



## VNR LABS HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL FORUM

**Advancing integrated SDG planning and implementation:  
the role of Voluntary National Reviews and Voluntary Local Reviews**

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Secretariat Building 15th floor, Rooms 1522 and 1523

### The Italian experience

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# The four keywords of the “*Italian approach*”

**1. National Strategy for Sustainable Development** (2030 Agenda in Italy) as reference framework and roadmap to the future

**2. «Localizing the SDGs»** - Territories at the **core** of the practical and effective implementation

**3. Participation** of, and among, institutions, territorial bodies and non-state actors, as *ordinary* working method to ensure horizontal and vertical cooperation – **multilevel and multi-stakeholder governance**

**4. Policy coherence for sustainable development** for the full implementation of 2030 Agenda principles and objectives and for **multi-level and sectoral integration**

# SD enabling conditions *for* localising

**TERRITORIES**  
*localising the*  
*SDGs*

**Local governance**  
(steering committees and interactions)

**Sustainability frameworks**  
(SD strategies - PCSD)

**Pilot actions**  
(concentrate funding - prioritize)



**17.14.1**  
**(community of practice)**

**Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development**

**Governance**  
(multilevel collaboration)

Sustainability assessment for public policies

Monitoring the achievement of NSDS objectives

**Culture for sustainability**

Education and training

Information and Communication

**Collaborative institutions and innovative partnerships**

Collaborative institutions

Active engagement

# Italy for SD



**18** Regional Strategies for SD approved

**3** Regional Strategies for SD under definition



**10** Metropolitan Agenda for SD approved

**5** Metropolitan Agenda for SD under definition

## VNR and VLRs as a part of an integrated and multilevel system



Innovative and incremental learning process: VNR with and for territories

Promoting and supporting the definition of **Voluntary Local Reviews**

**18** between Regions and Metropolitan cities, **12 integrated VLR** in 2022

Sharing experiences and methods

**VOLUNTARY NATIONAL REVIEW ITALY 2022**

**2** Undertaking 2030 Agenda: the NSDS System

**3** Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development (PCSD)

**4** Localising the SDGs

**5** Stakeholders engagement

**6** Progress on objectives and targets: new and emerging challenges

**7** The implementation of Agenda 2030: the external dimension 2017-2022

Perspectives and further trajectories for the NSDS system

# COLLABORATIVE TERRITORIAL AGREEMENTS 2024

**Vector 1**  
Policy Coherence for sustainable development

**Vision**  
(governance and multilevel collaboration)

**Assessment**  
(sustainability assessment for public policies)

**Monitoring**  
(integrated monitoring of NSDS's objectives)

multilevel governance



sub-national and local strategies for SD and PCSD

**VLRs**



mapping initiatives on SD



indicators and monitoring



Action	strengthening of the Territorial Steering Committee	collaboration across Territorial Steering Committees	Working Groups engaging local governments	Labs for PCSD multilevel, multistakeholder and multisectoral	update of sub-national strategies for SD	aligning sub-national strategies for SD with other plans/programs	Agendas for SD by aggregation of municipalities	mapping of initiatives contributing to SDS implementation at all levels	policy coherence matrixes (PCSD NAP)	impact assessment tools and policy performance evaluation on SD	Localizing the 55 indicators of the NSDS	monitoring of the NSDS enabling conditions (Sustainability Vectors) at local level
<b>TOTAL</b>	7	14	12	3	16	14	9	8	10	15	19	4
<b>REGIONS/PA</b>	6	8	5	1	12	9	4	3	7	11	11	3
<b>METROPOLITAN CITIES</b>	2	6	7	2	3	5	4	5	3	6	8	1

# COLLABORATIVE TERRITORIAL AGREEMENTS 2024

**Vector 2**  
Culture for sustainability

Education and training

Information & e Communication

Territorial Educational Pacts



networks



training and empowering



communication tools/young generations



Action	Territorial Educational Pacts	cultural spaces (e.g., museums) to become hubs for SD	strengthening and broadening of the INFEAS network	training modules on innovative governance skills fit for SD (inside the organization)	training modules on innovative governance skills fit for SD addressed to municipalities	training modules fit for SD addressed to experts and private sector	communication/awareness-raising tools addressed to policymakers	communication tools elaborated in partnership with young generations representatives	civic spaces and participatory monitoring
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>REGIONS/PA</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>METROPOLITAN CITIES</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

# COLLABORATIVE TERRITORIAL AGREEMENTS 2024

engagement of young generations  
**YOUTH VOLUNTARY REVIEWS**

Territorial Forum for SD



**Vector 3**  
Participation for sustainable development

Active engagement

Collaboration & Partnership

Innovative Partnerships



Co-designing



	strengthening and enabling the Territorial Forum for SD	engagement of young generations	Facilitation of Territorial Forum for SD meetings	engagement into the Territorial Working Groups (MASE-Regions/PA/Metropolitan Cities)	peer learning events across sub-national administrations	coordination meetings with municipalities for the implementation of Agendas for SD	Innovative Partnerships (institutions, private sector, young generations)	co-designing innovative solutions for SD to be applied by institutions, enterprises, start-up and non-state organizations
<b>TOTAL</b>	9	6	7	10	5	10	11	4
<b>REGIONS/PA</b>	3	4	4	5	3	4	4	2
<b>METROPOLITAN CITIES</b>	4	1	3	5	1	4	5	3



# SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

## NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

(coordinating 2030 Agenda implementation)

### OBJECTIVES AND TARGETS

**MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE**  
(SD strategies and agendas)



NSDS multilevel monitoring

Voluntary National Review

Annual report on the NSDS

Periodic revision of the NSDS and related territorial strategies

**ITALIAN GUIDELINES**  
for  
Voluntary  
Local Reviews



Through a project funded by the NSDS, a **pilot Youth Local Review in Met city of Florence** has been tested, aiming at also stimulating sharing and collaboration with the other metropolitan cities and regions in order to **increase youth engagement in SD processes**.



**Public platform**

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**1000 people  
14/30y**

**COLLECTING  
YOUTH'S  
PERSPECTIVES  
ON THE SDGS**



**DATA  
ANALYSIS  
AND  
DRAFTING**



**VALIDATING  
YLR**



**SPREADING  
AND  
SHARING**



**Physical and virtual  
engagement**

**Listening and active learning**  
(photovoice)

**Game** as a key tool (role  
games, discussion games, word  
cafe, hackaton..)

**Texts and social  
interactions** analysis

Shared **indicators** analysis

Collecting of  
**recommendations and  
priorities**

**YLR** preliminary draft

Pilot youth group

Project steering  
committee

**Community level**  
(supporting further  
engagement and relationship  
with Met agenda for SD)

In **multilevel gov system**  
(to promote exchanges)

**International level**

# Thank you!



<https://www.mase.gov.it/pagina/national-sustainable-development-strategy>

<https://hlpf.un.org/countries/italy/voluntary-national-review-2022>