



THE EU SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (SDS) – an environmental perspective

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OVERVIEW

1. WHAT IS THE EU SDS?

- *Policy context*
- *SDS related documents / strategies*

2. AIMS OF THE EU SDS?

3. WHAT IS THE CURRENT SITUATION?

4. WHAT ARE THE FUTURE CHALLENGES?

- *SDS review*

5. LINKS TO THE MA



1. WHAT IS THE EU SDS?

- *Not a single document*
- *Result of a multi-layer process*

- **RELEVANT POLICIES**

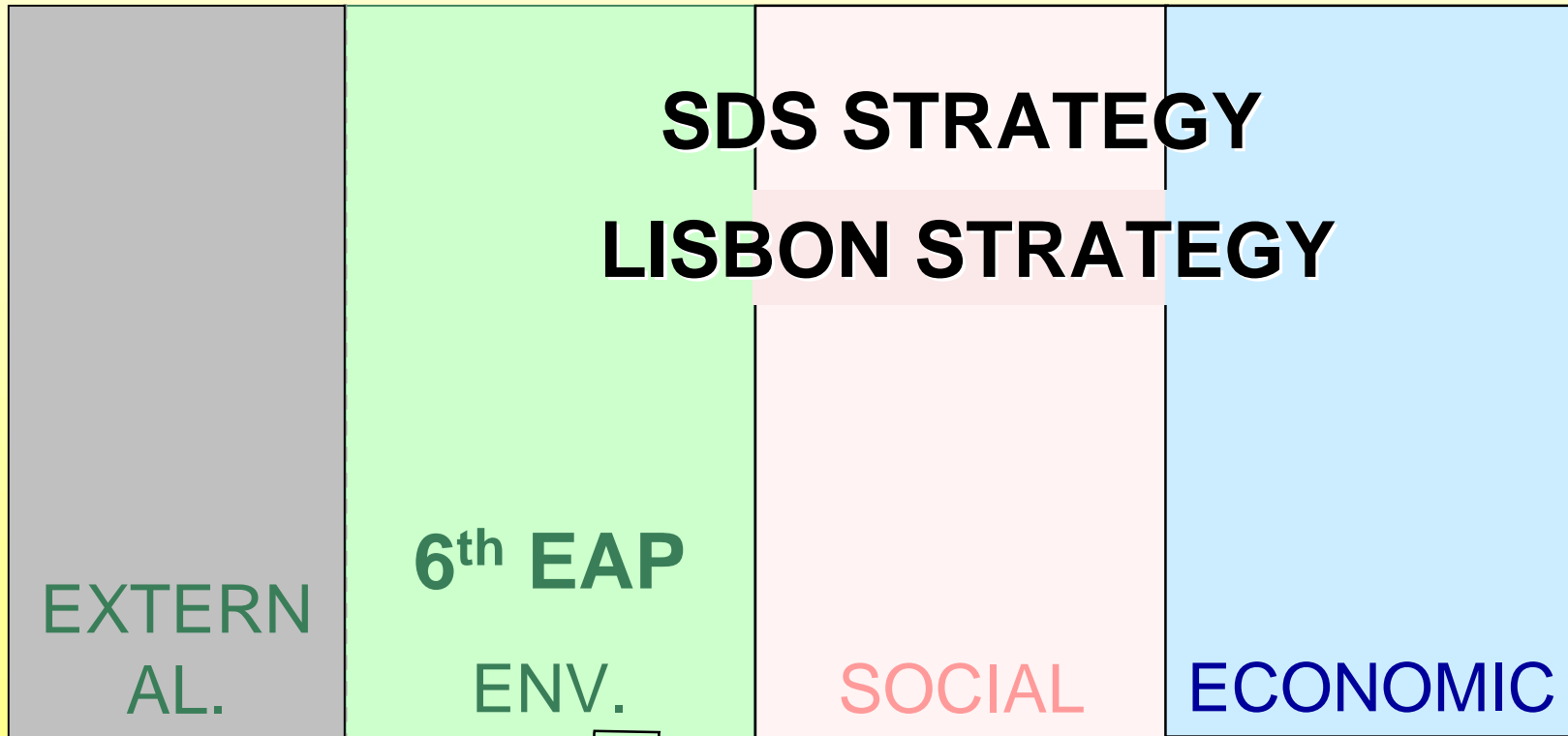
- **Cardiff (1998)** environment integration
 - **Lisbon (2000)** social and economic objectives to 2010
 - **Commission COM (2001) 264 (internal)**
 - **Gothenburg (2001)**
 - **Commission COM (2002) 82 (external)**
 - **WSSD Johannesburg (2002)**
 - **COM (2003)829 on WSSD+1 and EC reports to major events
Monterrey, Doha**
 - **March 2003 Spring Council**
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POLICY CONTEXT

EXT. - GLOBAL

INTERNAL - EU



INTEGRATION



2. AIMS OF THE EU SDS

- **Overall aim: Brundtland definition**

INTERNAL – COM (2001) 264 + Gothenburg conclusions

A. ADDRESSING UNSUSTAINABLE TRENDS IN 6 PRIORITY AREAS

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| 1. <i>Climate change</i> | 4. <i>Sustainable transport</i> |
| 2. <i>Public health</i> | 5. <i>Aging population</i> |
| 3. <i>Natural resources</i> | 6. <i>Social exclusion</i> |

B. NEW APPROACH TO POLICY MAKING

- *Improve policy coherence (IA)*
 - *Get prices right (MBI)*
 - *Improve communication and mobilize citizens and business*
 - *Invest in science and technology for the future (ETAP)*
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AIMS OF THE EU SDS

EXTERNAL – COM (2002) 82 + WSSD plan of implementation +
Spring 2003 European Council

- Harness **globalisation** – ensure **trade** supportive of SD
 - Fighting **poverty** and promote social development, MDG target to halve extreme poverty by 2015
 - Promote sustainable management of **natural and environmental resources** (Climate change, Energy, water, biodiversity, desertification, transport, fisheries, monitoring (GMES), sust prod+cons, CSR,...)
 - Improve **coherence** of EU policies
 - Ensure better **governance** at all levels (national, regional, global)
 - Ensure **financing** for SD (Monterrey, 0.7-0.33%, HIPC, Untying of aid, global public goods)
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3. CURRENT SITUATION

WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED?

A. INTERNAL PRIORITY AREAS

- *Climate change*: Ratification of Kyoto, Emission trading, Energy taxation Directive
- *Health*: REACH proposal
- *Resources*: IPP, CAP and CFP reforms, Natura 2000, Review of EC-BSAP (Malahide Message), Soil Strategy, Marine Strategy, Sustainable use of Natural Resources Strategy, CSR, ETAP
- *Transport*: Bio fuels Directive, Marco Polo programme (modal shift)
- Enlargement

B. NEW APPROACH TO POLICY MAKING

- Introduction of Impact Assessment (43 in 2003)
 - Sectoral integration (Cardiff process) - CAP and CFP reforms
 - 7 Thematic Strategies (6th EAP): integrated and participatory approach
 - Aarhus – transparency
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WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED?

C. EXTERNAL

Communication COM(2003)/829 on WSSD+1

- EUWI EU Water for Life initiative
 - EUEI EU Energy for Poverty Eradication and Sust Dev initiative and JREC (Johannesburg Renewable Energy Coalition)
 - FLEGT EU action plan of forest law enforcement, governance and trade
 - WTO DDA, STIC (Sustainable Trade and innovation Centres), SIA Trade agreements
 - Review of Development Cooperation programmes
 - Green Diplomacy Network
 - Everything but Arms, HIPC
 - 10 MS achieved 0.33% ODA/GNI objective 2003
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3. CURRENT SITUATION

SUMMARY OF CURRENT SITUATION...

- **SOME positive results**
 - Organic farming, air emissions, Climate Change, ODA, WSSD Initiatives...
- **But, in general, UNSUSTAINABLE TRENDS ARE NOT REVERSED**
 - Biodiversity loss, ghg emissions, renewables, fisheries, transport decoupling
- **INSTRUMENTS FOR POLICY COHERENCE STILL NEED TO DELIVER**
 - Slow progress in Cardiff integration process, e.g. insufficient mainstreaming of env in DEV policies
 - Insufficient vertical integration of national, EU and international strategies

EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE BUT PROGRESS STILL INSUFFICIENT



4. FUTURE CHALLENGES

- **CHANGING POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES**
 - Recent focus on growth and competitiveness
 - **ENLARGEMENT**
 - Cohesion + Structural funds
 - **KEEP ENVIRONMENT HIGH ON THE AGENDA (LISBON VS SDS / GOTHENBURG)**
 - Mobilise political and societal support for SD
 - Highlight SD concerns in new financial perspectives
 - **TAKE A POSITIVE APPROACH**
 - Win-Win, Environmental Technologies
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FUTURE CHALLENGES

- **Review of the SDS Strategy**
 - start now with stakeholder questionnaire, new communication in early 2005
 - Integration of SDS into Lisbon Agenda
 - Merging of internal and external part
 - Integration of recent global developments
 - **Make the link between MDGs and WSSD/MEA targets, be ready for UN Major Event Sept. 2005**
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5. LINKS TO THE MA

- Help basing decisions on sound scientific knowledge –provide part of scientific base for external aspects of SDS review
 - Make the case for biodiversity / MDG link
 - Demonstrate local-national-**regional**-global cause effect relationships
 - Highlight EU's impact on SD in third countries and ways to reduce negative impacts
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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