

2007 NSDS PROFILE: FINLAND
Information on National Sustainable Development Strategy (NSDS)
or its equivalent

Country	Finland
Strategy Title	Towards sustainable choices. A nationally and globally sustainable Finland. The national strategy for sustainable development (Prime Minister's Office Publications, 2006)
NSDS Website	http://www.ymparisto.fi/download.asp?contentid=57597&lan=fi
Coordinating Body (Name&Website)	Finnish National Commission on Sustainable Development (FNCSO) (established 1993) http://www.environment.fi/sustainabledevelopment
Strategy Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NSDS being implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Under development <input type="checkbox"/> No NSDS
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Additional information:	(The NSDS website as well as this information below can be publicly available on the UN website) The National Strategy for Sustainable Development was adopted by the FNCSO in June 2006 and by the Council of State in December 2006 (Decision-in-Principle). The implementation of the strategy is underway and the main responsibility for the implementation lies with the Government. The strategy is based on three key national development challenges: climate change, globalisation and demographic change. In addition to climate change, the most significant challenges on the global scale are related to global poverty and inequality, as well as population growth. The objective for sustainable development strategy is to combine the sustainable use, management and protection of natural capital with citizens' well-being and ensuring the integrity of society so that the result is a competent Finland that utilises its strengths in a sustainable manner. According to the strategy, sustainable resolution of the national and global challenges requires simultaneous and mutually supportive short and long-term policy actions at the Finnish, EU and global level.

	<p>The quantitative assessment and monitoring of the implementation of the targets has only just begun. The first results of the progress can be expected in connection with the national assessment report in late autumn 2007. The national assessment has been linked to the evaluation cycles of the EU Sustainable Development Strategy (SDS). Finland submitted its progress report on implementation of the EU SDS in June 2007.</p>
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