

Involving the SDGs in Germany

Multi-Level Analysis and Monitoring

Supporting sustainability can look back on a longer history in Europe and particularly in Germany: The Sustainability Strategy of Germany, which was initiated in 2002 and last revised in 2016, is in line with the 2030 Agenda of the United Nations and its 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Given this reference, urban and spatial analyses are carried out across the various levels of governance of the country in order to monitor its development in terms of sustainability at all levels – both nationally as well as regionally and locally. As input to the Quadrennial Report of the United Nations related to urban development, it is the National Progress Report on Implementing the New Urban Agenda of the United Nations that, based on the SDGs and some of their 169 sub-goals, will especially consider aspects of the built environment in urban neighbourhoods, cities of different sizes, regions and the entire nation.



Activities Serving the SDGs

The SDGs are involved into various activities in the context of cities, urban neighbourhoods and buildings as well as the individual behaviour of citizens. BBSR's Global Urban Transformation Project shows that all these activities are part of integrated and interdisciplinary local transformation paths in cities of different sizes, e.g. in

- Hamburg (1.800.000 people)
Green, Fair and Growing City on the Waterfront
- Stuttgart (633.000 people)
Strategic 2030 Agenda Implementation Orientation
- Leipzig (560.000 people)
Integrated Urban Development Leipzig 2030 Concept
- Mannheim (308.000 people)
Guiding Mannheim 2030 Principles
- Jena (110.000 people) Jena 2030 Mobility Concept
- Arnsberg (75.000 people)
Sustainable Arnsberg 2030 Agenda
- Finsterwalde (18.000 people)
Future City in a predominantly rural area



SDG Indicator Set for Municipalities

Designing a specific toolbox for local authorities to measure their progress in sustainable development brought together as expert institutions in a joint initiative in Germany:

- Association of German Cities (DST)
- German Association of Towns and Municipalities (DStGB)
- German Association of Counties (DLT)
- German Institute of Urban Affairs (DIFU)
- Federal Institute for Research on Building, Urban Affairs and Spatial Development (BBSR)
- Bertelsmann Stiftung
- Service Agency Communities in One World (SKEW)

These institutions developed the SDG Indicator Set for Municipalities as a set of specific indicators, which is compatible with the Sustainability Strategy of Germany and may be aggregated across levels.



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