

Discussion paper 2: How to ensure sustainability and momentum of the Partnership

This discussion paper serves to guide the discussion of the break-out session of Day 1 of the Coordinators' – Action Leaders' meeting 2021. The discussion elements presented in this paper are based on the analysis of the results of the 14 surveys “Your multi-level governance experience” shared with Partnerships' members and reflections from the Technical Secretariat in supporting the 14 Partnerships.

Ensure momentum

The Partnership constitutes a **long-term commitment**, which should lead to concrete results. For this reason, members should have **sufficient time and capacity** to dedicate to the activities of the Partnership in order to keep momentum and focus on the Partnership's activities. The Partnership is part of a broader constellation of actors, networks and policies, and links among them have to be regularly kept alive and strengthened. This is crucial to ensure momentum, but also coherence across their objectives and achievements – which will eventually lead to the long-term sustainability of the work carried out.

Ensure sustainability of Partnership's work

In order to ensure long-term sustainability of the Partnership's work, the following elements should be taken into account:

- **Embed the work into the wider policy context.** Taking into account the wider policy context is essential to ensure the future sustainability of the Partnership's work. Looking up to and seeking synergies with other initiatives, as well as relevant projects, ensures that the work of the Partnership is not lost, but rather is carried out in broader policy frameworks.
- **Involve multipliers to upscale work and activities.** The involvement of umbrella organisations and networks is essential to make sure that the results of the Partnership's work are disseminated and used from a wider range of relevant stakeholders. This will allow for upscaling and sustainability in the long-term.
- **Ensure clear ownership of the work.** In order for the work to be sustainable, it is of key importance that the Partnership has full ownership of the development of outputs and outcomes.
- **Bring results on the ground.** In order to ensure long-term sustainability of the work, the work of the Partnership should be designed and developed for the end-users, and results produced should be brought and implemented on the ground.

- **Boost communication opportunities.** Dissemination activities are of strategic importance for promoting the Partnership's shared vision and achievements. These include also strengthening of already existing contacts and networks of the Partnership in order to disseminate and upscale the Partnership's work.