

Members of SDSN Northern Europe: Get started with your Solutions Initiative!

A Solutions Initiative promotes new technologies, tools/methods, business models, institutional mechanisms, educational models, policies and combinations thereof that can accelerate progress towards sustainable development.

Solutions Initiatives should address challenges connected to Agenda 2030, have a transformative impact on sustainable development and be scalable following a successful demonstration. It must be technically feasible and implementable within a reasonable timeframe without a need for primary research.

Let us be even more specific: A Solutions Initiative is:

1. **Transformative** – with potential to move society towards sustainability – *changing the destructive to the constructive.*
1. **Holistic** – account for potential effects of the Solution Initiative on all the SDGs to avoid lock-ins, sub optimizations and other pitfalls when it comes to sustainability – *drives new innovations and partnerships.*
2. **Scalable** – being of relevance to sustainability challenges faced at the national, regional and/or global levels – *having the potential to expand in scope, size, and/or geographically.*

Any member of SDSN Northern Europe interested in proposing Solutions Initiatives is invited to fill out this form and send it to the SDSN Northern Europe Secretariat: info@unsdsn-ne.org.

The SDSN Northern Europe Leadership Council will review the submissions and request additional materials if needed. If you have questions, please contact [the SDSN Northern Europe Secretariat](#).

Form for Solutions Initiatives

- Institution that owns the Solution Initiative (Please, attach the logotype of the institution in png format):
- Information of the contact point.
 - Name:
 - E-mail:
 - Phone:
 - Address:
 - Title/Position of the contact point:
 - Institutional Affiliation:
 - Research Area/Fields of Interest:

A. Solutions Initiative description

Solutions Initiative title	
Target country/region	
Rationale:	<i>Clearly state the challenge that you are trying to solve. How will the proposed Solutions Initiative solve/address this challenge? What is new, innovative and transformational? What is the theory of change and demonstrated need for the activity? What is the impact, real or estimated, on the problem?</i>
Description	<i>Outline of what the initiative is and how it will work</i>
Key deliverables	<i>What are some concrete outcomes both in the short and long term?</i>
Activity status	<i>(e.g. tentative, concept, pilot)</i>
Implementation schedule	<i>Time frame for rolling out the solution</i>
Tough questions	<i>Are there any "tough questions" that must be resolved to roll out the Solutions Initiative?</i>

B. Partners/Management structure (this point has been modified by SDSN NE)

Partner organisation(s)	<i>Name of partner organisation(s), role (e.g., co-funder, logistical), management structure and responsibilities, Strengths/weaknesses</i>
Estimated budget	<i>Required/committed (include detailed proposed budget in annex)</i>
Potential for interaction within SDSN	<i>Describe the possibilities for interaction between the members of SDSN, regarding this Solutions Initiative's activities</i>

C. Key questions

Main risks	
Barriers to be overcome	<i>Why is this not already happening? What are the barriers?</i>
Monitoring and evaluation	<i>How will the initiative be monitored and evaluated?</i>
Commercial interest	<i>Is or could the Solutions Initiative be commercially viable? Do any of the proposed partner organizations have a commercial interest in the proposal?</i>
Options for scaling up	<i>How could the Solutions Initiative be scaled up?</i>

D. Supporting Documentation (links to articles, reports, etc.)