Report on implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development in AUSTRIA

Implementation phase: 2017-2019

The following report is submitted on behalf of the Government of Austria in accordance with the decision of the ECE Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development.

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A. Brief information on the process by which this report has been prepared, including information on which types of public authorities were consulted or contributed to its preparation, how the stakeholders were consulted and how the outcome of this consultation was taken into account and on the material used as a basis for the report.

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☐ Governmental institutions	Austrian Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism
	Austrian Federal Ministry for of Education, Science and Research
Stakeholders	
NGOs	Umweltdachverband (Umbrella organisation for environmental organisations in Austria)
Academia	
Business	
Other	

B. Report any particular circumstances that help clarify the context of the report — for example, whether the decision-making structure is federal and/or decentralized, and whether financial constraints are a significant obstacle to implementation. (This information should not exceed half a page.)

Issue¹ 1. Ensure that policy, regulatory and operational frameworks support the promotion of ESD

If necessary, provide relevant information on your country situation regarding this specific objective (up to 1,500 characters with spaces).

Indicator 1.1 Prerequisite measures are taken to support the promotion of ESD

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² For countries with a federal government structure, all references to "national" apply to "State", as appropriate. In this context, "data at the national level" means aggregated data received from sub-State entities.

³ See A/69/76

⁴ Policy documents may include national strategies, plans, programmes, guidelines and the like.

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Issue ¹ 1. Ensure that police	cy, regulatory and operational frameworks support the promotion of ESD
If necessary, provide relevant inform	nation on your country situation regarding this specific objective (up to 1,500 characters with spaces).
Sub-indicator 1.2.3	Are non-formal and informal ESD addressed in your relevant national policy and/or regulatory document(s) and operational frameworks?
Yes No No	Please specify.
Sub-indicator 1.2.4	Is public awareness in relation to ESD addressed in relevant national document(s)?
Yes No No	Please specify.
Sub-indicator 1.2.5	Does a formal structure for interdepartmental ⁶ cooperation relevant to ESD exist in your Government?
Yes 🗌 No 🗌	Please specify.
Sub-indicator 1.2.6	Does a mechanism for multi-stakeholder cooperation on ESD exist with the involvement of your Government? ⁷
Yes No No	Please specify.
Sub-indicator 1.2.7	Are public budgets and/or economic incentives available specifically to support ESD?
Yes 🗌 No 🗌	Please specify.
(SD) and ESD	between processes related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), sustainable development
Sub-indicator 1.3.1	Does your country have a stand-alone "sustainable development", "global understanding", "international understanding" policy, plan or law in place, in each case using "sustainable development" language?
Yes 🛛 No 🗌	On the federal level the Ministries BMNT and BMBWF invest for the main institutions FORUM Umweltbildung and Zentrum polis – Politik Lernen in der Schule (polis – Austrian Centre for Citizenship Education in Schools) app. € 600.000,, for the Education Promotion Fund for Health and Sustainable Development app. € 138.600, annually (status 2017). For enhancing ESD among Austrian universities, universities of applied science and university col-
	leges of teacher education a specific budget of approximately € 11.000 per year was designated within the BMBWF (Abteilung IV/2) for a biannual ESD-Award (status 2018).
	There also exists funding for special student programmes to enhance vision thinking and participa-
	tion of students, i.e. the "Future lectures" or the initiative "Mut zur Nachhaltigkeit" (courage for SD)
	– funded by BMFLUW.
	On the regional level the provincial governments give financial support to ESD initiatives.
Sub-indicator 1.3.2	Is ESD part of SD policy(ies) if these exist in your country?
Yes No	Please specify.
Concluding remarks on issue 1	Please provide any concluding remarks you may have concerning the implementation of issue 1,

⁶ Between State bodies.

⁷ For an explanation, see paragraph 46 of the UNECE Strategy for ESD.

⁸ For details, see paragraph 15 of the UNECE Strategy for ESD.

⁹ For the State or federal level, where relevant.

¹⁰ Idem.

¹¹ Idem.

¹² E.g., geography or biology. For higher education, "subject" means "course"

¹³ A project is interpreted as a discrete activity with its own time allocation rather than a teaching or learning method.

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	55. Short-cycle tertiary vocational edu-	
	cation	
	6. Bachelor's or equivalent level	
	7. Master's or equivalent level	
	8. Doctoral or equivalent level	
	Please also provide information about the incentives on the national level for implementing ((a),
	(b), (c), (d), and (e).	
Indicator 2.3	A whole-institution approach ¹⁴ to SD/ESD is promoted	
Sub-indicator 2.3.1	Do educational institutions ¹⁵ adopt a "whole-institution approach" to SD/ESD?	
Yes 🛛 No 🗌	The Steering Committee has adopted as one priority action area that every school adopts an	
	ESD school plan by 2019. 16 ESD school plans are one means to implement a whole-institution	
	approach. Please provide information on the implementation of this priority action area in y	our
	country.	
	On the level of higher education, many Austrian universities, universities of applied science a	
	university colleges of teacher education have participated in programmes supporting education	
	for sustainable development as a whole institution. This development is fostered by perfor-	
	mance agreements between the responsible ministries and the respective institutions of hig	her
	education.	
	On school level programmes like ecologically orientated schools, UNESCO schools, health-pr	
	moting schools or schools for preventing climate change, etc. address hundreds of schools a support a whole institution approach.	nd
	Within the last years numerous schools developed specific profiles with a strong ecological of	ori-
	entation. Often several foci are followed at a single school – e.g. science learning, promoting	
	languages, health and ecology learning. These foci are mainly unconnected until now – but t	_
	offer great opportunities for ESD – provided that linkage between the various topics takes	,
	place: The co-operation of different players and themes would be a model of success.	
	On the programme level within the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Re-	
	search the collaboration between school networks and background programmes concerning	3
	ecologisation of schools, health promoting schools as well as science learning (network "Initial content of the	- 1
	tive on Innovation in Mathematics, Science and Technology") has started in 2010.	
	There also exists a quality label which addresses a whole institution approach for certifying	

¹⁴ A "whole institution approach" means that all aspects of an institution's internal operations and external relationships are reviewed and revised in the light of SD/ESD principles. Within such an approach each institution would decide on its own actions, addressing the three overlapping spheres of Campus (management operations); Curriculum; and Community (external relationships).

¹⁵ For higher education institutions: whole-university, whole-college or whole-faculty approach (including inter-faculty approaches).

 $^{^{16}}$ See $^{\mathrm{paragraph}}$ 20 of the framework for the future implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development.

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Schools and Teacher Education institutions (the National Environmental Performance Award for Schools and University Colleges of Teacher Education).

New regulations on school quality management:

On September 1st 2012 the legal regulation on school quality management became effective. Therein key points for a National Quality Framework are defined. This is the basis for further specification in a participatory process within the different levels of the school system. Quality development focuses on two sectors of the school system: (for details see: https://bild-ung.bmbwf.gv.at/schulen/bw/ueberblick/bildungswege2017_grafik.pdf

- SQA Schulqualität Allgemeinbildung (school quality in general secondary education) comprises the general school system (www.sqa.at). This initiative had its pilot year in 2012/13 and is becoming compulsory step by step until 2017.
- QIBB QualitätsInitiative BerufsBildung (quality in vocational training) comprises the vocational school system (www.qibb.at). This initiative has a ten years' long tradition based on the QM circle following the model of Deming (Plan Do Check Act) in order to reach a targeted process of continuous improvement.

There are two clearly defined supporting elements at and/or between all the levels of the school system: development plans and periodic (performance) reviews and discussions on target agreements.

The target agreements are based on the development plans and other relevant documents which are supplied to managerial staff in advance and are made binding through written documentation. Target agreements between the different levels of school system (e.g. between head of school and school inspector) need and ask for a dialogue-based leadership and a culture of feedback and consensus and should be drawn up in a climate of mutual respect and on equal terms.

Concerning ESD, schools are encouraged to choose relevant points of interest or needs in their actual development also focusing on the topics of ESD as defined by UNESCO: Biodiversity, Climate Change, Cultural Diversity, Health Promotion, Gender Equality, Sustainable Lifestyles, Peace and Human Security, etc.

Topic focused initiatives are supported by respective programmes of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research and other institutions.

ESD School plans are also fostered by the National Environmental Performance Award for Schools and University Colleges of Teacher Education and by the University Award for SD.

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	tens. Also, please prov	to fostered by the National Environmental Perform wide information for all levels of your education sys the table as appropriate and specify for non-form	tem in acco	ordance with ISCED
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		4. Post secondary non-tertiary education		
		45. Post-secondary non-tertiary vocational education		
		5. Short-cycle tertiary education		
		55. Short-cycle tertiary vocational education]
		6. Bachelor's or equivalent level]
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		8. Doctoral or equivalent level		
Sub-indicator 2.3.2		centives (guidelines, award scheme, funding, tech n approach to SD/ESD, including the implementati		
		n fifteen years background programmes and relat		
		concerning e.g. ecologisation of schools, health p		
	learning inclu	iding ICT within the Austrian Federal Ministry of E	ducation, S	cience and Re-

been existing concerning e.g. ecologisation of schools, health promoting schools, science learning including ICT within the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research. These initiatives provide guidelines, support and award schemes. In addition schools and organisations for non-formal education may apply for project funding at the Education Promotion Fund for Health and Sustainable Development. There are also incentive initiatives including financial support on the regional level. On the level of higher education level the Austrian "Sustainability Award for Higher Education" (established in 2008) has a particular focus on a "whole-institution approach". In particular the awards are not given to single, isolated projects or initiatives but rather to processes and measures that cover the whole university and its stakeholders in the long run.

Since 2011 the Alliance of Sustainable Universities has been existing as informal network to enhance Sustainability and ESD and to take advantage of synergies. At the moment twelve

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lf necessary, provide relevant in	formation on your country si	tuation regarding this specific objective (up to 1,5	00 characte	rs with spaces).
	out of 22 Au	strian universities are members of the Alliance an	nd two are c	andidates.
Yes 🛛 No 🗌	If yes, please sp	ecify what schemes are available for all levels of y	our educati	on system.
	Please also prov	vide information on all education levels in accorda	nce with ISC	ED by ticking (🗸)
	in the table as a	appropriate.		
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		8. Doctoral or equivalent level		
	Please also spec	cify for non-formal and informal education, as app	ropriate. If	relevant infor-
	mation is availa	ble please also specify (provide examples).		
	Do institutions/	learners develop their own SD/ESD indicators for	their institu	tion/organiza-
Sub-indicator 2.3.3	tion?			
Yes 🗌 No 🗌	Please specify (i	i.e., provide examples of how this is done) for form	nal institutio	ns as well as for
	non-formal insti	itutions.		
	Please also indi	icate for all levels of your education system in acco	ordance witi	h ISCED, by ticking
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Indicator 2.4 ESD is addre	essed by quality	assessment/enhancement systems				
Sub-indicator 2.4.1 (a) Yes No (b) Yes No (c) Yes No (c)	ESD?; (c) in nation In Au Scho eral and	here any education quality assessment/enhance Are there any education quality assessment/enhal systems? Istria, schools may apply for the National Environous and University Colleges of Teacher Education Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism and the France requires a qualitative assessment. The erous criteria for ESD. Up to now more than 100	nhancement so nmental Perfo n. This certific federal Minist guidelines fo	ormance rate, pro ry of Edu r this ass	Award for vided by to ucation, Some	or the Fed- cience contain
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ments for non-formal and informal learning are in place to assess changes in
d practice
Are SD issues addressed in informal and public awareness-raising activities?
Please specify and provide information on new developments and good practice examples.
Is there any support for work-based learning (e.g., for small companies, farmers, trade unions,
associations) which addresses SD issues?
Please specify and provide information on new developments and good practice examples.
Are there any instruments (e.g., research, surveys, etc.) in place to assess the outcomes of ESD
as a result of non-formal and informal learning?
Please specify in particular which instruments were the most effective in assessing the outcomes
of ESD as a result of non-formal or informal learning.
n is a multi-stakeholder process ¹⁸
Is ESD implementation a multi-stakeholder process?
As mentioned above (Indicator 1.2.6) there has been a multi-stakeholder process in order to
develop the Austrian Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development. Stakeholders were
asked to participate in consultation conferences in 2006. More than 300 stakeholders, mainly
representatives of environmental organisations, teachers as well as representatives of educa-
tional and environmental authorities participated. The results were published by the Austrian
Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research – as the basis for a national strategy.
Please specify the main stakeholders and the main impacts that those stakeholders had/have on
implementation. Please update the information provided in the previous table for appendix II as
appropriate.
Please provide any concluding remarks you may have concerning the implementation of issue 2,
which corresponds to objective (b) under the Strategy, namely to promote sustainable develop-
ment through formal, non-formal and informal learning.
Please address in particular the following questions:
 Which actions and/or initiatives have been particularly successful and why?
– What challenges did your country encounter when implementing this objective?
What other considerations have to be taken into account in future ESD implementation concern-
ing this objective?

Issue 3. Equ	ip educators with the competence to include SD in their teaching
If necessary, provide	relevant information on your country situation regarding this specific objective (up to 1,500 characters with spaces).
Indicator 3.1	ESD is included in the training ¹⁹ of educators
Sub-indicator 3.1.1	Is ESD a part of educators' initial training? ²⁰
Yes 🔀 No 🗌	In particular specify which ESD competences ²¹ are explicitly included in the study programmes.
	Case 1: Single lectures on ESD, mostly not fixed part in the curriculum, often free to choose;
	Case 2: Lectures on topics of ESD (like health care, environmental issues, global issues). At the
	moment, case 2 is more common, but the integration of ESD in lectures and curricula is increas-
	ing. One example is the bachelor study programme "environmental education" at the Univer-
	sity College for Agrarian and Environmental Pedagogy in Vienna.
	At present new curricula for teacher education are established and there have been adopted a
	series of policy papers for ESD to be integrated. The Austrian Federal Ministry for Education,
	Science and Research has commissioned a policy paper for integrating ESD in teacher educa-
	tion: Steiner, R., Rauch, F., (2013): Grundsatzpapier zur Bildung für Nachhaltige Entwicklung in
	der PädagogInnenbildung Neu. (https://ius.aau.at/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Grundsatzpa-
	pier.pdf). A summary has been included into the manual for establishing teacher education
	curricula (http://onlinecampus.virtuelle-ph.at/pluginfile.php/43796/coursecat/descrip-
	tion/Grundlagen_und_Materialien_zur_Curriculumentwicklung_Druckversion.pdf) The Austrian
	Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research has already in 2008 mandated a research
	project on competences for teachers for ESD (Kom-Bine) (https://bildung.bmbwf.gv.at/schu-
	len/unterricht/ba/bine_kombine_18307.pdf, a short summary of this also has been integrated
	into the curriculum manual.
Sub-indicator 3.1.2	Is ESD a part of the educators' in-service training? ²²

¹⁹ ESD is addressed by content and/or by methodology.

²⁰ For higher education institutions: the focus is here on existing teacher training at universities/colleges regarding SD and ESD for university/college teachers.

²¹ For a set of core competences in ESD please see the report by the ECE Expert Group on Competences, Learning for the future: Competences in Education for Sustainable Development (ECE/CEP/AC.13/2011/6), available online from http://www.unece.org/education-for-sustainable-development-esd/publications.html

²² For higher education institutions: the focus is here on existing in-service training programmes regarding SD and ESD for university/college teachers in their own universities/colleges.

Yes 🛛 No 🗌	Please specify how, listing the major ones, and describing them as appropriate. There are several ESD networks supported by the government and different ministries: Examples are:
	 The programme "Ecologisation of Schools – Education for Sustainable Development ÖKOLOG", supported by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research; OKOLOG is the first and main Austrian programme for schools and Universities of Teacher Education" at the interface of Environmental Education and School development. It is based on the ENSI approach to EE and ESD taking into account the challenges and opportunities of school autonomy and school programme development. www.oekolog.at The UNESCO-Schools Austria Network comprises more than 90 schools of all levels based on the four pillars of the UNESCO education model: Learning to know, learning to do,
	learning to be and learning to live together.
	 The "Klimabundnis Osterreich" ("Austrian Climate Association") is a nation-wide network with app. 970 member communities and 426 Klimabundnis schools. It provides infor- mation, facilitation and PR, launches project initiatives and contests for schools and is sup- ported by the Ministry of Environment.
	 The network SABINE in Salzburg is coordinated by the NGO Südwind Salzburg on behalf of the participating organisations with some financial support by the Salzburg Provincial Gov- ernment.
	 In 2012 the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research established the internet platform "OpenScience4Sustainability" for sustainability research which is (also) open to ESD topics.
	 The platform of the "NachhaltigkeitskoordinatorInnen" (Co-ordinators of SD) is a body of SD experts, one in every county, who - in behalf of the government - coordinate SD activities in Austria including also ESD activities (mainly non- and informal) (https://www.nachhaltigkeit.at/NHKK).
Concluding remarks issue 3	Please provide any concluding remarks you may have concerning the implementation of issue 3, which corresponds to objective (c) under the Strategy, namely to equip educators with the competence to include sustainable development in their teaching.
	Please address in particular the following questions:
	 Which actions and/or initiatives have been particularly successful and why? What challenges did your country encounter when implementing this objective? What other considerations have to be taken into account in future ESD implementation concerning this objective?
Issue 4. Ensure that adequa	ate tools and materials for ESD are accessible
If necessary provide relevant inform	mation on your country situation regarding this specific objective (up to 1 500 characters with spaces)

If necessary, provide relevant information on your country situation regarding this specific objective (up to 1,500 characters with spaces). Teaching tools and materials for ESD are produced

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Sub-indicator 4.1.1	Does a national strategy/mechanism for encouragement of the development and production
	of ESD tools and materials exist?
Yes 🛛 No 🗌	The main strategy document for the Decade "Education of Sustainable Development" in Austria (Title in German: "Bildung und Nachhaltige Entwicklung: eine lernende Strategie") is not directly referring to the production of ESD tools and materials. Indirectly the topic could be seen in some other recommendations of the strategy document (e.g. new educational fields, information platform, PR activities). This strategy still is a guideline for all activities. Some mechanisms to enhance the development of ESD-tools and –material do exist, like the FORUM Umweltbildung as a joint project of the Federal Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism and the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research, whose explicit commission it is to develop all kinds of tools and materials for ESD, but also the Education Promotion Fund for
	Health and Sustainable Development encourages projects for creating teaching materials and tools. Whereas from the strategic point of view the need for new or more ESD tools and materials is
	not seen (there is a great amount of teaching material in German) the target groups (e.g. es-
	pecially teachers) express the need for ESD tools and materials which are up-to-date regarding pedagogical science, the explanation of concepts, etc.
Sub-indicator 4.1.2	Is public (national, subnational, local) authority money invested in this activity?
Yes No	Please specify to what extent public money is invested in this activity, by providing an indication
	of the amount (in United States dollars (USD)) for annual expenditures on ESD-related research
	and development.
Indicator 4.2	Quality control mechanisms for teaching tools and materials for ESD exist
Sub-indicator 4.2.1	Do you have quality criteria and/or quality guidelines for ESD-related teaching tools and materials that are: (a) supported by public authorities?; (b) approved by public authorities?; (c) tested and recom-
	mended for selection by educational institutions?

Sub-indicator 4.3.3	Are approved ESD teaching materials available through the Internet?
Yes 🛛 No 🗌	Examples of websites run or financed by Ministries:
	A major internet portal for ESD material and tools in Austria is the FORUM Umweltbildung:
	www.umweltbildung.at
	Citizenship Education: http://www.politik-lernen.at/
	Health promotion: http://www.gesundeschule.at/ and http://www.give.or.at/;
	http://www.sustainicum.at/de/home
Sub-indicator 4.3.4	Is a register or database of ESD teaching tools and materials in the national language(s): (a) ac-
	cessible through the Internet?; (b) provided through other channels?
(a) Yes 🔀 No 🗌	(a) Internet:
(b) Yes 🔀 No 🗌	www.umweltbildung.at
	www.baobab.at
	www.suedwind-agentur.at
	www.politik-lernen.at
	http://www.agrarumweltpaedagogik.ac.at/en/index.html
	The organisations have ESD databases which can be browsed for authors and keywords as well.
	(b) Libraries: in the libraries of the four organisations ESD material and tools can be borrowed are present.
Concluding remarks issue 4	Please provide any concluding remarks you may have concerning the implementation of issue
	4, which corresponds to objective (d) under the Strategy, namely, to ensure that adequate
	tools and materials for ESD are accessible.
	Please address in particular the following questions:
	– Which actions and/or initiatives have been particularly successful and why?
	– What challenges did your country encounter when implementing this objective?
	What other considerations have to be taken into account in future ESD implementation concerning this objective?
	cerning and objective:

Issue 5. Prom	note research on and development of ESD
If necessary, provide	relevant information on your country situation regarding this specific objective (up to 1,500 characters with spaces).
Indicator 5.1	Research ²⁴ on ESD is promoted
Sub-indicator 5.1.1	Is research that addresses content and methods for ESD ²⁵ supported?
Yes No 🗌	In Austria, it is supported by the following programmes or single projects:
	 Research Programm of the University College for Agrarian and Environmental Pedagogy The research programme "Sparkling Science" has supported ESD research indirectly with app. 100 000€ (per year since 2009) The research study on ESD competences: 'KOM-BiNE' (70.000 Euro, 2006 – 08)) The pilot study "Application and implementation of quality criteria for ESD in Austrian schools" (500€, 2008) The project "Educational strategy for SD – paper of experts" (15.500 €, 2005 - 06) The pilot study "ESD within the Austrian educational system" (4.500 €, 2005 - 06) The pilot study "ESD Indicators" (25.000 €; 2006-07) The study "Bildung auf dem Weg zur Nachhaltigkeit – Vorschlag eines Indikatoren-Sets zur Beurteilung von Bildung für Nachhaltige Entwicklung" (Education on the Path to Sustainability. Proposal of an indicator set to evaluate education for sustainable development) (20.000 €; 2007 - 10) EU-Projects: "Collaboration of Community and School for Sustainable Development – CoDeS" (2011 – 14) "Partnership and Participation for a Sustainable Tomorrow" SUPPORT (2007 – 2010) Specific Support Action: FORM-IT - Take Part in Research, (2006 – 08) EU Comenius 2-project: Curriculum, Sustainable Development, Competences, Teacher Training CSCT, (2005 – 2007)
	 "School Development through Environmental Education" SEED; (2002 – 05)

²⁴ These include support from various sources, such as State, local authorities, business and non-governmental organizations or institutions.

²⁵ E.g., concepts; formation of attitudes and values; development of competencies, teaching and learning; school development; implementation of information communications technology, and means of evaluation, including socioeconomic impacts.

Indicator 5.2	Development of ESD is promoted
Sub-indicator 5.2.1	Is there any support for innovation and capacity-building in ESD practice?

Indicator 5.3	Dissemination of research results on ESD is promoted
Sub-indicator 5.3.1	Is there any public authority support for mechanisms to share the results of research and examples of good practices in ESD among authorities and stakeholders?
Yes No	Please specify and provide information about where published research and dissertations are accessible.

Sub-indicator 5.3.2	Are there any scientific publications: (a) specifically on ESD?;(b) addressing ESD?
(a) Yes No (b) Yes No (Please name the major publications for (a) and (b).
Concluding remarks on issue 5	Please provide any concluding remarks you may have concerning the implementation of issue 5, which corresponds to objective (e) under the Strategy, namely, to promote research on and development of ESD.
	 Which actions and/or initiatives have been particularly successful and why? What challenges did your country encounter when implementing this objective? What other considerations have to be taken into account in future ESD implementation concerning this objective?
Issue 6. Strengthen cooperation on	ESD at all levels within the ECE region
If necessary, provide relevant information of	n your country situation regarding this specific objective (up to 1,500 characters with spaces).
Indicator 6.1 International cooperation	on on ESD is strengthened within the ECE region and beyond
Sub-indicator 6.1.1	Do your public authorities cooperate in or support international ²⁶ networks on ESD?
Yes No No	 Please specify concrete networks and explain who supports these networks. Task Force for Education on Sustainable Consumption and Production; supported by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management; OECD Annual Meeting of Sustainable Development Experts (AMSDE); the Federal Chancellery of Austria is responsible for the coordination of the Austrian position and it heads the Austrian delegation; ESD represents one of the central foci of the AMSDE; in the Austrian view, the AMSDE should primarily focus on ESD in the future. European Sustainable Development Network: Several representatives of the state public administration are members of the ESDN that aims to facilitate the exchange of good practices and experiences on sustainable development across Europe between government authority representatives responsible for SD policy formulation and implementation, in close collaboration with stakeholders. It organises structured discussions on specific priority themes, issues and good practices. The ESDN also tries to enhance the mainstreaming of sustainable development issues, vertical integration and coherence between the EU, national and sub-national levels of policy-making.
Sub-indicator 6.1.2	Do educational institutions or organizations (formal and non-formal) in your country participate in international networks related to ESD?

Yes No No	Please specify. List major networks.
	The Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research has been formally member of the International Network "Environment and School Initiatives/ENSI since 1986.
	Austria and Cyprus represented by their respective Ministries of Education have developed and signed a Memorandum of Understanding on cooperation in the fields of Environmental Education and Education for Sustainable Development in 2014.
	Austria represented by the Federal Ministry of Education Science and Research has a coordinating major role in the EU Strategy for the Danube Region.
	Austrian partners of all levels take part in a number of EU projects.
Sub-indicator 6.1.3	Are there any state, bilateral and/or multilateral cooperation mechanisms or agreements that include an explicit ESD component?
Yes No	Please specify and list the major ones.
Sub-indicator 6.1.4	Does your Government take any steps to promote ESD in international forums outside the ECE region?
Yes No No	Please list and describe.
	AMSDE-Initiative of OECD with its out of ECE-members.
Concluding remarks on issue 6	Please provide any concluding remarks you may have concerning the implementation of issue 6, which corresponds to objective (f) under the Strategy, namely, to strengthen cooperation on ESD at all levels within the ECE region
	Please address in particular the following questions: - Which actions and/or initiatives have been particularly successful and why? - What challenges did your country encounter when implementing this objective? - What other considerations have to be taken into account in future ESD implementation concerning this objective?
Issue 7. Foster conservatio traditional knowle	n, use and promotion of knowledge of indigenous peoples, as well as local and dge, in ESD

Provide relevant information on your country situation regarding this specific issue (up to 2,000 characters with spaces). Please be as specific as possible.

- The Programme proVISION by the Ministry of Science (2005 2010) focused also on traditional knowledge in the regions; single projects by local NGOs were awarded the UNESCO-Decade label.
- A number of NGOs dealing with local traditional knowledge were awarded as with the UNECSO-Decade-label. (See publication of Austrian UNESCO-Commission in the list of references).

What role does this issue play in ESD implementation in your country? Please provide updated information to indicate changes over time.

Issue 8. Describe any challenges and obstacles encountered in the implementation of the Strategy

Provide relevant information on your country situation regarding this specific issue (up to 2,000 characters with spaces). Please be as specific as possible.

Please in particular discuss any challenges and obstacles encountered that were not yet mentioned in the concluding remarks on the implementation of the Strategy's main objectives (issues 1–6).

Issue 9. Describe any assistance needed in implementing the Strategy in your countries

Provide relevant information on your country situation regarding this specific issue (up to 2,000 characters with spaces). Please be as specific as possible.

Appendix I (a)

Indicator 2.1, sub-indicator 2.1.1

Please specify which key themes of SD are addressed explicitly in the curriculum/programme of study at various levels of formal education by filling in the table below. (Please tick (*Trelevant themes for each level. Use the blank rows to insert additional themes that are considered to be key themes in addressing learning for SD.)

Also, could you specify which specific themes are of critical importance in your country and why?

					ı	SCED	Leve	ls 20	11				
Some key themes covered by sustainable development	0	1	2	25	3	35	4	45	5	55	6	7	8
Peace studies (e.g., international relations, security and conflict resolution, partnerships)													
Environmental ethics and philosophy								<u> </u>		<u> </u>			
Global citizenship, democracy and governance								1		1			
Sustainable lifestyles					<u> </u>		<u> </u>	<u> </u>		<u> </u>			
Human rights (e.g., gender and racial and intergenerational equity)							<u> </u>	<u> </u>		<u> </u>			
Poverty alleviation								<u> </u>		<u> </u>			
Cultural diversity								<u>† </u>		<u> </u>			
Gender equality								<u> </u>		 			
Biological and landscape diversity								<u> </u>		<u> </u>			
Environmental protection (waste management, environmental monitoring, risk assessment, etc.)													
Ecological principles/ecosystem approach													
Natural resource management (e.g., water, soil, mineral, fossil fuels)								<u> </u>		<u> </u>			
Climate change and desertification								<u> </u>		<u> </u>			
Personal and family health (e.g., HIV/AIDS, drug abuse)					<u> </u>		<u> </u>	<u> </u>		<u> </u>			

Note: Your response will reflect the variety of ESD themes distributed across the ISCED levels. The distribution is more important than the raw number of ticks. The number of ticks may be used for your own monitoring purposes.

The scoring key for this table (maximum 153 ticks; "other" categories not counted) is:

No. of ticks	0–9	10–16	17–39		76–112	113–153
Scale	Α	В	С	D	Е	F

Appendix I (b)

Indicator 2.1, sub-indicator 2.1.2

Please specify the extent to which the following broad areas of competence that support ESD are addressed explicitly in the curriculum²⁷ or programme of study at various levels of formal education, by filling in the table below. (Please tick (\checkmark) relevant expected learning outcomes for each level. Use the blank rows to insert additional learning outcomes (skills, attitudes and values) that are considered to be key outcomes in your country in learning for SD.)

Table of learning outcomes

						15	SCEI	D Le	evel	s				
Competence	Expected outcomes	0	1	2	25	3	35	4	45	5	<i>55</i>	6	7	8
Learning to learn	- posing analytical questions/critical thinking?													
Does education at each level	 understanding complexity/systemic thinking? 													
enhance learners' capacity for:	 overcoming obstacles/problem-solving? 													
	- managing change/problem-setting?													
	 creative thinking/future-oriented thinking? 													
	 understanding interrelationships across disciplines/holistic approach? 													
	Total													
	- other? (countries to add as many as needed)													
Learning to do	 applying learning in a variety of life-wide contexts? 													
Does education at each level enhance learners' capacity for:	- decision-making, including in situations of uncertainty?													
	- dealing with crises and risks?													
	- acting responsibly?			<u> </u>										
	- acting with self-respect?			<u> </u>										
	- acting with determination?			1										
	Total													
	- other? (countries to add as many as needed)													

²⁷ At the state level, where relevant.

						I:	SCE	D Le	evel	S				
Competence	Expected outcomes	0	1	2	25	3	35	4	45	5	55	6	7	8
Learning to be	- self-confidence?													
Does education at each level enhance learners' capacity for:	- self-expression and communication?													
cimance learners capacity for.	- coping under stress?													
	- ability to identify and clarify values?													
	Total													
	- other? (countries to add as many as needed)													
Learning to live and work	 acting with responsibility (locally and globally)? 													
together	- acting with respect for others?													
Does education at each level enhance learners' capacity for:	 identifying stakeholders and their interests? 													
,	- collaboration/team working?													
	- participation in democratic decision-making?													
	 negotiation and consensus-building? 													
	- distributing responsibilities (subsidiarity)?				<u> </u>		1							
	Total													
	- other? (countries to add as many as needed)													

Note: Your response will reflect the variety of ESD themes distributed across the ISCED levels. The distribution is more important than the raw number of ticks. The number of ticks may be used for your own monitoring purposes.

The scoring key for this table (maximum 207 ticks; "other" not counted) is:

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No. of ticks	0 11	12 21	22 52	54–	106-	157–
NO. OI LICKS	0-11	12-21	22-55	105	156	207
Scale	Α	В	С	D	Е	F

Appendix I (c)

Indicator 2.1, sub-indicator 2.1.3

Please indicate the teaching/learning methods used for ESD at the different ISCED levels. (Please tick () relevant teaching or learning methods for each level. Use the blank rows to insert additional teaching or learning methods that are considered to be key methods in your country in teaching and learning for sustainable development.)

Table of teaching-learning methods

	ISCED Levels												
Some key ESD teaching/learning methods proposed by the Strategy ^a	0	1	2	25	3	35	4	45	5	55	6	7	8
Discussions													
Conceptual and perceptual mapping													
Philosophical inquiry						T							
Value clarification						Ī							
Simulations; role playing; games													
Scenarios; modelling													
Information and communication technology (ICT)													
Surveys													
Case studies													
Excursions and outdoor learning						T							
Learner-driven projects						T							
Good practice analyses						T				Î			
Workplace experience						T							
Problem-solving						T							
Total													
Other (countries to add as many as needed)													

Note: Your response will reflect the variety of ESD themes distributed across the ISCED levels. The distribution is more important than the raw number of ticks. The number of ticks may be used for your own monitoring purposes.

The scoring key for this table (maximum 126 ticks; "other" not counted) is:

	No. of ticks	0–8	9–42	43 – 53	54 – 76	77–98	99–126
l	Scale	Α	В	С	D	Е	F

^a Please refer to paragraph 33 (e) of the UNECE Strategy for ESD.

Appendix II

Indicator 2.6, sub-indicator 2.6.1

Please specify to what extent ESD implementation is a multi-stakeholder process by filling in the table below. Please provide examples of good practice. (Please tick () in both tables (a) and (b) to indicate what types of education stakeholders are involved.)

Table (a)
According to the UNECE Strategy for ESD

	Classification by UNECE Strategy for ESD							
Stakeholders	Formal	Non-formal	Informal					
NGOs								
Local government								
Organized labour								
Private sector								
Community-based								
Faith-based								
Media								
Total								
Other (countries to add as many as needed)								

The scoring key for this table (maximum 21 ticks; "other" not counted) is:

No. of ticks	0 1	2	2 5	6–10	11–	16–
NO. OF LICKS	0-1	2	3-5	0-10	15	21
Scale	Α	В	С	D	Е	F

Table (b)
According to United Nations Decade of ESD

	Classification by United Nations Decade of ESD								
Stakeholders	Public aware- ness	Quality educa- tion	Reorienting education	Training	Social learn- ing				
NGOs									
Local government									
Organized labour									
Private sector									
Community-based									
Faith-based									
Media									
Total									
Other (countries to add as many as needed)									

The scoring key for this table (maximum 35 ticks; "other" not counted) is:

	No. of ticks	0–5	6–11	12 - 17	18 – 23		30 – 35
ľ	Scale	Α	В	С	D	Е	F

Appendix III

Indicator 3.1, sub-indicator 3.1.3

Please specify to what extent ESD is a part of the initial and/or in-service educator's training, by filling in the table below by ticking (\checkmark) as appropriate.

		Percentage of education professionals who have received training ^a to integrate ESD into their practice																
	Educators											Leaders/administrators ^b						
		Initial ^c					In service ^d					In service ^e						
ISCED levels	Α	В	С	D	E	F	Α	В	С	D	E	F	Α	В	С	D	E	F
O. Early childhood edu- cation																		
1. Primary education																		
2. Lower secondary education																		
25. Lower secondary vocational education																		
3. Upper secondary education																		
35. Upper secondary vocational education																		
4. Post-secondary non- tertiary education																		
45. Post-secondary non-tertiary vocational education																		
5. Short-cycle tertiary education																		
55. Short-cycle tertiary vocational education																		

	Percentage of education professionals who have received training ^a to integrate ESD into their practice																	
		Educators												Lead	ers/ad	minist	rators	,
	<i>Initial^c</i>						In service ^d							In se	rvice			
ISCED levels	Α	В	С	D	E	F	Α	В	С	D	E	F	Α	В	С	D	E	F
6. Bachelor's or equivalent level																		
7. Master's or equiva- lent level																		
8. Doctoral or equiva- lent level																		
Non-formal																		
Informal																		

- ^a Training is understood to include at least one day (a minimum of five contact hours).
- ^b See paras. 54 and 55 of the UNECE Strategy for ESD.
- ^c Please indicate the number of educators who have received initial training on ESD as a percentage of the total number of educators by the reporting date.
- ^d Please indicate the number of educators who have received training on ESD as a percentage of the total number of educators who received in-service teacher training by the reporting date.
- ^e Please indicate the number of leaders/administrators who have received training on ESD as a percentage of total number of leaders/administrators who received inservice teacher training by the reporting date.

The scoring key for this table (maximum 100%) is:

Percentage of educated	0–5	6–10	11-	26-	51 –	76–100	
trainers			25	50	/5		
Scale	Α	В	С	D	Е	F	

Appendix IV

Summary and self-assessment by countries

Please specify the status of efforts to implement the sub-indicators listed in the table below by ticking (🗸) as appropriate.

On the basis of the answers to the sub-indicators, please self-assess the status of the implementation of the respective indicator in your country. If feasible, please specify the methodology used for the self-assessment.

Indicator 1.1	Prerequisite measures are taken to support the promotion of ESD	☐ Not started ☐ In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 1.2	Policy, regulatory and operational frameworks support the promotion of ESD	☐ Not started ☐ In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 1.3	National policies support synergies between processes related to SD and ESD	☐ Not started ☐ In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 2.1	SD key themes are addressed in formal education	☐ Not started ☐ In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 2.2	Strategies to implement ESD are clearly identified	☐ Not started ☐ In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 2.3	A whole-institution approach to ESD/SD is promoted	☐ Not started ☐ In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 2.4	ESD is addressed by quality assessment/enhancement systems	☐ Not started ☐ In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 2.5	ESD methods and instruments for non-formal and informal learning are in place to assess changes in knowledge, attitude and practice	☐ Not started ☐ In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 2.6	ESD implementation is a multi-stakeholder process	☐ Not started ☐ In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 3.1	ESD is included in the training of educators	☐ Not started ☐ In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 3.2	Opportunities exist for educators to cooperate on ESD	☐ Not started ☐ In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 4.1	Teaching tools and materials for ESD are produced	☐ Not started ☐ In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 4.2	Quality control mechanisms for teaching tools and materials for ESD exist	☐ Not started ☐ In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 4.3	Teaching tools and materials for ESD are accessible	☐ Not started ☐ In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 5.1	Research on ESD is promoted	☐ Not started ☐ In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 5.2	Development of ESD is promoted	☐ Not started ☐ In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 5.3	Dissemination of research results on ESD is promoted	☐ Not started ☐ In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 6.1	International cooperation on ESD is strengthened within the ECE region and beyond	☐ Not started ☐ In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed

Annex II

Proposed timeline for reporting

The proposed timeline for the preparation and submission of national implementation reports set out below aims to facilitate the reporting exercise at the national level. Member States are asked to respect the deadline of 1 October 2018 to ensure sufficient time for the preparation of the report on progress in implementation during the first post-2015 phase of implementation of the Strategy at the regional level, and the reflection of any review of implementation in the discussions on education for sustainable development within the framework of the Steering Committee.

National preparation process	Time required	Tentative timing
First draft of the report	1 month	June 2018
Multi-stakeholder consultation on the draft	1–2 months	July-August 2018
Final report preparation (including translation, where required)	1 month	September 2018
Deadline for submission of national implementation reports to ECE		1 October 2018