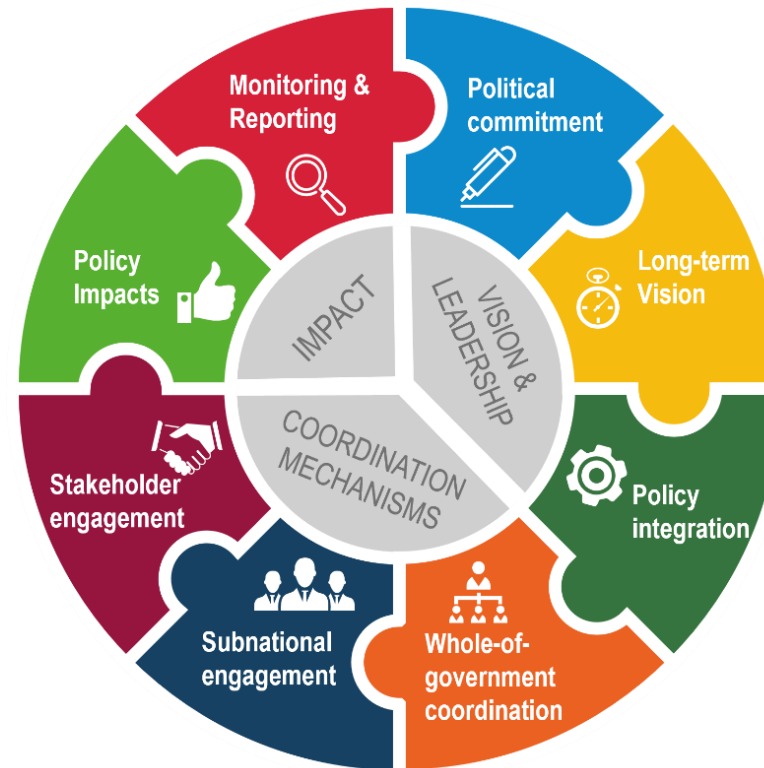


Source: 2023 PCSD Survey



Project purpose

“This **multi-country project** aims to bridge existing gaps in implementing the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Austria, Italy and Slovakia, through **enhanced policy coherence for sustainable development (PCSD)**, as called for by SDG target 17.14 and promoted by the OECD Council Recommendation on PCSD. It will encompass **different analytical components based on each country’s needs.**”



Strengthening strategic frameworks for development co-operation to enhance PCSD



Promoting SDG localisation and vertical and horizontal coherence at the regional level



Strengthened capacities of the CoG to enhance PCSD; and sustainable wellbeing



Overview of outputs

OUTPUT 1. One joint kick-off meeting for all three countries (virtual), to provide an overview of the project (purpose, activities, outputs and timeline) and discuss common challenges as well as country-specific needs.

23 Oct-24

OUTPUT 2. One joint Inception Report – that can also be used for communication purposes – taking stock of the state of play at Project start.

By 31 Dec-24

OUTPUT 3. Tailored analysis

**By Autumn
2025**

AUSTRIA: PCSD Scan and policy options. In-depth assessment of Austria's strategic, normative and institutional framework for PCSD related to development co-operation and the reflection of transboundary impacts.

ITALY: One workshop (WS) and one laboratory (Lab) (hybrid) in each of the four Regions to support Regions' Steering Committees in applying the PCSD NAP tools and in localising the SDGs.

SLOVAK REPUBLIC: PCSD Scan and policy options. In-depth assessment of Slovakia's institutional framework for PCSD, including on CoG coordination and capacity.

OUTPUT 4. Capacity building support

**By Spring
2026**

AUSTRIA: Workshops to develop recommendations for to enhance PCSD in support for implementation of the SDGs in developing countries.

ITALY: A model of the outcomes of the WSs and Labs and operational guidelines for training needs to localise the SDGs and use the PCSD NAP tools.

SLOVAK REPUBLIC: Prototyping new approaches for CoG capacities; conceptualising and assessing sustainable wellbeing.

OUTPUT 5. Operational guidance, based on peer-learning (Living Labs)

**By Aug
2026**

OUTPUT 6. Joint Project Report (and Italy Final Report)

Sep-26

OUTPUT 7. Joint Project Description Summary

Sep-26



Policy coherence in development cooperation – what do we mean?

Policies implemented in one country can **influence the growth and development prospects** of another – for better, or worse.



Neglecting international spillover effects of policies can **undermine development objectives and effectiveness** of international co-operation efforts.



“Incoherence” cannot always be solved but it can be identified and managed to ensure the resulting policy mix is effective and avoids the waste of resources.

OECD member practice

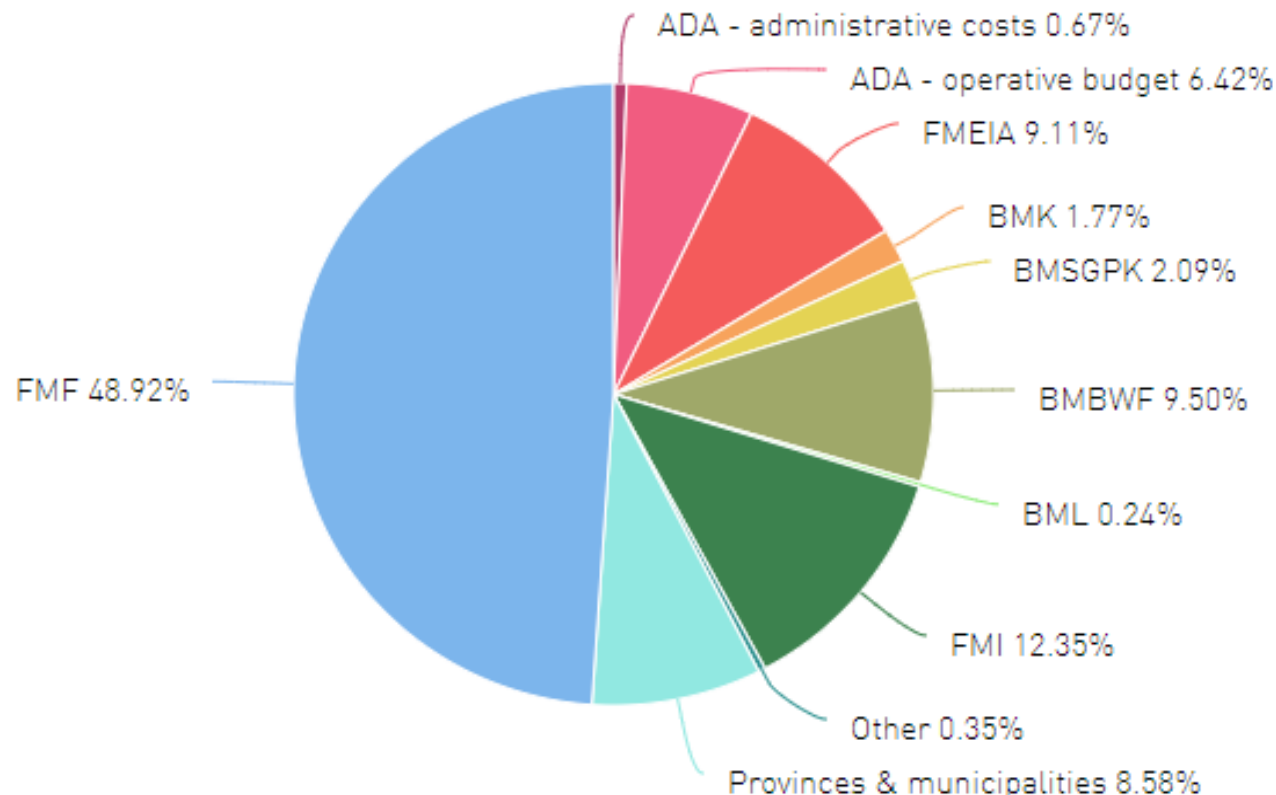
- A clear **commitment, in law or SDG policy documents** (e.g. Italy, Korea, Spain)
- **Cross-government strategies**, e.g. general action plan (Italy, Netherlands), or on issues such as anti-microbial resistance (Sweden)
- **Linking domestic action and multilateral advocacy** (e.g. Netherlands)
- **Fora to discuss challenges and advisory bodies** (e.g. Germany, Italy, Luxembourg)
- **Multi-stakeholder platforms for joint action** (e.g. Belgium, Germany, Netherlands)
- **Global citizenship education and public awareness** (e.g. Ireland, Portugal)
- **Regulatory impact assessments** (e.g. EU, Netherlands, Luxembourg)
- **Track, report and discuss progress**: Parliament (e.g. EU), SDG monitoring (Switzerland), voluntary national reviews (Iceland), evaluations (Norway)



Multi-agency contributions to development cooperation in Austria

FINANCIAL SOURCES OF AUSTRIAN ODA 2022

Grant equivalent basis in percent



A shared responsibility in ODA disbursement across Austrian government agencies:

- **~50% of ODA** disbursed by Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs overseeing **~10% of ODA** (UN, admin, JPO, cultural programmes)
- **12.4% of ODA** through the Ministry of Interior, reflecting migration priorities.
- Diverse disbursement may complicate coordination underscores the need for a unified, whole-of-government approach.



LOCALISING THE SDGS AND STRENGTHENING PCSD AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL IN ITALY

Objectives of the project in Italy and the 4 regions



Promoting SDG localisation, vertical and horizontal coherence in Piemonte, Marche, Sardegna, Puglia regions by enhancing the capacity of local civil servants to implement the RSDS, through the PCSD National Action Plan (NAP) tools.

Three focus areas:

- I. Integrated strategic policy planning**
- II. Impact assessment and monitoring**
- III. Strategic foresight**



Italy specific activities and outputs

Kick-off

Country specific kick-off

Tailored analysis

Analyse the state of play and needs in the four Regions for the SDGs
Localisation and implementation of the RSDS and the PCSD NAP

One workshop and one laboratory in each of the four regions

Draft report based on the results of the analysis, workshops and laboratories

Capacity building support

A model of the outcomes of the WSs and Labs and operational guidelines to address public administration training needs

Italy-specific peer-learning meetings, back-to-back to international events

Final Report

Final report on the SDGs Localisation in Italian regions and Autonomous Provinces, through PCSD, foresight and impact assessment.



Methodology: combining PCSD with SDGs Localisation

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National Action Plan on Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development as part of the NSDS



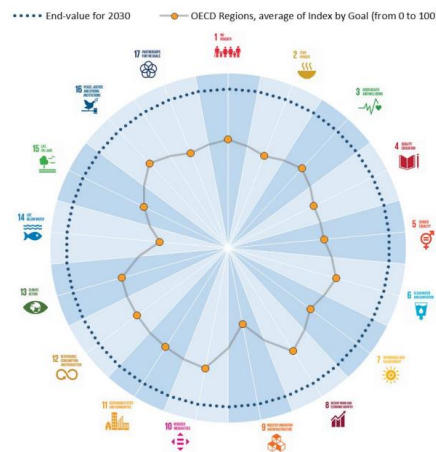
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OECD Checklist for Public Action to localise the SDGs and implementation Toolkit



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OECD “localised” and consensus-based indicator framework for the SDGs including an OECD web-tool and database



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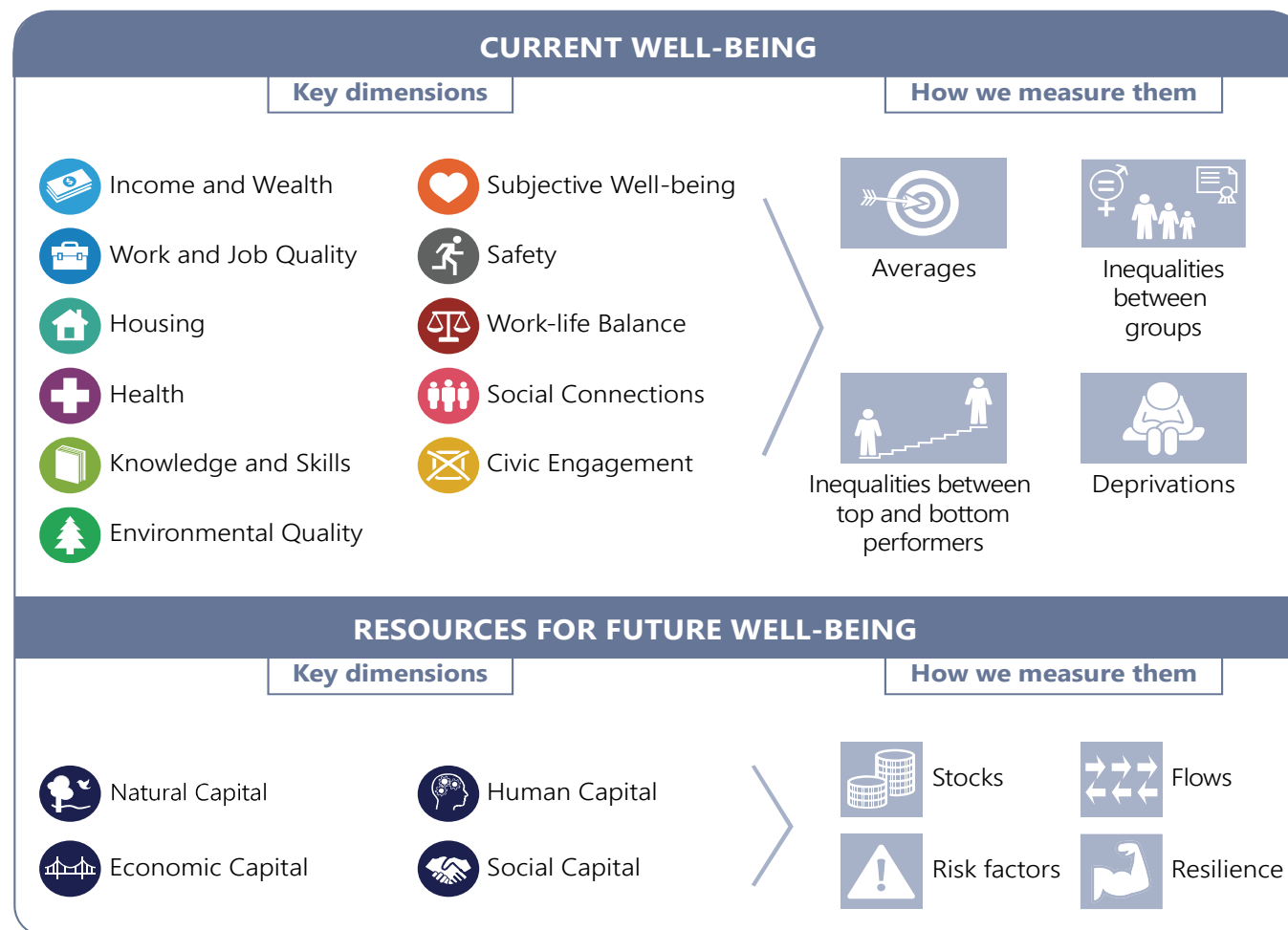
Capacity building and peer-to-peer learning through a Community of practice, Roundtables and international partnerships (UN Habitat, JRC, etc)





Conceptualising and assessing sustainable wellbeing

- Short **analytical note** on
 - International and national approaches to well-being and sustainability measurement, with a focus on the OECD Well-being Measurement Framework and Measuring Distance to SDGs methodology, including emerging issues around reporting and communication of well-being and sustainability data;
 - The state of well-being in Slovakia
 - Well-being and sustainability data gaps in Slovakia
 - Country approaches to applying sustainability and well-being evidence to inform policy decisions and processes.
- **Workshop (Q3 2025) in Bratislava** with relevant Slovak stakeholders, bringing in peers from the OECD Well-being Knowledge Exchange Platform.





Thank you!

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