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Reviewing the Austrian Strategy of Sustainable Development

Background and Experience



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Contents of the Austrian SDS



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- The concept of Sustainable Development and its status in Austria
- 20 key objectives including related indicators
- Implementation



- Bodies (steering group, committee, forum)
- Working procedure (work programme, progress report)
- Evaluation / monitoring

The Learning Strategy principle

Examples of Tools



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- Measure database
- Indicator report

External Evaluation



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Currently being implemented

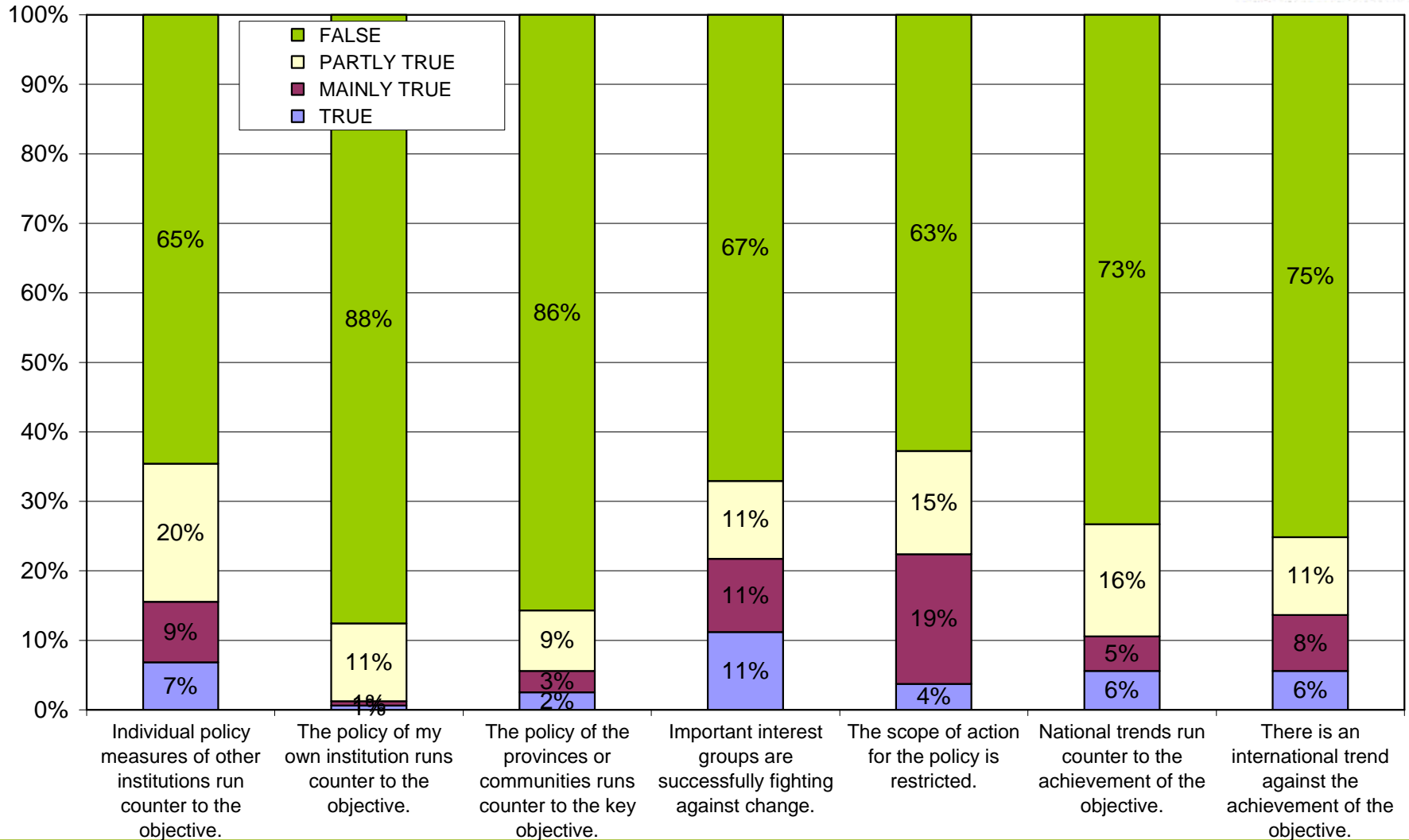
- Implementation mechanisms
institutions, tools
- Implementation activities
measures, projects



Methods

- Document analysis and interviews
(to evaluate institutions and tools)
- Standardised questionnaires
(to evaluate measures)
- Deeper analysis
(for 20 measures a further survey and workshop)

External Evaluation





External Evaluation

Questioning of project managers – core statements

➤ Project significance in one's own institution:

Accordance with the main targets and action fields of our own institution – therefore more likely to be supported.

Support in other ministries is rather more restrained.

➤ Project perception:

In the public or through the media: about a third is clearly perceived;

through target groups and our own management level, about half is clearly perceived;

through other departments/institutions low perception.

Conclusion



A successful implementation of a Sustainable Development Strategy requires a wide variety of evaluation, review and assessment elements