

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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Summary

Implementation and monitoring of goals progress of 2030 Agenda in the Slovak Republic

- In the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Slovakia in 2022, there has been a deterioration compared to the state of implementation in 2018, and the risks identified in 2018 have persisted:
 - despite a government resolution, the second monitoring report did not assess national priorities and hardly used national indicators at all;
 - the government resolution extends the monitoring interval to three years;
 - The Expert Group on Indicators and Monitoring of 2030 Agenda has a mandate to support the continuous monitoring of progress and to participate in the development of evaluation reports. This group did not collaborate in their preparation in 2020 and 2022. The last meeting of the working group was in 2019;
 - Despite the recommendations of the Supreme Audit Office of the Slovak Republic (SAO SR), the national information campaign has not been implemented since the beginning of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the Slovak Republic.
- The SAO SR recommends to follow the approved national implementation procedure and to continue to follow the national priorities and to use indicators keeping in mind the Slovak context.
- The SAO SR recommends developing a communication strategy for the 2030 Agenda that considers the needs of specific groups and individuals.

Implementing the 13th Goal of the 2030 Agenda – Climate Action

- The basic implementation document in the Slovak Republic for 13th Goal of the 2030 Agenda has five attributes that do not meet the requirements of the obligatory methodology for the development of strategic documents and which are a prerequisite for the successful implementation of the document.
- The SAO SR recommends strengthening the coordination and competence of the Ministry of Environment of Slovak Republic in the area of mitigation by legislation and regulations depending on the new climate change legislation.
- For the upcoming update of the mitigation strategic document - Low-Carbon Development Strategy of the Slovak Republic until 2030 with a view to 2050, the SAO SR recommends to develop all elements of the strategy. It should be done in cooperation with relevant parties according to the obligatory methodology for the development of public strategies, while respecting the chronological sequence. It also recommends placing the emphasis on the technical, administrative, capacity, professional alignment of the updates of related strategic documents and action plans and implementation of the set objectives.