European 2020 Strategy

Key recommendations

Conflicts and actors:
• Citizens and civil society should be actors
• Bring in the citizens needs and creative ideas
• Look for a partnership with citizens and civil society
• Adequate information to citizens and options for participation
• Skip the October date and take a year for a broad national/regional debates on NRPs
• Formulate conclusions in the national parliaments
• Conflicts between different sectors can be expected

Policy coordination:
• Creating of a coordinating commissioner for sustainability
• Improve/strengthen the “OMC” (controversial)
• Push forward the evaluation of the EU SDS and use the results for Europe 2020 (controversial)
Key recommendations

Policy tools:
- Cohesion policy for next period needs very strong focus on SD policies
- Cohesion fund support for national targets
- “Warning mechanisms” should have policy “consequences”
- “Warning mechanisms” could be combined with the scoreboard, which should be based on EU SDIs
- Stronger links between NSDSs and NRPs (although keeping them separated)
- Flagship initiative “Resource efficient Europe” should have same attention as the others
- Institutional imbalance – need of environmental policy committee for Europe 2020

Coordination with other strategies:
- Long term vision of what the EU should look like in 40 years (involving stakeholders and coordinated by the Council)
- “Thematic/Sectoral” strategies (including EU 2020) should be reviewed regularly to be in line with vision and emerging issues
- Financial perspectives should not only reflect EU 2020, but also link to vision based on SD
- Global SDS is needed + strong government mechanism(s) for its implementation