National Implementation Report

(As submitted by: Slovak Republic)

Format for reporting on implementation of the UNECE Strategy for Education for Sustainable Development Phase III: 2011–2015

The following report is submitted on behalf of the Government of the Slovak republic in accordance with the decision of the ECE Steering Committee on Education for Sustainable Development.

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A. Provide brief information (not more than half a page) on the process by which this report has been prepared, including information on which types of public authorities were consulted or contributed to its preparation, how the stakeholders were consulted and how the outcome of this consultation was taken into account and on the material used as a basis for the report.

This report has been prepared by the Ministry of Education of the Slovak republic and the Ministry of Environment of the Slovak republic. National committee for ESD, which was established in 2005, doesn't work anymore.

Governmental institutions (please specify) Slovak environmental agency
Stakeholders:
NGOs (please specify)
Academia (please specify)
Business (please specify)
Other (please specify)

B. Report any particular circumstances that help clarify the context of the report — for example, whether the decision-making structure is federal and/or decentralized, and whether financial constraints are a significant obstacle to implementation. (This information should not exceed half a page.)

Issue¹ 1.	Ensure that policy, regulatory and operational frameworks support the promotion of ESD
If necessary, provide	relevant information on your country situation regarding this specific objective (up to 1,500 characters with spaces).
Indicator 1.1	Prerequisite measures are taken to support the promotion of ESD
Sub-indicator 1.1.1	Is the UNECE Strategy for ESD available in your national ² language(s)?
Yes x No 🗌	Please specify languages. The Slovak language
Sub-indicator 1.1.2	Have you appointed a national focal point to deal with the UNECE Strategy for ESD?
Yes No No	If yes, please specify in which ministrie(s)/department(s) the focal point(s) are located. Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak republic and the Ministry of environment of the Slovak republic.
Sub-indicator 1.1.3	Do you have a coordinating body for implementation of ESD?
Yes No	Please specify its mandate and coordinating mechanism. Please also specify whether its mandate covers implementation of the UNECE Strategy for ESD.
Sub-indicator 1.1.4	Do you have a national implementation plan for ESD?
Yes No	Please specify whether this plan includes implementation of the UNECE Strategy for ESD and please indicate the Internet address where it is accessible. In December 2006 the Action plan for ESD in the SR has been approved by minister of education and minister of environment.
Sub-indicator 1.1.5	Are there any synergies at the national level between the ECE ESD process, the UNESCO global process on the United Nations Decade of ESD, ³ and other policy processes relevant to ESD?
Yes x No	Please specify and list major documents. Strategy for global education for the years 2012 - 2016

Issues 1 to 6 herein are in accordance with the objectives (a)-(f) set out in the UNECE Strategy for ESD (CEP/AC.13/2005/3/Rev.1, para. 7).
 For countries with a federal government structure, all references to "national" apply to "State", as appropriate. In this context, "data at the national level" means aggregated data received from sub-State entities.
 The United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 57/254 of 20 December 2002 proclaimed the 10-year period beginning on 1 January 2005 the United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.

Indicator 1.2	Policy, regulatory and operationa	l frameworks support the promotion of	ESD				
Sub-indicator 1.2.1	Is ESD reflected in any national policy ⁴ document(s)?						
Yes x No 🗌	Please specify and list any major document(s). National education programs for ISCED 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5						
Sub-indicator 1.2.2		(s ESD: (a) addressed in relevant national education legislation/regulatory document(s); and (b) included in your national curricula and/or national standards/ordinances/requirements at all levels of formal education, as understood by your education system in accordance with ISCED? ⁵					
(a) Yes x No	If yes, please specify details for (a) a	and (b).					
(b) Yes x No \square	Please also fill in the table by tickin	g (🗸) as appropriate.					
		ISCED levels	(a)	(b)			
		isold items	Yes	Yes			
		0. Early childhood education	X	X			
		1. Primary education	X	X			
		2. Lower secondary education	X	X			
		3. Upper secondary education	X	X			
		4. Post secondary non-tertiary education	X	X			
		5. Short-cycle tertiary education	X	X			
		6. Bachelor's or equivalent level					
		7. Master's or equivalent level					
		8. Doctoral or equivalent level					
Sub-indicator 1.2.3	Are non-formal and informal ESD a frameworks?	ddressed in your relevant national policy a	nd/or reg	ulatory do	ocument(s) and operational		
Yes x No 🗌		Please specify. In Conception of the environmental education, published by the Ministry of Environment of the SR as well as in Action plan for ESD in the SR. Interest education, for example. in leisure centres.					
Sub-indicator 1.2.4	Is public awareness in relation to ES	SD addressed in relevant national documen	t(s)?				
Yes x No	Please specify. In National strategy for	sustainable development (2001), Action plan f	for SD for	2005-2010	(2005), Operational programmes		

Policy documents may include national strategies, plans, programmes, guidelines and the like.
 See http://www.uis.unesco.org/Education/Pages/international-standard-classification-of-education.aspx.

Sub-indicator 1.2.5	Does a formal structure for interdepartmental ⁶ cooperation relevant to ESD exist in your Government?
Yes x No 🗌	Please specify.
Sub-indicator 1.2.6	Does a mechanism for multi-stakeholder cooperation on ESD exist with the involvement of your Government? ⁷
Yes x No	Please specify.
Sub-indicator 1.2.7	Are public budgets and/or economic incentives available specifically to support ESD?
Yes No x	Please specify.
Indicator 1.3	National policies support synergies between processes related to sustainable development (SD) and ESD
Sub-indicator 1.3.1	Is ESD part of SD policy(ies) if these exist in your country?
Yes x No 🗌	Please specify. Topics included sustainable global education topics
Concluding remarks on issue 1	Please provide any concluding remarks you may have concerning the implementation of issue 1, which corresponds to objective (a) under the Strategy, namely, to ensure that policy, regulatory and operational frameworks support the promotion of ESD
	Please address in particular the following questions:
	 Which actions/initiatives have been particularly successful and why? What challenges did your country encounter when implementing this objective? Which other considerations have to be taken into account in future ESD implementation concerning this objective?

Between State bodies.
 For an explanation, see paragraph 46 of the UNECE Strategy for ESD.

Issue 2.	Promote SD through formal, non-fo	rmal and	d inform	al learni	ng			
environmental educa	e relevant information on your country attion is provided by The Ministry of Enams, competitions, environmental days	vironme	nt and its	state org	anizatior	ns as well	as by NGC	Os. Education is addressed through
Indicator 2.1	SD key themes are addressed in form	mal educ	ation					
Sub-indicator 2.1.1	Are key themes of SD ⁸ addressed expl	icitly in	the curric	culum/pro	gramme	of study	at various l	evels ⁹ of formal education?
Yes x No	Please specify what SD issues are important in the country (i.e., biodiversity, gender, consumption/production, etc.) and how they are addressed in the curricula. Under the relevant articles of educational areas und cross-cutting themes within the state educational programs.							
		Please update the table in appendix $I(a)$ that was used for implementation phase II under this sub-indicator, as appropriate, and indicate the results in the box below in accordance with the rating scale set out in the appendix.						
		A	В	С	D	Е	F	
						X		•
Sub-indicator 2.1.2	Are learning outcomes (skills, attitude at various levels of formal education?	s and val	ues) that	support l	ESD add	ressed ex	plicitly in th	ne curriculum ¹⁰ /programme of study
Yes x No	Please specify what competences as le	earning o	utcomes (are impo	rtant in y	our coun	etry.	
	Please update the table in appendix I (indicate the results in the box below in							
		A	В	С	D	Е	F	
						х		
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For details, see paragraph 15 of the UNECE Strategy for ESD.
 For the State or federal level, where relevant.
 Idem.

Sub-indicator 2.1.3	Are teaching/learning methods that support ESD addressed explicitly in the curriculum ¹¹ /programme of study at various levels of formal education?										
Yes x No 🗌	Please specify what appropriate. Project	ct learning, group	learning	, experie	ential lear	ning, work	kshops, f	ield trips,	meeting.	s, etc.	
	Please also update the table in appendix $I(c)$ that was used to report on implementation phase II , as appropriate, and indicate the results in the box below in accordance with the rating scale set out in the appendix.							ate, and indicate the			
			A	В	С	D	Е	F			
								Х			
Indicator 2.2	Strategies to imple	ment ESD are cl	early ide	ntified							
Sub-indicator 2.2.1	Is ESD addressed the programmes and cou							oach?; (c)	the prov	vision of s	specific subject
(a) Yes x No	Please specify for di	fferent levels of e	ducation	system i	n accorda	ınce with IS	SCED by	ticking (✓) in th	e table as	appropriate.
(b) Yes x No		ICCED I				(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	
(c) Yes x No \square		ISCED levels	2011			Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
(d) Yes x No \square		0. Early childh	ood educ	ation			Х		X	X	
(e) Yes x No \square		1. Primary edu	cation			Х	X	Х	Х	X	
		2. Lower secondary education			Х	X	Х	X	X	-	
		3. Upper secon	dary educ	cation		Х	X	Х	X	X	
		4. Post-second	ary non-te	ertiary e	ducation	X	X	X	X	X	
		5. Short-cycle	5. Short-cycle tertiary education			Х	X	Х	Х	X	
		6. Bachelor's or equivalent level			Х	X	X	Х	X		
		7. Master's or	equivalen	t level		X	X	X	Х	X	
	Please also provide	information abou	t the ince	ntives oi	n the natio	onal level f	or imple	menting (a), (b), (c), (d), an	 ıd (е).

Idem.
 E.g., geography or biology. For higher education, "subject" means "course".
 A project is interpreted as a discrete activity with its own time allocation rather than a teaching/learning method.

Indicator 2.3	A whole-institution approach ¹⁴ to SD/I	ESD is promoted					
Sub-indicator 2.3.1	Do educational institutions ¹⁵ adopt a "whole-institution approach" to SD/ESD?						
Yes No x	plans are one means to implement a who action area in your country.	one priority action area that every school actle-institution approach. Please provide info evels of your education system in accordance and informal education, as appropriate.	rmation o	on the implementation of this priority			
		ISCED levels 2011	Yes				
	-	0. Early childhood education					
		1. Primary education					
		2. Lower secondary education					
		3. Upper secondary education					
		4. Post-secondary non-tertiary education					
		5. Short-cycle tertiary education					
		6. Bachelor's or equivalent level					
		7. Master's or equivalent level					
		8. Doctoral or equivalent level					
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A "whole institution approach" means that all aspects of an institution's internal operations and external relationships are reviewed and revised in the light of SD/ESD principles. Within such an approach each institution would decide on its own actions, addressing the three overlapping spheres of Campus (management operations); Curriculum; and Community (external relationships).

⁽external relationships).

For higher education institutions: whole-university, whole-college or whole-faculty approach (including inter-faculty approaches).

Sub-indicator 2.3.2	Are there any incentives (guidelines, award scheme, funding, technical support) that SD/ESD, including the implementation of ESD school plans?	support	a whole-institution approach to
Yes x No 🗌	If yes, please specify what schemes are available for all levels of your education system Enviroprojekt - Development Project for project funding primary and secondary scheducation levels of the Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slothealth and safety in schools - a development project for project funding primary are lifestyles and safety in schools from the level of the Ministry of Education, Science, It Please also provide information on all education levels in accordance with ISCED by	nools to povak Rep nd second Research	ublic dary schools to promote health, healthy and Sport of the Slovak Republic
	ISCED levels 2011	Yes	
	0. Early childhood education		
	1. Primary education	Х	
	2. Lower secondary education	X	
	3. Upper secondary education	Х	
	4. Post-secondary non-tertiary education		
	5. Short-cycle tertiary education		
	6. Bachelor's or equivalent level	X	
	7. Master's or equivalent level	X	
	8. Doctoral or equivalent level	X	
	Please also specify for non-formal and informal education, as appropriate. If releva (provide examples).	nt inforn	nation is available please also specify

Sub-indicator 2.3.3	Do institutions/learners develop their own SD/ESD indicators for their institution/organization?				
Yes No x	Please specify (i.e., provide examples o	of how this is done) for formal institutions as	well as for	r non-formal institutions.	
	Please also indicate for all levels of yo	ur education system in accordance with ISCE	ED, by tick	ting (\checkmark) in the table as appropriate:	
	(a) For formal institutions:				
		ISCED levels 2011	Yes		
		0. Early childhood education	-		
		1. Primary education			
		2. Lower secondary education			
		3. Upper secondary education			
		4. Post-secondary non-tertiary education			
		5. Short-cycle tertiary education			
		6. Bachelor's or equivalent level			
		7. Master's or equivalent level			
		8. Doctoral or equivalent level			
	(b) For non-formal institutions:				
		ISCED levels 2011	Yes		
		0. Early childhood education			
		1. Primary education			
		2. Lower secondary education			
		3. Upper secondary education			
		4. Post-secondary non-tertiary education			
		5. Short-cycle tertiary education			
		6. Bachelor's or equivalent level			
		7. Master's or equivalent level			
		8. Doctoral or equivalent level			

Indicator 2.4	ESD is addressed by quali	ity assessment/enhancement systems					
Sub-indicator 2.4.1	(a) Are there any education quality assessment/enhancement systems?: 16 (b) Do they address ESD?; (c) Are there any education quality assessment/enhancement systems that address ESD in national systems?						
a) Yes x No b) Yes x No c) Yes x No c	subjects of Mathematics (M. language and literature, Slo Testing 5-2013 - pilot testin IEA PIRLS international me pupils in the fourth year of olds) and the OECD PISA (tionwide testing of pupils Grade 9 primary sch AT), Slovak language and literature (SLL), Hu wak language and Slovak literature; g of students 5th grade of primary school (elen easurement (reading literacy 4th grade elemen elementary school mathematics and science), I math, reading and Scientific literacy) ous levels of your education system in accorda	ungarian mentary s itary scho IEA ICIL	language school) in ool studen S (Compu	e and liter e subjects ats), IEA T ater and in	ature (MLL, MAT, SLL, TIMSS (the p), Ukrainian MLL performance of 14
		ISCED L A011	(a)	(b)	(c)		
		ISCED levels 2011	(a) Yes	(b) <i>Yes</i>	(c) Yes		
		ISCED levels 2011 0. Early childhood education					
		0. Early childhood education	Yes	Yes	Yes		
		Early childhood education Primary education	Yes	Yes x	Yes		
		0. Early childhood education 1. Primary education 2. Lower secondary education	Yes x x	Yes x	Yes x		
		0. Early childhood education 1. Primary education 2. Lower secondary education 3. Upper secondary education	Yes x x	Yes x	Yes x		
		0. Early childhood education 1. Primary education 2. Lower secondary education 3. Upper secondary education 4. Post-secondary non-tertiary education	Yes x x	Yes x	Yes x		
		0. Early childhood education 1. Primary education 2. Lower secondary education 3. Upper secondary education 4. Post-secondary non-tertiary education 5. Short-cycle tertiary education	Yes x x	Yes x	Yes x		

¹⁶ For higher education institutions: either national centres for quality assessment in higher education or cooperation with general quality assessment agencies, such as the European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM).

Indicator 2.5	ESD methods and instruments for non-formal and informal learning are in place to assess changes in knowledge, attitude and practice
Sub-indicator 2.5.1	Are SD issues addressed in informal and public awareness-raising activities?
	Please specify and provide information on new developments and good practice examples. Good practices are for example: education programmes which provide combination of expertise and experiential learning (www.ekostopa.sk, www.snaturou2000.sk, www.enviroza.sk) and trainings for teachers of nursery, primary and secondary schools named Ecological Footprint with main objective to develop qualification in education for sustainable development.

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Sub-indicator 2.5.2	Is there any support for work-based learning (e.g., for small companies, farmers, trade unions, associations) which addresses SD issues?
Yes No x	Please specify and provide information on new developments and good practice examples.
Sub-indicator 2.5.3	Are there any instruments (e.g. research, surveys, etc.) in place to assess the outcomes of ESD as a result of non-formal and informal learning?
Yes No x	Please specify in particular what instruments were the most effective in assessing the outcomes of ESD as a result of non-formal/informal learning.
Indicator 2.6	ESD implementation is a multi-stakeholder process ¹⁷
Sub-indicator 2.6.1	Is ESD implementation a multi-stakeholder process?
Yes x No 🗌	Please specify the main stakeholders and the main impacts that those stakeholders had/have on implementation. Please update the information provided in the previous table for appendix II as appropriate.
Concluding remarks on issue 2	Please provide any concluding remarks you may have concerning the implementation of issue 2, which corresponds to objective (b) under the Strategy, namely to promote sustainable development through formal, non-formal and informal learning
	Please address in particular the following questions: - Which actions/initiatives have been particularly successful and why? - What challenges did your country encounter when implementing this objective? - Which other considerations have to be taken into account in future ESD implementation concerning this objective?
Issue 3.	Equip educators with the competence to include SD in their teaching
several publications species. All material organised to promote	
Indicator 3.1	ESD is included in the training ¹⁸ of educators
Sub-indicator 3.1.1	Is ESD a part of educators' initial training? ¹⁹

For higher education institutions: this covers the issue of university "outreach" (meaning a wide spectrum from regional integration, business cooperation and transdisciplinarity to eco-procurement and research-education-cooperation).

ESD is addressed by content and/or by methodology.

For higher education institutions: the focus is here on existing teacher training at universities/colleges regarding SD and ESD for university/college teachers.

14 In particular specify what ESD competences²⁰ are explicitly included in the study programmes. ESD is included in study Yes x□ No programmes on universities specialized on environment. Within non-formal education, ESD is included for example in training for teachers such as Ecological footprint.

 $^{^{20}}$ For a set of core competences in ESD please see the report by the ECE Expert Group on Competences, *Learning for the* future: Competences in Education for Sustainable Development (ECE/CEP/AC.13/2011/6), available online from http://www.unece.org/education-for-sustainable-development-esd/publications.html.html.

Sub-indicator 3.1.2	Is ESD a part of the educators' in-service training? ²¹
Yes x No	In particular specify what ESD competences are explicitly included in training programmes. Please also specify to what extent the training programmes are mandatory or optional. In the framework of accredited continuing education programs that are focused on this area. Please also update the information provided under the phase II national implementation reporting in appendix III.
Sub-indicator 3.1.3	Is ESD a part of training of leaders and administrators of educational institutions?
Yes No x	Please specify what ESD competences are explicitly included in training programmes. Please also specify to what extent the training programmes are accessible and whether they are mandatory or optional.
Indicator 3.2	Opportunities exist for educators to cooperate on ESD
Sub-indicator 3.2.1	Are there any networks/platforms of educators and/or leaders/administrators who are involved in ESD in your country?
Yes x No 🗌	Please specify.
Sub-indicator 3.2.2	Are ESD networks/platforms supported by the government in any way? ²²
Yes No x	Please specify how, listing the major ones, and describing them as appropriate.
	Please provide any concluding remarks you may have concerning the implementation of issue 3, which corresponds to objective (c) under the Strategy, namely to equip educators with the competence to include sustainable development in their teaching
	Please address in particular the following questions: - Which actions/initiatives have been particularly successful and why? - What challenges did your country encounter when implementing this objective? - Which other considerations have to be taken into account in future ESD implementation concerning this objective?
Issue 4.	Ensure that adequate tools and materials for ESD are accessible
of materials about E	SD within non-formal education is provided by free handouts at various environmental events. Most of these materials are funded
training programmes are mandatory or optional. In the framework of accredited continuing education programs that are focused of this area. Please also update the information provided under the phase II national implementation reporting in appendix III. Sub-indicator 3.1.3 Is ESD a part of training of leaders and administrators of educational institutions? Yes \[\] No x Please specify what ESD competences are explicitly included in training programmes. Please also specify to what extent the training programmes are accessible and whether they are mandatory or optional. Indicator 3.2 Opportunities exist for educators to cooperate on ESD Sub-indicator 3.2.1 Are there any networks/platforms of educators and/or leaders/administrators who are involved in ESD in your country? Yes x No \[\] Please specify. Sub-indicator 3.2.2 Are ESD networks/platforms supported by the government in any way? Yes \[\] No x Please specify how, listing the major ones, and describing them as appropriate. Concluding remarks issue 3 Please provide any concluding remarks you may have concerning the implementation of issue 3, which corresponds to objective (c) under the Strategy, namely to equip educators with the competence to include sustainable development in their teaching Please address in particular the following questions: Which actions/initiatives have been particularly successful and why? What challenges did your country encounter when implementing this objective? Which other considerations have to be taken into account in future ESD implementation concerning this objective?	
Indicator 4.1	reaching tools and materials for ESD are produced

For higher education institutions: the focus is here on existing in-service training programmes regarding SD and ESD for university/college teachers in their own universities/colleges.
 Including assistance through direct funding, in-kind help, political and institutional support.

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16	_	Please describe. Non formal environmental education in Slovakia follows the State Environmental Policy Strategy and the National Strategy for Sustainable Development (documents approved by the National Council of the Slovak Republic and the Government of the Slovak Republic).

Sub-indicator 4.1.2	Is public (national, subnational, local) auti	hority money invested in this activity?		
Yes x No	dollars (USD)) for annual expenditures of Environment of Slovak Republic is invest	by is invested in this activity, by providing a mESD-related research and development. Iting money in activities of sectoral organizatives $27000000000000000000000000000000000000$	In the fiel ations. Sl	d of non-formal education, Ministry of ovak Environment Agency as one of the
Indicator 4.2	Quality control mechanisms for teaching	ng tools and materials for ESD exist		
Sub-indicator 4.2.1	1	y guidelines for ESD-related teaching tools orities?; (c) tested and recommended for se		
(a) Yes x No \square				
(b) Yes x No \square	Please specify. Teaching materials, recon	nmendatory clause to textbooks, teaching a	ids	
(c) Yes x No \square				
Sub-indicator 4.2.2	Are ESD teaching tools/materials available	le: (a) in national languages?; (b) for all lev	els of ed	ucation according to ISCED?
(a) Yes x No 🗌	Please specify. If the answer is yes for (b)	, please specify by ticking (\checkmark) in the table	as appro	priate.
(b) Yes x No \square	ļ		1	1
	I	SCED levels 2011 ²³	Yes	
). Early childhood education	1	
		l. Primary education	х	
	2	2. Lower secondary education	X	
	3	3. Upper secondary education	X	
	4	4. Post-secondary non-tertiary education	X	
	5	5. Short-cycle tertiary education	X	
	6	5. Bachelor's or equivalent level	X	
	7	7. Master's or equivalent level	X	
		B Doctoral or equivalent level	X	
Indicator 4.3	Teaching tools and materials for ESD a	are accessible		
Sub-indicator 4.3.1	Does a national strategy/mechanism for d	issemination of ESD tools and materials ex	ist?	
Yes No x	Please describe and in particular highligh	ht what measures are the most efficient for	dissemin	ation.

²³ Education level in accordance with ISCED.

Sub-indicator 4.3.3 Are approved ESD teaching materials available through the Internet? NGOs, projects, competitions, Some of the materials are available on the Internet (beagleproject). Some of them are available after registration (Ekostopa, Na turu s naturou, Enviróza). Yes x No Please describe and name in particular official Internet sites. e-aktovka; www.minedu.sk Sub-indicator 4.3.4 Is a register or database of ESD teaching tools and materials in the national language(s): (a) accessible through the Internet?; (b) provided through other channels? (a) Yes x No For (a) and (b) please specify and mention by whom it was established and by whom it is managed. For (a) and (b) please specify and mention by whom it was established and by whom it is managed. Please provide any concluding remarks you may have concerning the implementation of issue 4, which corresponds to objective (d) under the Strategy, namely, to ensure that adequate tools and materials for ESD are accessible Please address in particular the following questions: Which actions/initiatives have been particularly successful and why? What challenges did your country encounter when implementing this objective? Which other considerations have to be taken into account in future ESD implementation concerning this objective? Which other considerations have to be taken into account in future ESD implementation concerning this objective? Issue 5. Promote research on and development of ESD If necessary, provide relevant information on your country situation regarding this specific objective (up to 1,500 characters with spaces). Indicator 5.1.1 Is research that addresses content and methods for ESD ²⁵ supported? Yes \sum No \times Please specify in particular the most important outcomes of supported research. Sub-indicator 5.1.2 Does any research evaluate the outcome of the implementation of the UNECE Strategy for ESD?	Sub-indicator 4.3.2	Is public authority money invested in this activity?
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Yes No x Please specify what subjects were investigated and list major reports.	Sub-indicator 5.1.2	Does any research evaluate the outcome of the implementation of the UNECE Strategy for ESD?
	Yes No x	Please specify what subjects were investigated and list major reports.

²⁴ These include support from various sources, such as State, local authorities, business and non-governmental organizations or

institutions.

E.g. concepts; formation of attitudes and values; development of competencies, teaching and learning; school development; implementation of information communications technology; and means of evaluation, including socioeconomic impacts.

Sub-indicator 5.1.3	Are post-graduate programmes available: (1) on ESD: ²⁶ (a) for the master's level?; (b) for the doctorate level?;
	(2) addressing ESD: (a) for the master's level?; (b) for the doctorate level?
(1)	
(a) Yes x No \square	Please specify what programmes are available and list the most important academic dissertations that address ESD.
(b) Yes x No \square	
(2)	
(a) Yes x No \square	
(b) Yes x No \square	
Sub-indicator 5.1.4	Are there any scholarships supported by public authorities for post-graduate research in ESD: (a) for the master's level; (b) for the doctorate level?
(a) Yes No x	Please provide information on (a) and (b).
(b) Yes No x	
Indicator 5.2	Development of ESD is promoted
Sub-indicator 5.2.1	Is there any support for innovation and capacity-building in ESD practice? ²⁷
Yes No x	Please specify what main projects were/are being implemented to that end.
Indicator 5.3	Dissemination of research results on ESD is promoted
Sub-indicator 5.3.1	Is there any public authority support for mechanisms ²⁸ to share the results of research and examples of good practices in ESD ²⁹ among authorities and stakeholders?
Yes No x	Please specify and provide information about where published research and dissertations are accessible.

ESD is addressed by substance and/or by approach.

Activities may include projects, action research, social learning and multi-stakeholder teams.

E.g., conferences, summer schools, journals, periodicals, networks.

E.g., the "participatory approach"; links to local, regional and global problems; an integrative approach to environmental, economic and social issues; an orientation to understanding, preventing and solving problems.

Sub-indicator 5.3.2	Are there any scientific publications: (a) specifically on ESD?;(b) addressing ESD?
(a) Yes x No [] (b) Yes x No []	Please name the major publications for (a) and (b).
Concluding remarks on issue 5	Please provide any concluding remarks you may have concerning the implementation of issue 5, which corresponds to objective (e) under the Strategy, namely, to promote research on and development of ESD.
	 Which actions/initiatives have been particularly successful and why? What challenges did your country encounter when implementing this objective? Which other considerations have to be taken into account in future ESD implementation concerning this objective?
Issue 6.	Strengthen cooperation on ESD at all levels within the ECE region
If necessary, provide	e relevant information on your country situation regarding this specific objective (up to 1,500 characters with spaces).
Indicator 6.1	International cooperation on ESD is strengthened within the ECE region and beyond
Sub-indicator 6.1.1	Do your public authorities cooperate in/support international 30 networks on ESD?
Yes x No 🗌	Please specify concrete networks and explain who supports these networks. Cooperation in international networks on ESD in the field of non-formal education is provided by the Ministry of Environment.
Sub-indicator 6.1.2	Do educational institutions/organizations (formal and non-formal) in your country participate in international networks related to ESD?
Yes x No	Please specify. List major networks. Participation is provided by the Ministry of Environment.
Sub-indicator 6.1.3	Are there any state, bilateral and/or multilateral cooperation mechanisms/agreements that include an explicit ESD component?
Yes No x	Please specify and list the major ones.
Sub-indicator 6.1.4	Does your Government take any steps to promote ESD in international forums outside the ECE region?
Yes No x	Please list and describe.
Concluding remarks on issue 6	Please provide any concluding remarks you may have concerning the implementation of issue 6, which corresponds to objective (f) under the Strategy, namely, to strengthen cooperation on ESD at all levels within the ECE region

³⁰ In this context, international associations, working groups, programmes, partnerships, etc., means those at the global, regional and subregional levels.

Please address in particular the following questions:

Which actions/initiatives have been particularly successful and for which reason?

What challenges did your country encounter when implementing this objective?

Which other considerations have to be taken into account in future ESD implementation concerning this objective?

Issue 7. Foster conservation, use and promotion of knowledge of indigenous peoples, as well as local and traditional knowledge, in ESD

Provide relevant information on your country situation regarding this specific issue (up to 2,000 characters with spaces). Please be as specific as possible.

What the role does this issue play in ESD implementation in your country? Please provide updated information to indicate changes over time.

Issue 8. Describe any challenges and obstacles encountered in the implementation of the Strategy

Provide relevant information on your country situation regarding this specific issue (up to 2,000 characters with spaces). Please be as specific as possible.

Please in particular discuss any challenges and obstacles encountered that were not yet mentioned in the concluding remarks on the implementation of the Strategy's main objectives (issues 1–6).

Issue 9. Future implementation of Education for Sustainable Development

Is there a political commitment/an indication that ESD implementation will continue to be supported after the end of phase III of the UNECE Strategy for ESD and after the United Nations Decade of ESD in your country? If yes, is there already an indication of implementation priorities?

Appendix I (a)

Indicator 2.1, sub-indicator 2.1.1

Please specify which key themes of SD are addressed explicitly in the curriculum/programme of study at various levels of formal education by filling in the table below. (Please tick (\checkmark) relevant themes for each level. Use the blank rows to insert additional themes that are considered to be key themes in addressing learning for SD.)

Also, could you specify which specific themes are of critical importance in your country and why?

			IS	SCED	Leve	ls 201	1		
Some key themes covered by sustainable development	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Peace studies (e.g., international relations, security and conflict resolution, partnerships)			Х	X	X	X	X	Х	X
Ethics and philosophy			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Citizenship, democracy and governance			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Human rights (e.g., gender and racial and intergenerational equity)	<u>.</u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Poverty alleviation		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Cultural diversity		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Biological and landscape diversity		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Environmental protection (waste management, etc.)		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Ecological principles/ecosystem approach			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Natural resource management (e.g., water, soil, mineral, fossil fuels)			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Climate change			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Personal and family health (e.g., HIV/AIDS, drug abuse)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Environmental health (e.g., food and drinking; water quality; pollution)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Corporate social responsibility			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Production and/or consumption patterns			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Economics				X	X	X	X	X	X
Rural/urban development				X	X	X	X	X	X
Total	2	7	15	17	17	17	17	17	17
Other (countries to add as many as needed)									

Note: Your response will reflect the variety of ESD themes distributed across the ISCED levels. The distribution is more important than the raw number of ticks. The number of ticks may be used for your own monitoring purposes.

The scoring key for this table (maximum 153 ticks; "other" categories not counted) is:

No. of ticks	0–9	10–16	17–39	40–75	76–112	113–153
Scale	A	В	С	D	Е	F

Appendix I (b)

Indicator 2.1, sub-indicator 2.1.2

Please specify the extent to which the following broad areas of competence that support ESD are addressed explicitly in the curriculum³¹/programme of study at various levels of formal education, by filling in the table below. (*Please tick* () relevant expected learning outcomes for each level. Use the blank rows to insert additional learning outcomes (skills, attitudes and values) that are considered to be key outcomes in your country in learning for SD.)

Table of learning outcomes

				I	SCE	D I	Leve	els		
Competence	Expected outcomes	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Learning to learn	- posing analytical questions/critical thinking?			X	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	X
Does education at each level enhance	- understanding complexity/systemic thinking?			X	X	X	X	Х	X	X
learners' capacity for:	- overcoming obstacles/problem-solving?		X	X	X	X	X	Х	X	X
	- managing change/problem-setting?				X	X	X		X	X
	- creative thinking/future-oriented thinking?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	- understanding interrelationships across disciplines/holistic approach?		X	X	X	X	X	Х	X	X
	Total	1	3	5	6	6	6	5	6	6
	- other (countries to add as many as needed)?									
	-									
Learning to do	- applying learning in a variety of life-wide contexts?		X	X	Х	Х	X	Х	X	X
Does education at each level enhance	- decision-making, including in situations of uncertainty?			X	X	X	X	Х	X	X
learners' capacity for:	- dealing with crises and risks?			X	X	X	X	Х	X	X
	- acting responsibly?		X	X	Х	X	X	X	X	X
	- acting with self-respect?		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	- acting with determination?				X	X	X	X	X	X
	Total	0	3	5	6	6	6	6	6	6
	- other (countries to add as many as needed)?									

At the state level, where relevant.

				I	SCE	D L	eve	ls		
Competence	Expected outcomes	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Learning to be	- self-confidence?		X	X	х	Х	х	х	х	x
Does education at each level enhance	- self-expression and communication?	X	X	X	X	Х	X	X	X	X
learners' capacity for:	- coping under stress?			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	- ability to identify and clarify values (for phase III)?			X	X	X	X	Х	X	X
	Total	1	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
	- other (countries to add as many as needed)?									
Learning to live and work together	- acting with responsibility (locally and globally)?		Х	X	X	Х	Х	Х	Х	X
Does education at each level enhance	- acting with respect for others?	X	X	X	X	Х	X	Х	X	X
learners' capacity for:	- identifying stakeholders and their interests?			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	- collaboration/team working?	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	- participation in democratic decision-making?		<u> </u>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	- negotiation and consensus-building?		ļ	Х	Х	X	X	Х	X	X
	- distributing responsibilities (subsidiarity)?			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Total	2	3	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
	- other (countries to add as many as needed)?									
	-									

Note: Your response will reflect the variety of ESD themes distributed across the ISCED levels. The distribution is more important than the raw number of ticks. The number of ticks may be used for your own monitoring purposes.

The scoring key for this table (maximum 207 ticks; "other" not counted) is:

No. of ticks	0–11	12–21	22–53	54-105	106–156	157–207
Scale	A	В	C	D	Е	F

Appendix I (c)

Indicator 2.1, sub-indicator 2.1.3

Please indicate the teaching/learning methods used for ESD at the different ISCED levels. (*Please tick* () relevant teaching/learning methods for each level. Use the blank rows to insert additional teaching/learning methods that are considered to be key methods in your country in teaching-learning for sustainable development.)

Table of teaching-learning methods

		X							
Some key ESD teaching/learning methods proposed by the Strategy ^a	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Discussions	X	Х	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Conceptual and perceptual mapping			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Philosophical inquiry				X	X	X	X	X	X
Value clarification			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Simulations; role playing; games	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Scenarios; modelling	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Information and communication technology (ICT)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Surveys			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Case studies				X	X	X	X	X	X
Excursions and outdoor learning	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Learner-driven projects	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Good practice analyses				X	X	X	X	X	X
Workplace experience	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Problem-solving	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Total	8	8	11	14	14	14	14	14	14
Other (countries to add as many as needed)									

Note: Your response will reflect the variety of ESD themes distributed across the ISCED levels. The distribution is more important than the raw number of ticks. The number of ticks may be used for your own monitoring purposes.

The scoring key for this table (maximum 126 ticks; "other" not counted) is:

No. of ticks	0–8	9–42	43–53	54–76	77–98	99–126
Scale	A	В	C	D	Е	F

^a Please refer to paragraph 33(e) of the UNECE Strategy for ESD.

Appendix II

Indicator 2.6, sub-indicator 2.6.1

Please specify to what extent ESD implementation is a multi-stakeholder process by filling in the table below. Please provide examples of good practice. (*Please tick* () in both (a) and (b) template-tables to indicate what types of education stakeholders are involved.)

Table (a)
According to the UNECE Strategy for ESD

	Classification by UNECE Strategy for ESD						
Stakeholders	Formal	Non-formal	Informal				
NGOs	x	х	x				
Local government			Х				
Organized labour							
Private sector		X	X				
Community-based		X	Х				
Faith-based		X					
Media		X	X				
Total	1	5	5				
Other (countries to add as many as needed)							

The scoring key for this table (maximum 21 ticks; "other" not counted) is:

No. of ticks	0–1	2	3–5	6–10	11–15	16–21
Scale	A	В	С	D	Е	F

Table (b)
According to United Nations Decade of ESD

	Classification by United Nations Decade of ESD								
Stakeholders	Public awareness	Quality education	Reorienting education	Training	Social learning				
NGOs	X	X	X	X	X				
Local government	X	X		X	X				
Organized labour									
Private sector	X			X	X				
Community-based	X			X	X				
Faith-based	X			X	X				
Media	X								
Total	6	2	1	5	5				
Other (countries to add as many as needed)									

The scoring key for this table (maximum 35 ticks; "other" not counted) is:

No. of ticks	0–5	6–11	12–17	18–23	24–29	30–35
Scale	A	В	С	D	Е	F

Appendix III

Indicator 3.1, sub-indicator 3.1.3

Please specify to what extent ESD is a part of the initial and/or in-service educator's training, by filling in the table below by ticking (\checkmark) as appropriate.

		Percentage of education professionals who have received training ^a to integrate ESD into their practice																
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	<i>Initial^c</i>				Ì	ln sei	rvice'	d				In se	rvice	e				
ISCED levels	A	В	C	D	E	F	A	В	C	D	E	F	A	В	C	D	E	F
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8.						<u> </u>												
Non-formal													<u> </u>					
Informal																		

- Training is understood to include at least one day (a minimum of five contact hours).
 See paras. 54 and 55 of the UNECE Strategy for ESD.
- ^c Please indicate the number of educators who have received initial training on ESD as a percentage of the total number of educators by the reporting date.
- ^d Please indicate the number of educators who have received training on ESD as a percentage of the total number of educators who received in-service teacher training by the reporting date.
- ^e Please indicate the number of leaders/administrators who have received training on ESD as a percentage of total number of leaders/administrators who received in-service teacher training by the reporting date.

The scoring key for this table (maximum 100%) is:

Percentage of educated trainers	0–5	6–10	11–25	26-50	51–75	
Scale	Α	В	C	D	Е	F

Appendix IV

Summary and self-assessment by countries

Please specify the status of efforts to implement the sub-indicators listed in the table below by ticking (\checkmark) as appropriate.

On the basis of the answers to the sub-indicators, please self-assess the status of the implementation of the respective indicator in your country. If feasible, please specify the methodology used for the self-assessment.

Indicator 1.1	Prerequisite measures are taken to support the promotion of ESD	☐ Not started ☐ In progress x Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 1.2	Policy, regulatory and operational frameworks support the promotion of ESD	☐ Not started x In progress x Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 1.3	National policies support synergies between processes related to SD and ESD	☐ Not started x In progress x Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 2.1	SD key themes are addressed in formal education	☐ Not started ☐ In progress x Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 2.2	Strategies to implement ESD are clearly identified	☐ Not started x In progress x Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 2.3	A whole-institution approach to ESD/SD is promoted	☐ Not started x In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 2.4	ESD is addressed by quality assessment/enhancement systems	☐ Not started x In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 2.5	ESD methods and instruments for non-formal and informal learning are in place to assess changes in knowledge, attitude and practice	☐ Not started x In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 2.6	ESD implementation is a multi-stakeholder process	☐ Not started ☐ In progress x Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 3.1	ESD is included in the training of educators	☐ Not started x In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 3.2	Opportunities exist for educators to cooperate on ESD	☐ Not started x In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 4.1	Teaching tools and materials for ESD are produced	☐ Not started x In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 4.2	Quality control mechanisms for teaching tools and materials for ESD exist	☐ Not started x In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 4.3	Teaching tools and materials for ESD are accessible	☐ Not started x In progress x Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 5.1	Research on ESD is promoted	☐ Not started x In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 5.2	Development of ESD is promoted	☐ Not started x In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 5.3	Dissemination of research results on ESD is promoted	☐ Not started x In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed
Indicator 6.1	International cooperation on ESD is strengthened within the ECE region and beyond	☐ Not started x In progress ☐ Developing ☐ Completed