



Monitoring the SDGs in an EU context

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MARS Workshop: Citizen Empowerment for the Agenda 2030
and Access to Digital Data

Agenda 2030 in the EU



In 2016:

- *Commission Communication 'Next steps for a sustainable European future'*

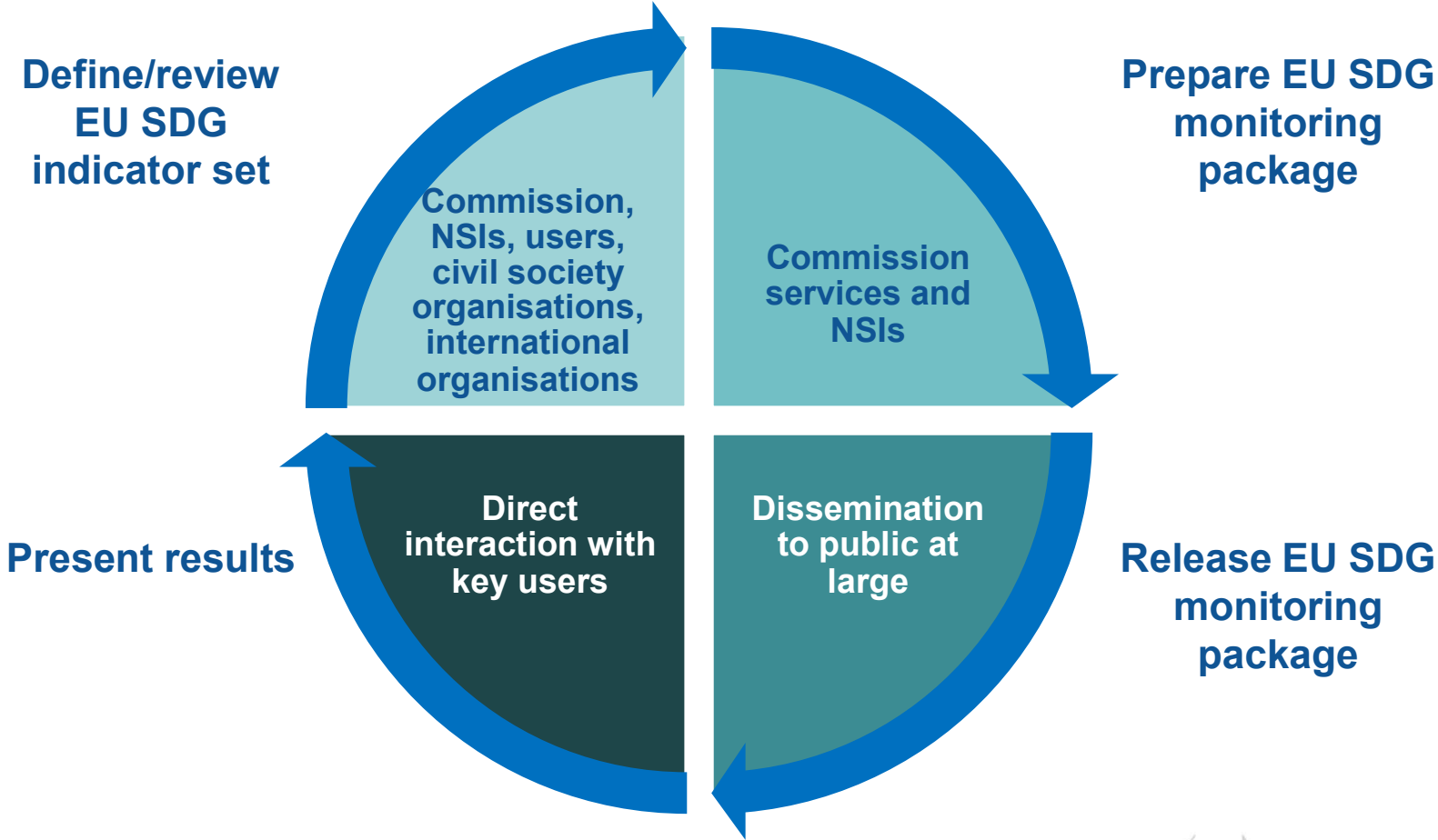
«From 2017 onwards, the Commission will carry out more detailed regular monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals in an EU context, developing a reference indicator framework for this purpose»

In 2019:

- *Reflection paper 'Towards a sustainable Europe by 2030'*
« outlines the EU commitments to delivering on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – through internal and external policies»

EU SDG monitoring cycle: key phases & main actors

(in addition to Eurostat)



EU SDG indicator set 2019: main characteristics

- **99** different indicators, evenly distributed across the 17 SDGs
- **41** multipurpose indicators (i.e. used for more than 1 SDG), reinforcing links between goals and narrative of reporting
- **87** indicators updated annually
- **65** indicators from official statistics, **34** from non-official sources
- **55** aligned with UN SDG indicators

In addition, **18** indicators 'on hold' – ongoing work for possible future inclusion in EU SDG set



Overview of EU-28 progress towards the SDGs over the past 5 years, 2019

(Data mainly refer to 2012-2017 or 2013-2018)



Non-official statistical data sources for environmental EU SDG indicators

- *Earth observation data from COPERNICUS: Ocean acidity (SDG 14) and soil sealing index (SDG 15)*
- *Data based on voluntary data collection exercises:*
 - **European Bird Census Council: Bird Index for common species, forest and farmland species (SDG 2 and SDG 15)**
 - **Butterfly Conservation Europe: Butterfly Index (SDG 15)**
- *Outlook: plan to use more data from citizens science and big data – Eurostat task force*



EU SDG monitoring package

Monitoring report & Brochure



Dedicated website

Statistics

Digital publication

Online database

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Eurostat's EU SDG dedicated website:
<http://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/sdi/overview>