

Indicator 17.14.1: Number of countries with mechanisms in place to enhance policy coherence of sustainable development
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Theme	Domain	Yes/No	Points	Score	Supporting evidence
1. Institutionalized political commitment	Political commitment expressed/endorsed by the highest level	Yes	5	5	Development Planning Law: https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/175748 ; Sustainable Development Strategy of Latvia to 2030 (approved by Saeima 2010) Official publication in Latvian https://www.vestnesis.lv/ta/id/191187 ; English vers. http://www.pkc.gov.lv/sites/default/files/inline-files/LIAS_2030_en_0.pdf ; Rules of Procedures of the Cabinet (https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/325944); Single Portal for Development and Harmonisation of Draft Legal Acts (TAP portal) - (https://tapportals.mk.gov.lv/).
	Additional specific commitments (1 point each, maximum of 5 points):		5	4	
	• Set timelines for the achievement of policy coherence objectives;	No			
	• A dedicated budget;	No			
	• Defined roles and responsibilities;	Yes			Development Planning System Law https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/175748 stipulates - (4), (6), (7)
	• Regular reporting mechanism;	Yes			Development Planning System Law https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/175748 stipulates - (8),
	• Explicit consideration of international commitments;	Yes			Development Cooperation Policy Guidelines 2021-2027 (Attīstības sadarbības politikas plāns) 6.1-6.4
	• Other nationally relevant <i>commitment</i> .	Yes			By-law of the National Development Council https://likumi.lv/doc.php?id=263919 ; Saeima (parliament) Sustainable Development Commission https://ilgtspejigaattistiba.saeima.lv/
2. Long-term considerations	Long-term objectives going beyond the current electoral cycle included in national strategies	Yes	5	5	Sustainable Development Strategy of Latvia to 2030 Official publication in Latvian https://www.vestnesis.lv/ta/id/191187 ; in English https://www.pkc.gov.lv/sites/default/files/inline-files/LIAS_2030_en_1.pdf ; para27 in section on objectives....Latvia – "regarding sustainability of which we are responsible before the future generations". Longterm goals are elaborated in the Sustainable Development Strategy of Latvia to 2030. Official publication in Latvian https://www.vestnesis.lv/ta/id/191187 and and cascade down to the National Development Plan 2021-2027 objectives. https://www.pkc.gov.lv/sites/default/files/inline-files/NAP2027_ENG.pdf ; and sectoral policies, all are are mapped with the UN SDGs - https://www.pkc.gov.lv/iv/attistibas-planosana-latvija/ano-ilgtspejigas-attistibas-merki/iam-kartejums
	Additional specific mechanisms (1 point each, maximum of 5 points):		5	2	
	• A commissioner, council or ombudsperson for future generations;	No			No.
	• Other mechanisms of scrutiny or oversight on possible future effects;	No			No.
	• Mechanisms for regular appraisal of policies;	Yes			Procedure for Evaluating the Initial Impacts of Draft Legal Acts (ex ante assessment) https://likumi.lv/ta/id/325945-tiesibu-akta-projekta-sakotnejas-ietekmes-izvertesanas-kartiba (in Latvian); Development Planning System Law https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/175748 stipulates - (para 8); Regulation on Creating Development Planning Documents and their Impact Assessments https://likumi.lv/ta/id/270934-attistibas-planosanas-dokumentu-izstrades-un-ietekmes-izvertesanas-procedura . Law on Enviromental Impact Assessment https://likumi.lv/ta/id/49310
	• Impact assessment mechanisms; and	Yes			Procedures for Carrying Out a Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment https://likumi.lv/ta/id/86512-kartiba-kada-veicams-ietekmes-uz-vidi-strategiskais-novertejums
	• Other nationally relevant factors.	No			
3. Inter-ministerial and cross-sectoral coordination	National mechanism for regular coordination	No	5	0	Inter sectoral dialogue is mainstreamed in the government's decision making processes.
	Additional elements (maximum of 5 points):		5	5	
	• A mandate to make decisions regarding trade-offs (2 points);	Yes			The Cabinet of Ministers makes decisions on trade-offs when listening to the pro and con arguments on decisions that are contentious.
	• Coordination body is convened by a centralized government body (1 point);	Yes			The Cabinet of Ministers is the coordination body.
	• Coordination at both political level and technical level (1 point);	Yes			The Cabinet of Ministers
	• Mandate for aligning internal and external policies (1 point);	Yes			No.

	• Other nationally relevant mechanism (1 point).	No			By-law of the National Development Council https://likumi.lv/doc.php?id=263919 ;
4. Participatory processes	Relevant stakeholders are consulted at the early stages of development of laws, policies, plans, etc.	Yes	5	5	Rules of Procedures of the Cabinet https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/325944 https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/325944 Development Planning System Law https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/175748 Regulation on Creating Development Planning Documents and their Impact Assessments https://likumi.lv/ta/id/270934-attistibas-planosanas-dokumentu-izstrades-un-ietekmes-izvertesanas-noteikumi ; Spatial Development Planning Law (https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/238807) Sustainable Development Strategy of Latvia to 2030 (approved by Saeima 2010) Official publication in Latvian https://www.vestnesis.lv/ta/id/191187 ; English vers. http://www.pkc.gov.lv/sites/default/files/inline-files/LIAS_2030_en_0.pdf Single Portal for Development and Harmonisation of Draft Legal Acts (TAP portal) - https://tapportals.mk.gov.lv/ Procedure for Evaluating the Initial Impacts of Draft Legal Acts (ex ante assessment) https://likumi.lv/ta/id/325945-tiesibu-akta-projekta-sakotnejas-ietekmes-izvertesanas-kartiba (in Latvian)
	Additional elements (scored as follows):				
	• Consultations take place in a comprehensive manner at various stages of the policy cycle (1 point);	Yes	5	3	Procedures for Public Participation in the Development Planning Process https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/197033
	• Institutions disclose the rationale for not including inputs from consultations (2 points);	Yes			Rules of Procedures of the Cabinet https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/325944 https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/325944 para 33 and 68.
	• An accountability mechanism that allows public intervention (2 points).	No			The Constitution of the Republic of Latvia https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/57980 para 104.; Parliament information on the right of individuals to submit any interventions to the parliament https://www.saeima.lv/lv/sabiedribas-lidzdaliba/iesniegumi-un-priekslikumi ; Procedures for Public Participation in the Development Planning Process https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/197033 ;
5. Integration of the three dimensions of Sustainable Development, assessment of policy effects and linkages	A mechanism for assessing and addressing issues in terms of the contribution of a policy (new or existing) to broader sustainable development, including transboundary elements.	Yes	5	5	Procedure for Evaluating the Initial Impacts of Draft Legal Acts (ex ante assessment), para 9. https://likumi.lv/ta/id/325945-tiesibu-akta-projekta-sakotnejas-ietekmes-izvertesanas-kartiba (in Latvian) Guidelines for Evaluation Initial Impacts of Draft Legal Acts https://onedrive.live.com/?authkey=%21ANPN8vFW3M61km8&id=73C0E5B8DEDAD073%211664&cid=73C0E5B8DEDAD073&parId=root&parQt=sharedby&o=OneUp (in Latvian)
	Additional mechanisms (1 point each, maximum of 5 points):		5	3	
	• The application of the above mechanisms at all levels of government;	Yes			Development Planning System Law: https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/175748 ; Section No.11(4) and Section 12(7) of this law establishes requirements to ensure conformity of sub-national planning documents with national level planning documents.
	• An indicator framework for tracking policy effectiveness towards sustainable development;	No			
	• Cost-benefit analysis of policy impacts across all sectors;	Yes			Procedure for Evaluating the Initial Impacts of Draft Legal Acts (ex ante assessment): https://likumi.lv/ta/id/325945-tiesibu-akta-projekta-sakotnejas-ietekmes-izvertesanas-kartiba (in Latvian).Analysis is to be done and results are to be included into the annotation to the draft legal act. Draft policy documents should include a section on the impact of proposed policy measures on state and municipal budgets.
	• The identification of measures to mitigate potentially negative effects and to optimize synergies as part of policy and planning;	No			
	• The consideration of international spill-overs, such as cross-border and international impacts; and	Yes			Annual Report of the Minister of Foreign Affairs on the accomplishments and further work with respect to national foreign policy and the European Union 2022 https://www.mfa.gov.lv/en/media/7965/download?attachment
	• Other nationally relevant mechanisms.	No			
	Any of following mechanisms (5 points each, 10 points total – two mechanisms is enough for 10 points):				

6. Consultation and coordination across government levels	• Mechanisms to systematically collect the inputs of sub-national government entities;	Yes	10	10	Section 9 (3) of the Territorial development planning law sets out that Ministry for Environmental Protection and Regional Development provide opinions on the conformity of draft development strategies and development programmes of planning regions with national level spatial development planning documents and the requirements of laws and regulations. Section 9 (4) of the Territorial development planning law sets out that Ministry for Environmental Protection and Regional Development evaluates the conformity of local government spatial plans and local plans with laws and regulations, if it is necessary according to this law.
	• Arrangements for regular formal exchange between central government and subnational levels;	Yes			https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/238807 Section 9 (2) of the Spatial Development Planning Law sets out that Ministry for Environmental Protection and Regional Development methodically manages planning the development of the territory at regional and local levels
	• Mechanisms to ensure enhance substantive coherence (templates & checklists);	Yes			https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/238807 Section 9 (3) of the Spatial Development Planning Law sets out that Ministry for Environmental Protection and Regional Development provide opinions on the conformity of draft development strategies and development programmes of planning regions with national level spatial development planning documents and the requirements of laws and regulations. Section 9 (4) of the Territorial development planning law sets out that Ministry for Environmental Protection and Regional Development evaluates the conformity of local government spatial plans and local plans with laws and regulations, if it is necessary according to this law. Section 18 (2) of the Territorial development planning law sets out that The sustainable development strategy of a planning region shall be developed according to the State long-term strategic objectives laid down in the Sustainable Development Strategy of Latvia, taking into account the long-term development objectives laid down in long-term development strategies of adjacent planning regions and evaluating spatial development planning documents of the local governments contained in the relevant planning region. Section 19 (1) of the Territorial development planning law sets out that planning region development programme shall be developed according to the National Development Plan and the sustainable development strategy of a planning region, based on development programmes of local governments located within the relevant planning region, as well as taking into account the development programmes of adjacent planning regions.
	• Planning cycle timeframes that facilitate alignment.	Yes			Development Planning Law: https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/175748 ; Section No 8. Terms of Validity of Development Planning Documents
7. Monitoring and reporting for policy coherence	Monitoring and evaluation framework for policy coherence for sustainable development.	Yes	5	5	Development Planning Law: https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/175748 ; Section 12(8) of this law establishes requirements to submit biannual report on implementation of the National Development Plan and Latvia Sustainable development strategy 2030
	Aspects of policy coherence for sustainable development are integrated into reporting processes.	No	2	0	
	Data and information management system for sustainable development data.	No	3	0	
8. Financial resources and tools	Any of following (5 points each, 10 points total):		10	5	
	• Check-lists to ensure that plans and budgets reflect policy coherence for sustainable development;	No			
	• Integrated financial information systems.	No			
	• Mechanisms to ensure that cooperation funds are aligned with national policies and priorities.	Yes			Development Cooperation Policy Guidelines 2021-2027 https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/322455 ;
	• Additional points for mechanisms that could promote alignment between internal and external policy coherence.	No			
TOTAL			80	57	
Mechanisms in place to enhance policy coherence for sustainable development (%)				71.25	