

Processed contributions

This synthesis text incorporates contributions from:

- [ACLVB-CGSLB](#)
- [CSC-ACV](#).

Which SDGs are the partners themselves working on?

- The answers show that the organisations support or promote actions around several SDGs, with some emphases.
 - [ACLVB-CGSLB](#)'s actions are mainly focused on the P of 'People'. More concretely, this concerns SDG 3, SDG 4, SDG 8, SDG 11, SDG 12, SDG 13, SDG 16, SDG 17. The organisation is strongly committed to training and sensitising trade union representatives through the [Sustatool](#). With that tool, they can bring the SDGs to the workplace through social dialogue. The [methodology](#) the organisation uses to bring the SDGs to the workplace has been selected by the EU as a good practice. ACLVB has [presented](#) its working with the Sustatool to other European trade unions, in the context of SDG 17 (partnerships). Through its own development cooperation NGO (BIS-MSI), there has been [collaboration](#) with partners in Africa around the SDGs. As a promotion of SDG 8, the three Belgian trade unions supported ITUC/ETUC's [Timefor8](#) campaign.
 - The [ACV-CSC](#)'s actions also focus on the P of 'People', focusing on SDG 3, SDG 4, SDG 5, SDG 8, SDG 11, SDG 12, SDG 13, SDG 16, SDG 17. Regarding the P of 'Partnership', the organisation has developed a [roadmap](#) on sustainable development at the Walloon level. The CSC also supported and promoted the [Timefor8](#) campaign.

What are priority themes or SDGs for Belgium in implementing the 2030 Agenda?

- Organisations' answers place different emphases.
 - Priority SDGs for our country: (1) SDG 8 decent work, more effort should be put on the quality of work ([NAR-CNT/CRB-CCE opinion](#)), more attention to health and safety in the workplace, (2) SDG 5 Belgium should ratify ILO Convention C.190 and eliminate the gender pay gap, (3) SDG 17 Belgium should achieve the 0.7% for international cooperation. (CSC)
 - Priorities: (1) SDG 8 is priority, action is needed for more decent work in Belgium and the rest of the world ([NAR-CNT/CRB-CCE opinion](#)), (2) SDG 17 Belgium must finally achieve the 0.7% as promised for years, (3) for the achievement of SDG 1 (poverty eradication) and SDG 3 (universal health coverage), social protection remains paramount and Belgium's funding of social protection in its bilateral programmes with its partners remains a priority in international cooperation (SDG 17), as does funding for the Global Fund for Social Protection and the Global Accelerator for Jobs and Social Protection (ILO). (CSC)

- Some general elements (from the discussion at the SDG Forum):
 - A just transition is very important. Our country needs to ensure that climate shocks can be absorbed through social protection. Without a proper framework, many people risk losing their jobs otherwise.
 - It is important to remain sufficiently focused on the long-term perspective of the SDGs even in the current times of crisis. Decisions taken now must be compatible with the SDGs.

What issues require changes at European or international level to implement the 2030 Agenda?

- The organisations point to a number of issues:
 - Important are: (1) additional focus on decent work, focusing on the quality of work, (2) binding legislation around Human Rights Due Diligence (HRDD), (3) universal social protection (USP), (4) just transition. (ACLVB)
 - Important are (1) additional focus on decent work, (2) binding legislation around Human Rights Due Diligence (HRDD), (3) climate and just transition. (CSC)

What key messages would you like to see in the VNR?

- Organisations have the following suggestions:
 - An emphasis on the importance of decent work [SDG 8](#) as a [transformative SDG](#). (ACLVB and CSC)

Other comments

- For the HLPF. Belgium should give space and time for civil society to make an intervention during the Belgian time slot in the HLPF. Belgium should also co-chair the 'Group of friends of decent work' and organise a side event on decent work. (ACLVB)
 - The international component in the Federal Plan for Sustainable Development is insufficiently developed. (Discussion SDG Forum)

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