MEMBER CONFERENCE
The online mini-version
26 March 2020
The Global Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)

SDSN was established in 2012 under the auspices of the former United Nations’ Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

A global network that mobilize scientific and technological expertise to promote integrated approaches to implement the Sustainable Development Goals and the Paris Agreement.
SDSN National and Regional Networks

Aims of all the SDSN Networks:

1. Localize the SDGs
2. Teach Sustainable Development
3. Support implementation, in particular through Solution Initiatives and Long-term Pathways
Connecting the Nordic members

49 SDSN members
30 SDSN Youth members
SDSN Northern Europe - a growing network

Members

- **Universities**: 76%
- **Foundations, Civil Society and Other Organizations**: 16%
- **Research Institutes**: 8%

Number of members over time:
- 2015: 0
- 2016: 10
- 2017: 20
- 2018: 30
- 2019: 40 (projected)

Time (year)
Communicating Sustainable Development

Tools for communication

**Internal SDSN**
- Mobilize - communication platform
- Member Newsletter
- Webinars
- Direct e-mails
- Direct phone calls

**External**
- Web site
- Social media
- Press
We enable Sustainable Transitions

SDG Impact Assessment Tool

• Self Assessment of positive and negative impacts, or lacks of knowledge, from projects/solutions on the SDGs.

• Learning tool – about the SDGs themselves and relevant sustainability perspectives on projects/solutions

• The approach is simple yet challenging!

• Not a tool to measure sustainability

• Not a basis for sustainability labeling
Solutions Initiative Forum (SIF) and Solutions Reports

Solutions for the SDGs

We highlight Nordic solutions (small companies, startups, or projects) that are:
• Transformative
• Holistic
• Scalable

Together with the Solution owners, we map the Solutions’ impacts on the SDGs, identify barriers and drivers for their implementation and outline the next steps forward.
Solution Initiatives

Long-term projects that are transformative, holistic and scalable, and that accelerate the progress to reach the SDGs.

Run by the SDSN Northern Europe secretariat or by SDSN Northern Europe members.

For example:

• The Climate Framework for Higher Education Institutions
• Mistra Carbon Exit – Pathways to Net Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Supply Chains
The SDSN Northern Europe Strategy

After four year of operation, the Co-Chairs and the secretariat has reviewed and revised the strategy of the SDSN Northern Europe.

This includes:

• A new Strategy Document
• A revised Leadership Council with council members for our member organizations
• Improved knowledge about our members through telephone calls and analyses of members web sites
• A Member Conference to stimulate networking and feedback
The future of the SDSN Northern Europe

The SDSN Northern Europe Strategy

We believe the strength of our network lies in its members.

The secretariat aim to:

• Provide well-functioning infrastructure for communication
• Facilitate collaboration among members
• Act as a link to the global SDSN community
• Support communication and collaboration with private sector, policymakers and civil society
• Develop concepts and tools to fulfil the mission and aims of the network
Upcoming activities by the secretariat

- The Global 24 Hours of Happiness webinar (22nd of April)
- Publish a SDG Impact Assessment Tool Guide
- Diversify the SIF concept, e.g. by arranging “mini-SIFs” at conferences arranged by members.
- Nordic City and Municipality-level SDG Index
- Finalize, analyze and communicate the results from the member telephone calls and the analyses of members web sites
Thank you for your attention