

■ Meeting of the Sustainable Development Committee

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Uģis Mitrevics was elected the Chair of the Committee on 24 November 2022. The previous chairs were Māris Kučinskis, former Prime Minister of Latvia (2014–2016), Laimdota Straujuma, former Prime Minister of Latvia (2016–2018), and Vjačeslavs Dombrovskis, former Minister for Education and Science and Minister of Economics (2018–2022).

The Sustainable Development Committee (hereinafter—Committee) began work on 6 November 2014.

To see the full list of the Committee members, visit the Saeima webpage at https://ilgtspejigaattistiba.saeima.lv/.

The Committee's mission is to build a framework for national strategic planning, management, and progress monitoring, supervised by the Saeima.

Cooperating with government agencies, private entities and non-governmental organisations involved in strategic planning, and building on the best international practices and studies conducted by stakeholders, the Committee provides a public platform for reviewing and finalising policy proposals.

The Committee prepares and presents to the Saeima strategic development monitoring reports (opinions/positions) on sustainable national development in line with the long-term and medium-term strategic development planning framework and international practices. The Committee promotes an increase in the share of government decisions based on research-based evidence, as well as prepares and submits specific proposals for improving the legal framework.

Cooperation partners

Cooperation partners include government agencies, Cross-Sectoral Coordination Centre, State Chancellery, Chancery of the President, line ministries, state-owned enterprises, NGOs, researchers and research institutes, private sector entities engaged in policy-making through dialogue with public authorities on long-term policy priorities, as well as international partners.

Main responsibilities:

- to review the Cabinet of Ministers' progress reports on implementation of the Sustainable Development Strategy until 2030 (*Latvija 2030*) and the National Development Plan of Latvia for 2014–2020 (NDP for 2014–2020) by, inter alia, analysing progress in implementing priorities during the reporting period, scrutinising unsustainable development trends, and offering recommendations for necessary improvements in related policies;
- to review the sustainability of the government's fiscal policy and its alignment with national development strategy goals by considering the cyclical nature of the economy and its implications for sustainable development;
- to review the medium-term and longterm impact of government policies and to recommend alternative options based on theoretical and empirical findings;
- to follow the evolution of the concept of development within the EU and leading global development organisations such as the OECD, the World Bank, and the UNDP;



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• to promote cooperation and analytical discussions among public administration bodies, NGOs, professional associations, academia and civil society regarding the development planning process.

Follow the work of the Committee

Agendas of the Committee meetings are available on the Saeima website. All meetings are open to the public. ■



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