

The 2017 High-level Political Forum

Perspectives from Europe

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2017 Voluntary National Reviews

- 10 of 43 VNRs from EU: BE, CY, CZ, DK, IT, LU, NL, PT, SL, SW
- CONCORD national platforms engaged actively national processes and contributed to joint CONCORD analysis of the reports and the process

→ CONCORD analysis ([link](#)):

- General findings of added value of the HLPF and main areas to be improved
- Assessment per country of pros and cons of the report and process
- Monitoring of follow-up from 2016 VNRs

2017 Voluntary National Reviews

Strengths

**Great stimulus
to move the
agenda forward**

**Cross-sectoral
multi-stakeholder
network building**

Weaknesses

**In-depth
critical
analysis**

**Meaningful
stakeholder
engagement**

**Political
leadership and
inter-ministerial
coordination**

**Follow-up
from last
year's
VNRs**

**No national
Strategy**



General reflections 2017 HLPF

- Who went from the EU and MS?
- What did they say?
- How were CSOs engaged in official delegations and events?
- What do we think of the ministerial declaration?
- Did the agenda of the HLPF allow for the best possible discussions?
- What messages were raised by civil society?
- What role did parliamentarians and business representatives play?

Next steps

- Webinar for members to reflect on VNRs and HLPF and what could be done to strengthen them
- Paper monitoring Agenda 2030 implementation across the EU: *HLPF cannot be one-off exercise to engage with CSOs. We need ongoing structured dialogue. HLPF needs to be built into MAR framework.*
- 8 EU MS reporting in 2018
- Push for EU reporting to 2019 HLPF

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