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EU Sustainable Development Indicators:
Monitoring the Sustainable Development Strategy

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Eurostat D1 - Key indicators for European policies
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1. Background
33. The Commission will ... draw on a comprehensive set of sustainable development indicators (SDIs), taking into account the EUROSTAT SD Monitoring Report, to be updated every two years.

34. ... the indicators are to be developed at the appropriate level of detail to ensure proper assessment of the situation with regard to each particular challenge.

35. The Commission, in cooperation with Member States through the working group on SDIs, will further develop and review indicators.

36. In 2007 at the latest, the Council will examine progress with regard to sustainable development indicators and will consider endorsement of a limited set of indicators for monitoring the SDS at EU level.
The 2007 Commission progress report

- Communication: main policy messages and forward looking options
- Staff working paper: detailed analysis of progress and policies implemented at EU and MS level (reviewed SDIs in annex)

Based on:
- Eurostat monitoring report
- MS contributions
- Internal analysis and consultancy report
2. Selection and review of SDIs
2007 review of SDIs

- Renewed SDS
- Current SDI list
- Statistical experts
- SDI Working Group
- EU and MS policy representatives

Other indicators processes
Latest statistical developments

Reviewed SDI list
Oct 07
Pyramid of indicators

Level 1
- SDS priority objectives

Level 2
- Lead objectives
- General policy performance indicators

Level 3
- Contextual indicators
- Detailed level - Efficiency of policy measures

Explanatory variables

Background
## The reviewed headline indicators

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3. Use of SDIs: monitoring and reporting
2005 and 2007 monitoring reports

- Measuring progress to:
  - monitor the SDS
  - inform the general public
- Around 100 indicators analysed
- Neutral statistical assessment, linked to policy process
- Focus on communication
Analysis of indicators

Gross domestic expenditure on research and development (% of GDP)

Source: Eurostat
# Evaluation of changes

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- Launching new website (early December)
- Indicators to be developed
- Inter-linkages amongst SD priorities:
  - FP6 projects – INDI LINK and DECOIN
  - FP7 - SMILE
- Projections and other statistical tools
- Grants to support SDI development in MS
- How to measure well-being?
Thank you ...