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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