

## **Invitation: CONCORD Europe Report Launch**

"A Test of the EU's Integrity Towards the 2030 Agenda: The Status of **Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development**"



## Tuesday, January 18th, 2022 2.00pm - 4.00pm CET online

Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development (PCSD) is a crucial element in achieving the 2030 Agenda worldwide. PCSD aims to address negative spillover effects of EU domestic policies on partner countries, and to ensure that the partners' efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda goals are not undermined. That is why it is so important that PCSD be high on every government's or institution's agenda at all levels of decision-making, and that the instruments and mechanisms to monitor progress be institutionalised.

To address this, CONCORD Europe is launching a report, entitled "A Test of the EU's Integrity Towards the 2030 Agenda: The Status of Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development". The report tracks existing PC(S)D mechanisms in Sweden, Belgium, Germany, Spain, Slovenia, the Netherlands, Italy, Czech Republic, Austria, and the European Commission. The focus is particularly on mechanisms that have been, or could be, put in place in line with the SDG indicator 17.14.1. The study pays special attention to the objective of addressing trade-offs or negative spillover effects of domestic policies in the EU or its Member States, on the Global South.

The goal of the report is to encourage EU Member States and the European Commission to commit to, implement and report on PC(S)D by reinforcing or creating mechanisms for it, and ensure that the focus on countries in the Global South is not lost, especially in times of COVID recovery. The purpose of the launch event is to share learnings, and highlight promising practices on PC(S)D in the Member States and European Commission.

## The discussion will explore the following questions:

- What could be possible next steps to support EU Member States in enhancing their implementation of PCSD/SDG 17.14.1, and to improve the work between the EU and **EU Member States?**
- Given we know what is needed, what do EU Member States/the European Commission see as the main obstacles to better implementation?
- What role does the reporting of EU Member States on PCD to the EU play for the implementation of PCSD/ SDG 17.14.1?









The launch event will feature a panel discussion between EU Member State government officials, and representatives from civil society organisations and EU institutions.

Time	Thematic
14:00-14:05	Introduction of the speakers and programme
14:05-14:15	Opening remarks by Tanya Cox, CONCORD Europe Director
14:15-14:45	Presentation on the key findings of the report
14:45-15:15	Panel discussion with speakers facilitated by moderator
15:15-15:45	Q&A with the public
15:45-16:00	Conclusion

Please find the zoom link to join the launch event here: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86413279582?pwd=UTc3R2kzVUhZZmFwej A3dGt5QUlwQT09















