Introduction to Topics I-III

Anneke von Raggamby

Ecologic
Overview Topics I-III

- Topic I  = Participation in the **NSDS context**
- Topic II = Participation in NSDS **preparation**
- Topic III = Participation in NSDS **implementation**

- 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?
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

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

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
- a platform for action
Questions Topic II

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

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

1. How best to link top-down & bottom-up dynamics by participatory mechanisms?

2. How can sectoral, regional & local participatory mechanisms contribute to NSDS processes?

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

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