Focus area 7. Energy

Ensure access to affordable, sustainable, and reliable modern energy for all

a) by 2030 ensure universal access to sustainable modern energy services[1]
b) double[1] the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix by 2030[1]
c) double[1] the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency, including in buildings, industry, agriculture and transport, by 2030[1]
d) by 2030 increase by x% the share of clean and low- or zero-emission energy technologies, including sustainable biomass and advanced cookstoves[1]
e) by 2030 phase out fossil fuel subsidies[1] that encourage wasteful consumption[1]

Appropriate means of implementation

Comments:

- Support an ambitious stand – alone goal on energy, in line with the SE4All initiative;
- In this regard, Romania fully supports and prioritize targets a, b, and c as currently formulated and in agreement with SE4All;
- As regards target e), while we are not theoretically against phasing out fossil fuels, we've seen that there is no agreed definition of a fossil fuel subsidy and it would be difficult to reach an agreement to set specific goals or indicators to measure subsidies.
- However, we took note of the explanation on efficient vs. inefficient fossil fuel subsidies, and are supportive of including 'inefficient'. Target would read: **by 2030 phase out fossil fuel inefficient subsidies[1] that encourage wasteful consumption[1]**

Focus area 8. Economic growth, employment and infrastructure

Promote sustainable, inclusive and sustained economic growth and decent jobs for all

a) sustain income growth of the bottom 40% of the income distribution of each country to reduce income inequalities by 2030[1]
b) achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all who seek employment including for marginalized groups by 2030[1]
c) halve the number of youth not in employment, education or training by 2020[1]
d) by 2030 improve by x% the energy and resource productivity of economic activities[1] and reduce by y% their waste and emissions per unit of output[1]
e) create appropriate climate for SMEs, entrepreneurship and innovation by 2020 [1]

f) increase the share of high productivity sectors and activities in the economy[1], and strengthen productive capacities through technological upgrading and greater value addition, with a particular focus on LDCs[1]

g) develop sustainable infrastructure accessible to all[1], with attention to needs of countries in special situations[1], and by 2030 provide access for 100% of rural populations to basic infrastructure and services[1]

h) protect the rights of all workers, including migrant workers, in compliance with ILO fundamental rights at work[1]

i) end child labour by 2030[1]

j) encourage formalization of informal sector activities and employment[1]

Appropriate means of implementation

Comments:

- We support the goal as currently formulated in the title

- On target b), while we fully support a target on full and productive employment, we would encourage further mainstreaming human rights approach and add, at the end, "women, youth and people with disabilities"

- This will lead to a slight contradiction with target c), at least on the employment references. We suggest streamlining the text.

- Target d) we are pleased to see a target that addresses environmental concerns and mainly the call on decoupling economic growth from environmental degradation. However, we notice that this target in part duplicated with 7c) and 11 b) or c). Increasing resource productivity is critical for SCP, and reducing waste and emissions are prime means for achieving this.

- We want to see a better balance of the environmental dimension.

- We support target e, g, h

- We propose adding a target on women economic empowerment which addresses participation in labour force, developing skills to meet labour market needs