

Part III: Annexed draft profile on national sustainable development strategies; indicators for sustainable development

2. Information on indicators for sustainable development

2.1. Federal indicators

Name of indicator set: Belgium does not have yet, as such, a set of officially endorsed Indicators for Sustainable Development (ISD). However a set of 44 ISD for Belgium has been published in the third Belgian Federal Report (which, as part of the Federal Strategy, has to assess, on the basis of ISDs, both the existing situation and the policy that is conducted). This set, which is now updated and extended to 88 ISDs over 51 Sustainable Development issues, has been discussed in a Round table (see additional information).

Indicators website: <http://www.sustdev.plan.be>

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Additional Information: The Federal Council for Sustainable Development has made a recommendation concerning a set of 32 ISDs for Belgium (14 key indicators, 6 explanatory indicators and 12 complementary indicators) however some of these indicators have not yet been developed. This is a result from debates between representatives of the civil society, partly based on the existing lists at the EU and UN levels and on the Federal Report table of indicators mentioned above at the Belgian Federal level.

As part of a larger Federal process on ISDs, a Round table organised by the Minister in charge of Sustainable Development has discussed the new set of 88 indicators dispatched over 51 issues in March 2009, as well as a number of other indicators sets or synthetic indicators used by the civil society (FSCD, environmental NGOs, trade unions, scientific community, employers' federation,...).

On this basis the fifth federal report will not only publish (in October 2009) the indicators set of 88 indicators, but also analyse strengths and weaknesses of five synthetic (composite and aggregated) indicators as well as connections between ISD and long term. However, to derive from such a process a real sustainable development dashboard, a larger societal debate is still needed.

2.2. Regional indicators

Name of indicator set: *Omgevingsindicatoren duurzame ontwikkeling in Vlaanderen*

Indicators website:

http://www2.vlaanderen.be/duurzameontwikkeling/downloads/indexpagina/MonitorDO_2009.pdf

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Additional Information: 27 indicators for 10 subjects were chosen in the European indicators for sustainable development ('Measuring progress towards a more sustainable Europe – 2007

monitoring report of the EU sustainable development strategy'). The selection was based on 3 criteria: (i) comparison between Flanders and other countries/regions; (ii) comparison in the time; (iii) use of internationally validated indicators.