



SDGs Multi-Stakeholder Network

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INTER-INSTITUTIONAL GROUP

“SDGs FOR WELL-BEING AND CONSUMERS’ PROTECTION”

Towards the Inter-Institutional Group “SDGs for well-being and consumers’ protection”

- What is European citizens’ role in reaching the ambitions of the **European Green Deal** and the **Sustainable Development Goals**? What are the connection with **European consumers' rights**? The transition to a sustainable Europe has to be based on the commitment that **"no one is left behind"**, as stated by the European Commission’s President Ursula Von Der Leyen, and that everyone has to be involved in the achievement of this goal. To do so, social concerns should be addressed in full synergy with environmental and economic ones.
- The transition to a sustainable and efficient economy requires radical changes in the consumption habits of our society and in the production models of our economy.
- Leaving no one behind means that all members of the society, including the most vulnerable classes, are enabled to take advantage of this opportunity, while being more protected from the risks.
- Leaving no one behind also means empowering as many people as possible to play a positive and active role so that they can fully participate in the transition. For this reason, the **active participation of European citizens** should be at the base of this transition.

Just after the 2019 European elections, Active Citizenship Network (ACN), the EU branch of the NGO Cittadinanzattiva, the European umbrella association called European Consumers Union (ECU) and the civil society coalition Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development (ASviS) have decided to promote a political initiative that aims to create the informal Inter-institutional Group “SDGs for well-being and consumers’ protection”.

As described in its Manifesto, the Inter-Institutional Group is opened to members of the EU Institutions that have accepted to work together with the civil society to ensure that Europe will be a global leader in the development and implementation of the SDGs.

The Inter-institutional Group aims to be:

- An Awareness rising catalyst** across Europe for civil society, business, research, media, etc. at local, national and European level.
- A Dialogue facilitator** between the European institutions and stakeholders active in specific fields.
- An Incubator of good practices** in order to facilitate the process of exchange, contamination and dissemination of best practices to enable EU citizens to make sustainable choices.

To pursue this objectives, the Group will include in its strategy the United Nations 2030 Agenda’s **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. SDGs are a language universally recognised that would allow the Inter-Institutional Group to include in its activities all the interested stakeholders.

The role of the SDGs Multi-Stakeholder Network

- The SDGs Stakeholder Network is the broader civil society-led network of SDGs stakeholders, promoted to endorse the Inter-institutional Group “SDGs for well-being and consumers’ protection”.
- It aims at understanding and discussing how the individual, as well as the private actor, can give a contribution to accomplish the objectives set in the SDGs and in the European Green New Deal. This will be done by raising awareness among European policymakers on the barriers that citizens and private actors face in making sustainable choices. The network also commits to spreading good practices of sustainable and responsible production & consumption among European Countries.
- The SDGs Multi-Stakeholder Network aims at collecting and sharing best practices, as well as comparing experiences from different EU Member States. These practices will be shared with the Members of the Inter-institutional Group to discuss with them how to promote consumers’ rights and fostering sustainable production & consumption. The final objective is to share with the public clear and accessible information, making sustainability an easy and conscious choice for the EU citizens.





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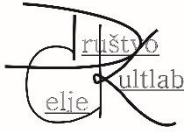



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