



# The 2030 Agenda: a global plan for interrelated challenges



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# About the 2030 Agenda

**Previously:** Millennium Development Goals 2000-2015

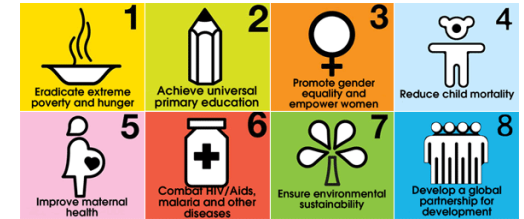
**Adoption in 2015** (all 193 UN member states)

**Extensive consultation:** working groups, CSOs, countries, public participation etc.

**International responsibility**

**17 Sustainable Development Goals & 169 targets**

*"Leave no one behind"*





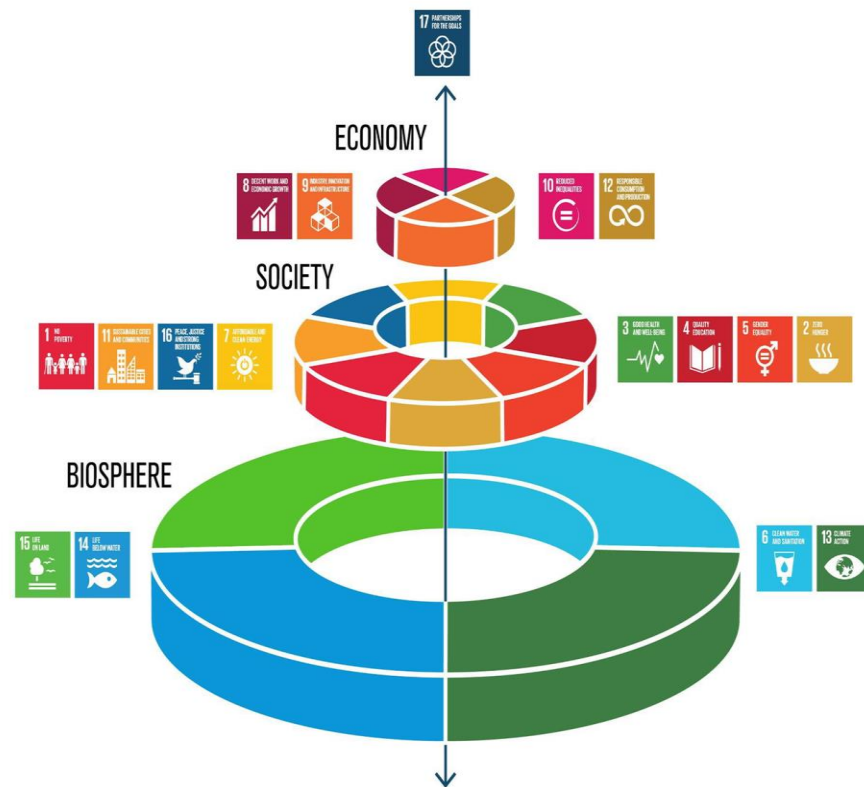
# About the 2030 Agenda

**3 dimensions:** economic, social, environmental

**Integrated approach:**

Shift to cross-sectoral, multi-level perspective

Focus on interconnectedness



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aus Mitteln des Projekts „Make Europe Sustainable For All“

# Criticism and achievements



- Economic goal(s) based on growth
- Lack of precise definitions, indicators
- Trade-offs between goals

However:

- Agreement achieved – Compromise/trade-offs natural
- Different application – open definitions
- Despite flaws: important **global** plan with shared responsibility

# Sustainable Development and COVID-19

## Aggravated economic, ecological and social challenges

→ restructure and "Build Back Better" with the 2030 Agenda :

- Change consumption and production patterns
- Reinforced focus on Climate, biodiversity, natural habitats
- Reduce inequalities

**Goal: resilient environment, society and economy to withstand further crises**



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Cross-sectoral network of CSOs and NGOs

**Founded in 2017** (80 members)

**Members today: >200**

**Goal:** ambitious implementation of the SDGs in Austria

**Activities:**

- **Events**, e.g. conference: annual SDG Forum
- **Political advocacy** (dialogue with politicians, etc.)
- **Information and networking**



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# Progress in Austria?

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- 2030 Agenda in government program 2020–2024
- Inter-ministerial working group (IMAG)
- July 2020: 1st Voluntary National Review (VNR)
- Need for: SDG budgeting + “SDG checks” for laws and strategies



**“We have mapped the road to sustainable development; it will be for all of us to ensure that the journey is successful and its gains irreversible.”**

(2030 Agenda resolution, p. 12)

*2020-2030: Decade of Action!*



# Thank you!



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