

Press Information Notice

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Sustainable Development in Malta: Statistical Information on the 2030 Agenda in Malta – 2021

On 16 December 2021, the National Statistics Office (NSO) is launching the first edition of a publication titled: Sustainable Development in Malta: Statistical Information on the 2030 Agenda in Malta – 2021. The publication puts together all existing data related to Malta and aligns them with the Sustainable Development targets and indicators.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development recognised that ending poverty and other deprivations is linked with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth – all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests. The scale and ambition of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development are reflected by the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and 169 targets, all of which are integrated and indivisible and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development: the economic, social, and environmental.

A robust follow-up and review mechanism for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development requires a solid framework of indicators and statistical data to monitor progress, inform policy and ensure accountability of all stakeholders. To this end, the General Assembly of the United Nations brought forth the important role of National Statistical Offices and National Statistical Systems by stressing that official statistics constitute the basis needed for the global indicator framework, and that national statistical offices should coordinate national statistical systems.

Responsible for the collection, compilation, analysis and dissemination of official statistics in Malta, the NSO recognises the need to address the gaps in the production of statistics for the Sustainable Development Indicators (SDIs). This will be possible by, among other initiatives, reinforcing the coordination between the NSO and other national authorities that produce statistics. In order to fulfil its role in providing statistics for the monitoring of the SDGs, during the past year the NSO embarked on a task to identify existing data sources and statistical products (national and international) that are compliant with the methodologies of the UN's SDIs framework. In addition, the NSO is persevering in identifying other data and statistical products relevant for the monitoring of progress towards achieving the SDG targets. The work carried out so far by the NSO is reflected in this new publication.

Sustainable Development in Malta: Statistical Information on the 2030 Agenda in Malta – 2021 will be accessible online from the NSO's website at: <https://nso.gov.mt/Home/Publications/Pages/Publications.aspx>