



**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT
AND PHYSICAL PLANNING**
Republic of Macedonia

2004 SURVEY FOR REPORTING
ON
NATIONAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES
(NSDS)

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, MOEPP (in accordance with the Government Conclusion from 25 September 2001) is a National Coordinator for coordinating the activities for implementation of the recommendations and goals from Agenda 21.

According to the Government Decision (December 2002), the Government of Republic of Macedonia obliged the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, to start the preparatory activities for developing NSDS of the Republic of Macedonia.

The Government of the Republic of Macedonia, on its 78th Session, held on March 29, 2004, designated the Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning to be a coordinator of the activities related to developing a National Sustainable Development Strategy.

Sustainable Development National Council is not established yet.

According to the "Council Decision on the principles, priorities and conditions contained in the European Partnership with the Republic of Macedonia", adopted by the Council of the European Union on 15 June, 2004 (the European Partnership for the Republic of Macedonia is based on the provisions of the Council Regulation (EC) no. 533/2004 and it states short-term and mid-term priorities concerning the preparations of the Republic of Macedonia for further integration with the European Union), under short-term priorities, sector environment, states: "Develop a National Strategy for Sustainable Development in accordance with the acquis, including comprehensive plan for implementation of the recommendations specified in the conclusions of the World United Nations Summit on Sustainable Development, in Johannesburg 2002".

At the same time, the "National Strategy of the Republic of Macedonia for integration into EU", in the chapter: Protection of the environment, specified that: "For the purpose of achieving the strategic goal of sustainability of the overall development of the Republic of Macedonia, National Strategy for Sustainable Development of RM will be developed".

Furthermore, development of the National Strategy for Sustainable Development of the Republic of Macedonia, is planned to start next year.



SURVEY

Please indicate the stages of NSDS (see Annex II for the list of key characteristics) development/implementation in your country, by responding to the questions below:

1. Is your country implementing an approved NSDS or its equivalent?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If No, go directly to question #2

If Yes:

- a) Do you have a national body designated to implement and/or monitor your country's NSDS (or its equivalent)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Please give the year it started: _____

Please also give the name and composition of such a body:

- b) How is your NSDS (or its equivalent) being implemented? Please give specific actions/activities undertaken for this purpose: _____

- c) Is the implementation of NSDS (or its equivalent) being monitored and evaluated?

☐ Monitored on a regular basis

☐ Not monitored on a regular basis

☐ Has been evaluated

☐ Has not yet been evaluated

2. Does your country have a NSDS* or its equivalent approved by the government but not yet implemented?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please give the name of NSDS or its equivalent and the year of approval:

Name: _____

Year of approval: _____

Countries which are already implementing NSDS: please skip questions # 3-5

* For countries with federal governments, this may mean having a federal strategy for sustainable development.



3. Has your country already developed an NSDS, but not yet formally approved?

- ☐ Yes, a NSDS has been developed, waiting for a formal approval;
☐ NSDS is under development.

If your country is in the process of developing an NSDS, has there been:

- ☐ Multi-stakeholder consultations;
☐ Training or workshops undertaken;
☐ National coordination body established or designated?

✓ No, NSDS has not yet been developed but under consideration.

4. If your country does not have NSDS process (or its equivalent) in place, do you have any of the following components that could contribute to an NSDS (please check all that apply):

✓ Poverty Reduction Strategy (PRS)

☐ National Development Plan

✓ National Environmental Action Plan

☐ Other – please specify:

- Spatial Plan of the Republic of Macedonia
- National Strategy of the Republic of Macedonia for integration into European Union
- National Strategy for Energy Efficiency
- National Strategy for Economic Development of Republic of Macedonia
- National Environment-Health Action Plan
- Agricultural Development Strategy in the Republic of Macedonia to 2005, etc.

Concretely, in the Republic of Macedonia are prepared the following documents supportive for developing of the National Sustainable Development Strategy (NSDS):

- Conceptual Approach in the Creation and Implementation of the NSDS of the Republic of Macedonia (2000)
- National Assessment Report on Sustainable Development (2002)
- Research Concept supportive to the creation and implementation of the NSDS of Republic of Macedonia (2003)
- Guidelines for preparing Local Agenda 21 (2003)

5. ☐ Click here if no action has been taken regarding NSDS or its equivalent

6. If your country has developed PRS but not NSDS,

Does your country's PRS incorporates and integrates environmental, economic and social aspects of development?

☐ Yes ✓ No

Comments: In the National Strategy for Poverty Reduction in the Republic of Macedonia the environmental aspects are not incorporated.

7. If your country has developed both NSDS and PRS, is PRS linked to NSDS?

☐ Yes ☐ No



8. Does your PRS or NSDS addresses Millenium Development Goals (MDGs) in your country?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Comments: The PRSP partialy adress some of the aspects which are related with Millenium Development Goals (MDGs).

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