



# Introduction to Topics I-III

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# Overview Topics I-III

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- **Topic I = Participation in the NSDS context**
  - **Topic II = Participation in NSDS preparation**
  - **Topic III = Participation in NSDS implementation**
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- **Topic I                   => intro & general challenges**
- **Topics II & III       => NSDS phase related & specific challenges**



# Preparation ⇔ Implementation?

## Preparation phase:

- @ strategic level
- focuses on broader issues & objectives

## Implementat. phase:

- @ more techn. level
- concentrates on specific strategy objectives



**e.g. different stakeholders & processes necessary?**

# Topic I – Participation & NSDS

**Experience in EU 27 shows:**

- **Linking top-down & bottom-up initiatives is difficult**
- **NSDS often discussed in expert circles & not known to society as such**
- **Integrating results of participation in strategy is a challenge**



# Questions Topic I

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- 1. How best to link top-down (national) & bottom-up (stakeholders, subnational) dynamics by participatory mechanisms?**  
**=> e.g. *Bund & Länder* in Germany**
- 2. How can sectoral, regional & local participatory mechanisms contribute to NSDS processes?**  
**=> e.g. Forest Dialogue Austria, regional round tables, LA 21 initiatives**



# Questions Topic I

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**3. How can participatory mechanisms achieve better understanding & commitment in society for NSDS objectives?**

**=> e.g. better relation of citizens to NSDS process. - Who has ever heard of SD?**

**4. What are the major challenges to use the results of participatory mechanisms in the further development/implementation of NSDS?**

**=> e.g. how to deal with conflicting views?  
documentation, disclosure, etc.**



# Topic II – Participation & Preparation

## NSDS preparation

= phase of developing an NSDS

+ phase of revising the initial document  
(renewed NSDS)

COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL AND THE  
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

On the review of the Sustainable Development Strategy

platform for action

**Renewed!**



# Questions Topic II

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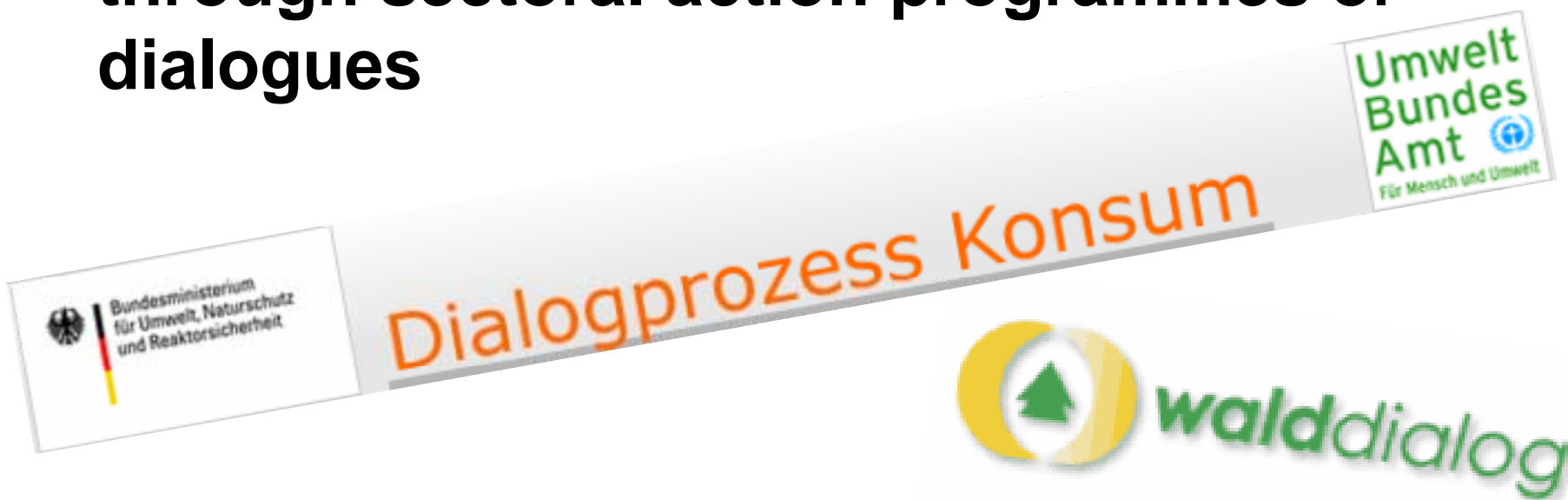
- 1. What are the major objectives & benefits of applying a participatory process in NSDS preparation? Which participatory mechanisms best fit the requirements of preparing an NSDS?**
- 2. How best to guarantee meaningful stakeholder involvement?**
- 3. How can the results of the participatory mechanisms best be included in the preparation of an NSDS?**



## Topic III – Participation & Implementation

### NSDS Implementation

= filling NSDS commitments with life, e.g. through sectoral action programmes or dialogues





# Questions Topic III

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- 1. What are the different requirements for participatory processes in NSDS implementat. compared to NSDS preparation?**
- 2. What are the major differences, advantages & challenges between ad-hoc & institutionalised forms of participation? Which form fits best for what stage of the policy process?**
- 3. How can the results of the participatory mechanisms best be included in NSDS impl. & how does this differ from NSDS preparation?**



# The Four CREA Questions

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