



## **Implications of 2030 EU Resource Efficiency Target on Sustainable Development (FEEM NdL 2015.036)**

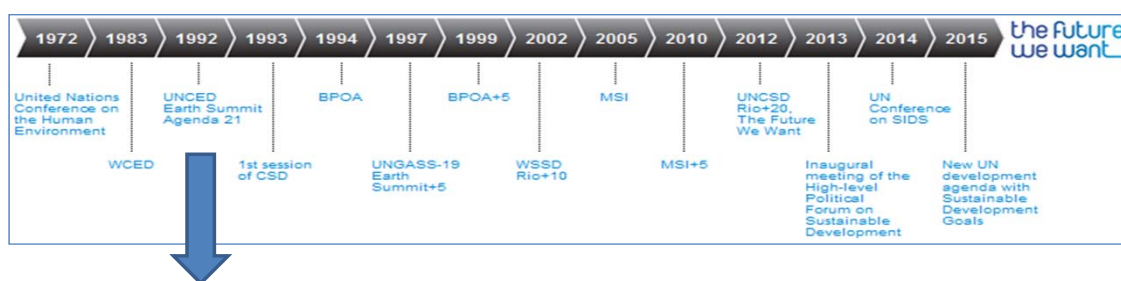
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## OUTLINE

- ***SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: QUANTITATIVE ASSESSMENT***
- ***THE EU RESOURCE EFFICIENCY STRATEGY***
- ***THE METHODOLOGY***
- ***SCENARIO ANALYSIS***
- ***CONCLUSIONS and FURTHER RESEARCH***

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: UN PROCESS (1)



### ➤ *Rio 1992 outcomes:*

- ✓ Agenda 21
- ✓ Rio Declaration on Environment and Development
- ✓ Statement of Forest Principles
- ✓ United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
- ✓ United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: UN PROCESS (2)

➤ **MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS (2000-2015)**

➤ **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (2016-2030)**

**25-27 September 2015 (New York)**

**=> UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon will adopt  
the new SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS  
(and TARGETS) to be fulfilled by 2030**



## OTHERS THAN UN: GGKP



Third Annual Conference of the  
Green Growth Knowledge Platform

**Fiscal Policy and the  
Green Economy Transition:  
Generating Knowledge -  
Creating Impact**

Venice, 29-30 January 2015

## MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Millennium Development Goals Report  
2015



**Measure what we treasure:  
sustainable data for  
sustainable development**

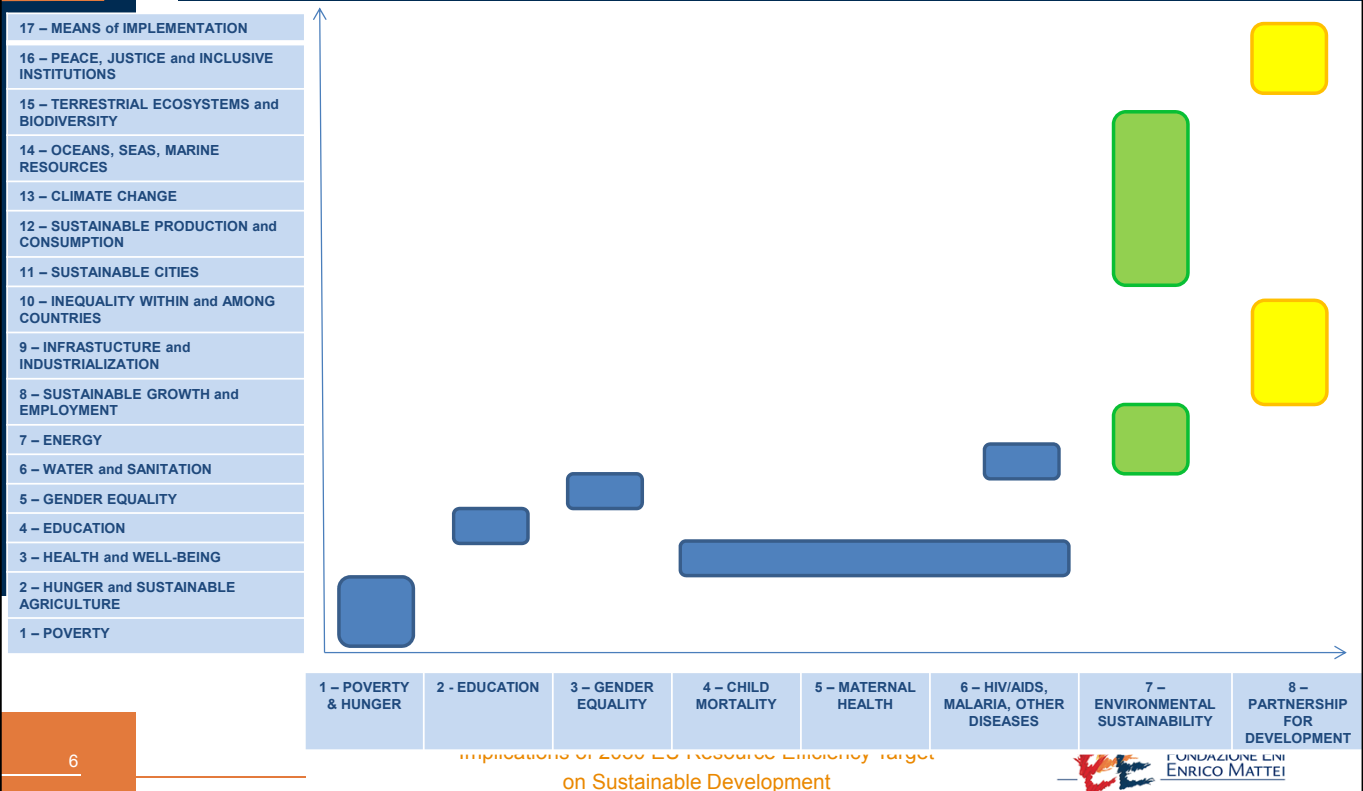
- What gets measured gets done
- Only by counting the uncounted can we reach the unreached
- Global standards and an integrated statistics system are key elements for effective monitoring
- Real-time data are needed to deliver better decisions faster

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## MAPPING MDGs and SDGs



## SDGs MAPPING by DIMENSIONS

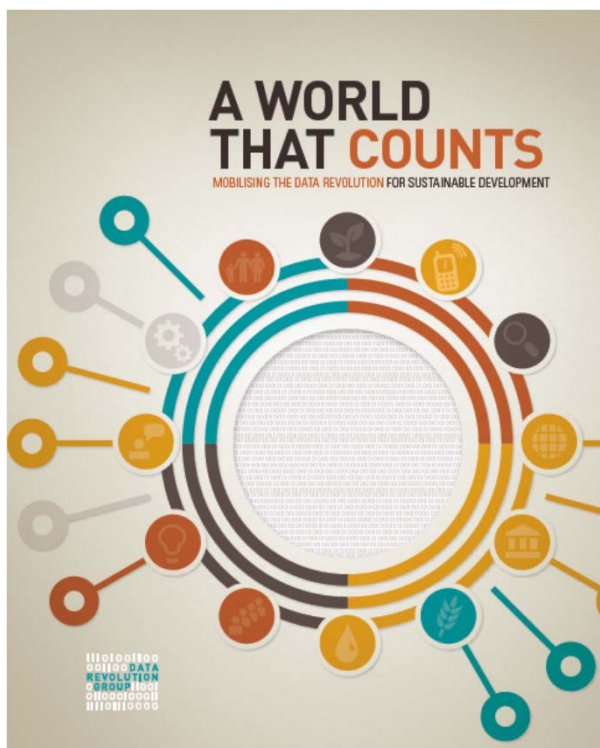
N.	SDGs	ECONOMY	ENVIRONMENT	SOCIETY	GOVERNANCE
1	POVERTY	X		X	
2	HUNGER and SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE	X	X	X	
3	HEALTH and WELL-BEING	X		X	
4	EDUCATION			X	
5	GENDER EQUALITY	X		X	
6	WATER and SANITATION		X	X	
7	ENERGY		X	X	
8	SUSTAINABLE GROWTH and EMPLOYMENT	X		X	
9	INFRASTRUCTURE and INDUSTRIALIZATION	X			
10	INEQUALITY WITHIN and AMONG COUNTRIES	X		X	
11	SUSTAINABLE CITIES		X	X	
12	SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION and CONSUMPTION	X	X		
13	CLIMATE CHANGE		X		
14	OCEANS, SEAS, MARINE RESOURCES		X		
15	TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS and BIODIVERSITY		X		
16	PEACE, JUSTICE and INCLUSIVE INSTITUTIONS			X	
17	MEANS of IMPLEMENTATION				X

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## SDGs (2016-2030) and the DATA REVOLUTION



- United Nations Secretary-General's Independent Expert Advisory Group on a Data Revolution for Sustainable Development (IEAG) ([www.undatarevolution.org](http://www.undatarevolution.org))

The data revolution is essential for sustainable development.

- **Data** is the most important tool to predict future trends and different timescales are useful for solving problems they are part of a *connected system*, not tied to one project or research question



## HOW TO MEASURE SUSTAINABILITY?

- ✓ Immediate focus on collection of “**sustainable development indicators**” => *A statistical measure that gives an indication on the sustainability of social, environmental and economic development.*
- ✓ Dashboards from institutional bodies:
  - UN (Millennium Development Goals, Sustainable Development Goals)
  - OECD (Inclusive and Green Growth indicators, Better Life Index)
  - WORLD BANK (World Development Indicators)
  - EUROPE => EUROPE 2020 (smart, sustainable, inclusive Europe); EUROSTAT (Sustainable Development indicators)
  - ISTAT (Benessere Equo e Sostenibile), Ambiente Italia & Legambiente (Ecosistema Urbano)

## ARE COMPOSITE INDICES USEFUL?

- **Main limitation of lists of indicators: overall sustainability (at all levels of governance) difficult to evaluate and compare => inherent trade-offs among indicators and dimensions**
- **Composite indicators: the compilation of individual indicators into a single index, on the basis of an underlying model of the multi-dimensional concept that is being measured.**
- **OECD Handbook on constructing composite indicators (2008)**
- **Sen-Stiglitz-Fitoussi Commission's concerns (2009):**
  - ✓ heterogeneity among indicators
  - ✓ the arbitrary character of the procedures used to weight their various components

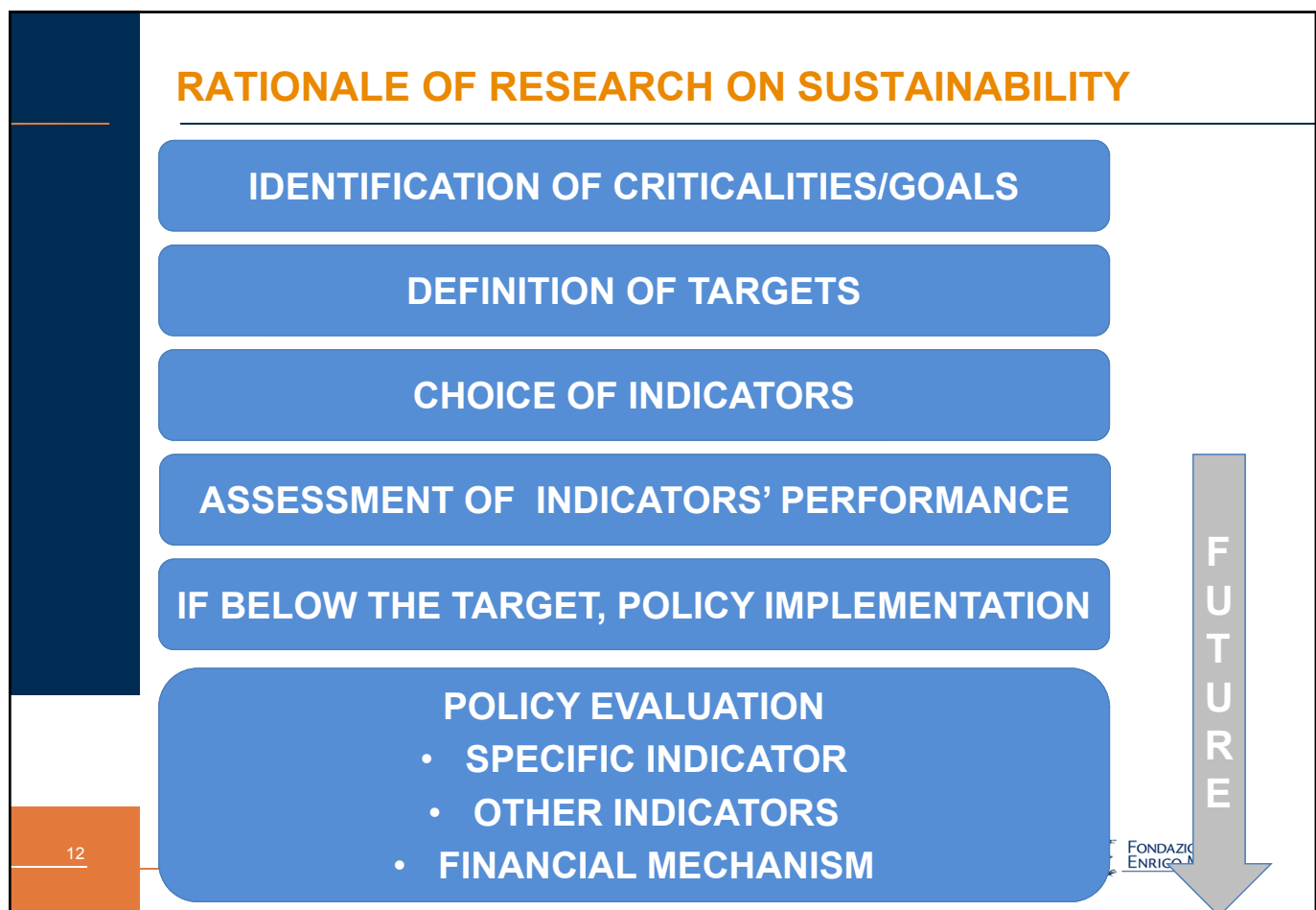
## AVAILABLE COMPOSITE INDICES

- **Worldwide**

- Human Development Index (economic & social) + Ecological Footprint (economic pressure on environment)
- Index of Sustainable Economic Welfare, Genuine Savings - Adjusted Net Savings, Genuine Progress Indicator (adjusted GDP)

- **Italy**

- PIQ (Symbola), Quars (Sbilanciamoci), Oltre Il PIL (UnionCamere Veneto)



## FEEM APPROACH (1)

### *Main drawback*

data collection to monitor the past, but we may want to predict possible future outcomes => ex-ante assessment

- *FEEM SI tries to fill this main gap => how sustainability may evolve in the future at country scale*
  - under different assumptions on economic, social, environmental drivers
  - considering a set of sustainability policies
  - interdisciplinary approach (all dimensions considered at once)

## FEEM APPROACH (2)

- Complementary to the data collection under SDGs
- METHODOLOGY => Using a recursive dynamic macro-economic model to simulate future trends – up to 2030 – of selected indicators worldwide
- PURPOSE:
  - ✓ SUSTAINABILITY OVER (FUTURE) TIME
  - ✓ SUSTAINABILITY ACROSS COUNTRIES (RANKING)
  - ✓ SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH STATES OF THE WORLD (SCENARIO ANALYSIS)
- VALUE ADDED:
  - ✓ Verify fulfillment of targets in the BAU (when available)
  - ✓ Assess distance-to-target
  - ✓ Compute investments effort and mechanisms required to match targets (if feasible)
  - ✓ Detect hidden trade-offs among indicators

## RESOURCE PRODUCTIVITY: ENDORSEMENT ...



From the **cowboy economy** to the **spaceman economy** (Kenneth Boulding, *The Economics of the Coming Spaceship Earth*, 1966)

“...WE HAVE NOT YET MANAGED TO ADOPT A **CIRCULAR MODEL OF PRODUCTION** CAPABLE OF PRESERVING RESOURCES FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS ... MODERATING THEIR CONSUMPTION, MAXIMIZING THEIR EFFICIENT USE, REUSING AND RECYCLING THEM...”



(ENCYCLICAL LETTER OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS *LAUDATO SI'* ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME, 18/6/2015)



## RESOURCE EFFICIENCY IN THE EU VISION

### PRIORITIES

SMART

SUSTAINABLE

INCLUSIVE

### TARGETS

EMPLOYMENT  
(>75%)

R&D  
(3% of GDP)

CLIMATE&ENER  
GY (20-20-20)

EDUCATION  
(>40% third level)

POVERTY  
(-20 million)

### FLAGSHIP INITIATIVES

DIGITAL AGENDA FOR  
EUROPE

INDUSTRIAL POLICY  
FOR GLOBALISATION  
ERA

AGENDA FOR NEW  
SKILLS AND JOBS

INNOVATION UNION

RESOURCE EFFICIENT  
EUROPE

EUROPEAN PLATFORM  
AGAINST POVERTY

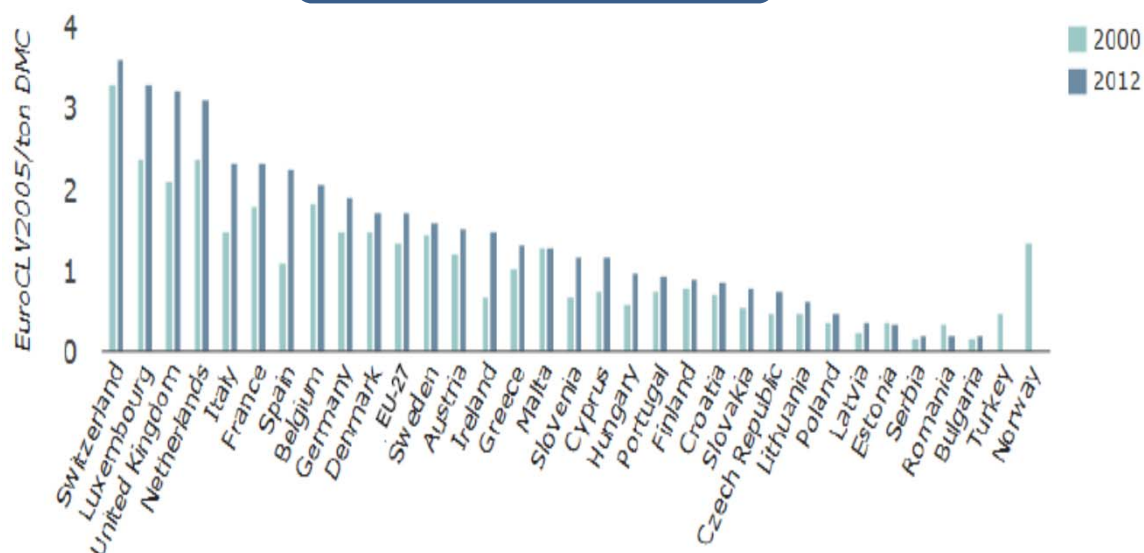
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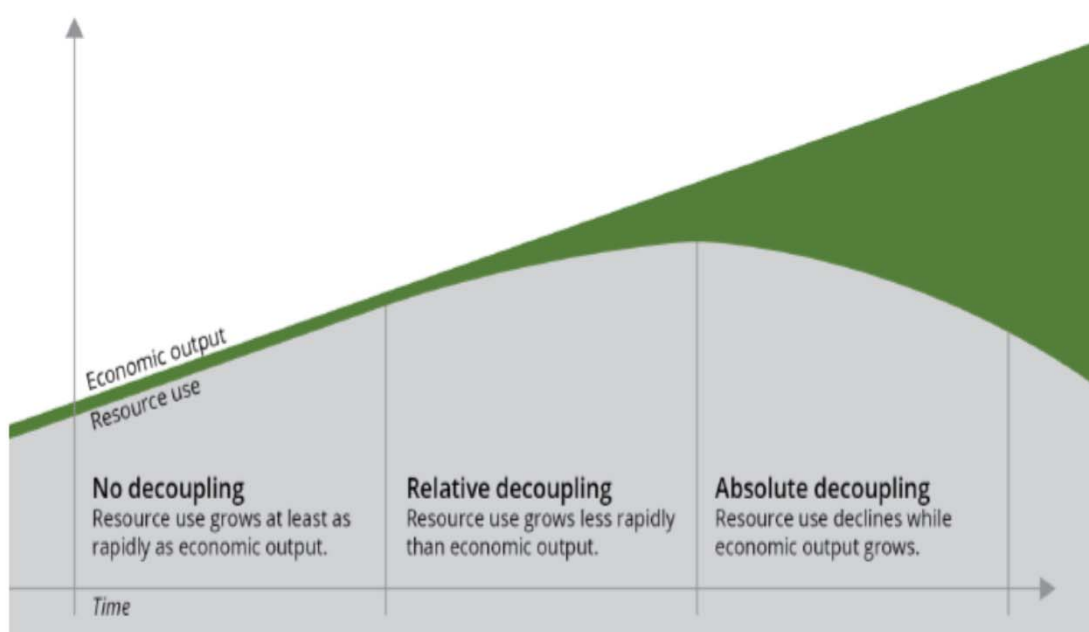
## RESOURCE PRODUCTIVITY IN EUROPE

### GDP/DMC



Source: THE EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENT - STATE AND OUTLOOK 2015 (EEA, 2015)

## NO SPECIFIC EU TARGET IN THE LONG RUN



Source: EEA, L

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## PAPER'S AIM AND STRUCTURE

- AIM => ASSESSING THE IMPACTS OF EU **RESOURCE EFFICIENCY** IN 2030 ON **SUSTAINABILITY**, INCLUDING SYNERGIES AND TRADE-OFFS AMONG DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS/GOALS
- CURRENT **LIMITATION** ON SDGs ASSESSMENT => BACKWARD LOOKING (EX POST)
- FOR **EX-ANTE ASSESSMENT** => MODEL-BASED APPROACH => RECURSIVE-DYNAMIC COMPUTABLE GENERAL EQUILIBRIUM FRAMEWORK
- MACRO-ECONOMIC MODEL (BASIC)
  - ✓ stylized behavior for economic agents
  - ✓ interactions occurring within the economic system due to future economic development (input-output linkages, time dynamics and international trade)
- MACRO-ECONOMIC MODEL (IMPROVED)
  - ✓ connections and feedbacks to social and environmental variables and indicators
- REFERENCE SCENARIO BUILDING
  - ✓ GTAP8 (worldwide & economywide economic database; baseyear 2007)
  - ✓ Time lenght: 2011-2030 (SSP2)
  - ✓ 40 countries / regions
  - ✓ 20 sectors (public sector and RES expanded)

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## MULTI-STEP METHODOLOGY

SDGs Screening  
/ Selection

Socio-Economic  
Database  
Extension

Macro-Economic  
Model  
Improvement

Scenarios  
Building

SDGs  
Computation  
(up to 2030)

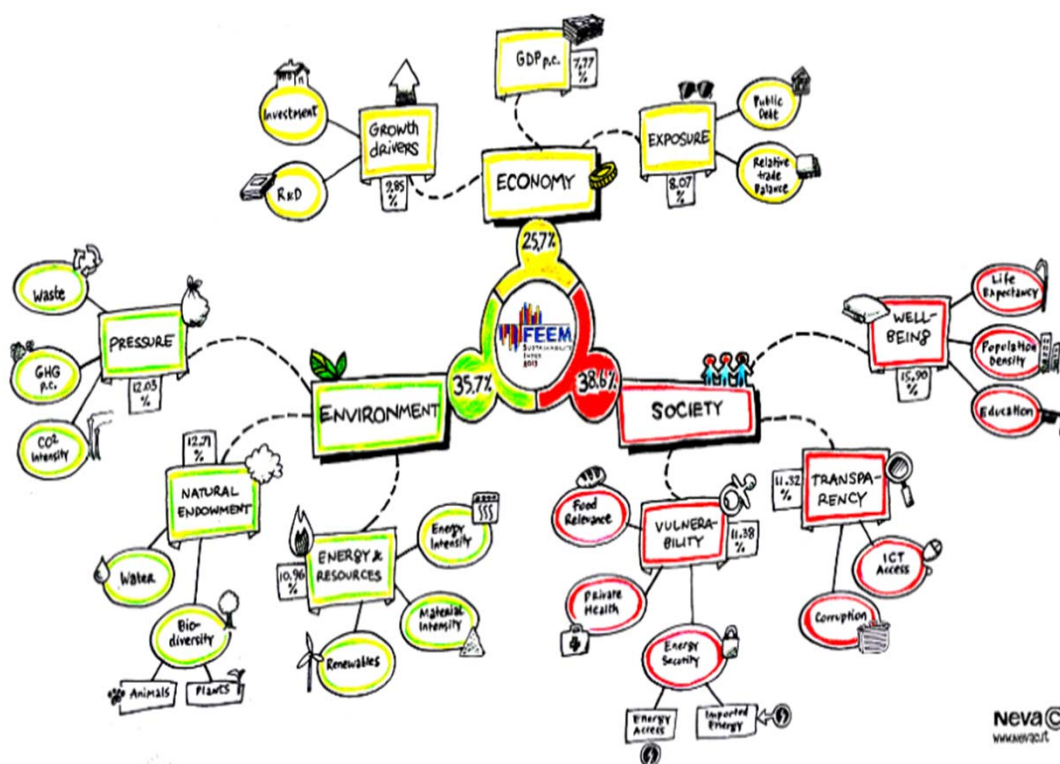
Composite Index  
and Ranking

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## DASHBOARD OF INDICATORS



## ECONOMIC INDICATORS



NAME	MODEL IMPLEMENTATION
GDP p.c.	GDP PPP / population
Investment	Net Investment / Capital Stock (%)
R&D	R&D Expenditure / GDP (%)
Public Debt	Government Debt / GDP (%)
Relative Trade Balance	(Net export) / (import + export)

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## SOCIAL INDICATORS



NAME	MODEL IMPLEMENTATION
Life Expectancy	Expected number of years for the lifetime (proxy: Health Expenditure / GDP (%))
Population Density	Population / Country Surface
Education	Education Expenditure / GDP (%)
ICT Access	Internet users / Total Population (%)
Corruption	$F = (\text{GDP p.c.}, \text{share of oil exports over total country exports}, \text{share of public expenditure over GDP})$
Food relevance	Food Consumption / Private Expenditure (%)
Private health	Private Health Expenditure / Total Health Expenditure (%)
Imported energy	Energy Imported / Energy Consumed (%)
Energy access	Population with Access to Electricity / Total Population (%)

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## ENVIRONMENTAL INDICATORS

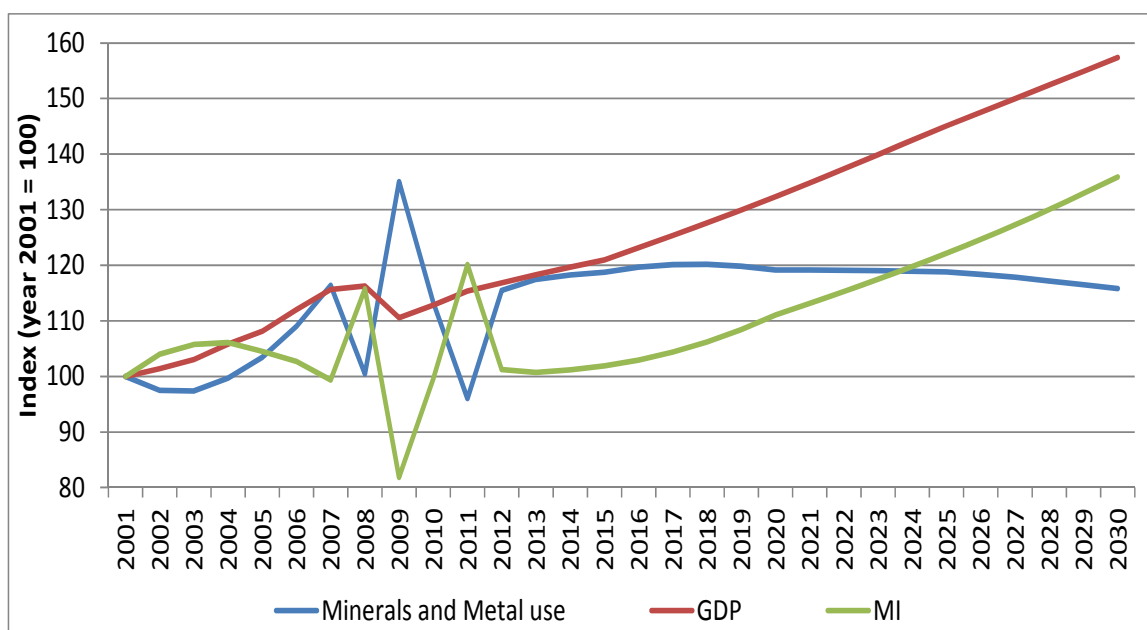


NAME	MODEL IMPLEMENTATION
CO <sub>2</sub> intensity	CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions / Total Primary Energy Consumption
GHG p.c.	GHGs Emissions / Population
Waste	Waste generation / Population
Biodiversity – Animal	Endangered Species / Total Species (%)
Biodiversity – Plants	Endangered Species / Total Species (%)
Water	Water Use / Total Available Water (%)
Renewables	Renewable Energy Consumption / Total Primary Energy Consumption (%)
Material intensity	<b>Industrial Output (economic value) / Raw Material (physical amount)</b>
Energy intensity	Total Primary Energy Supply / GDP PPP

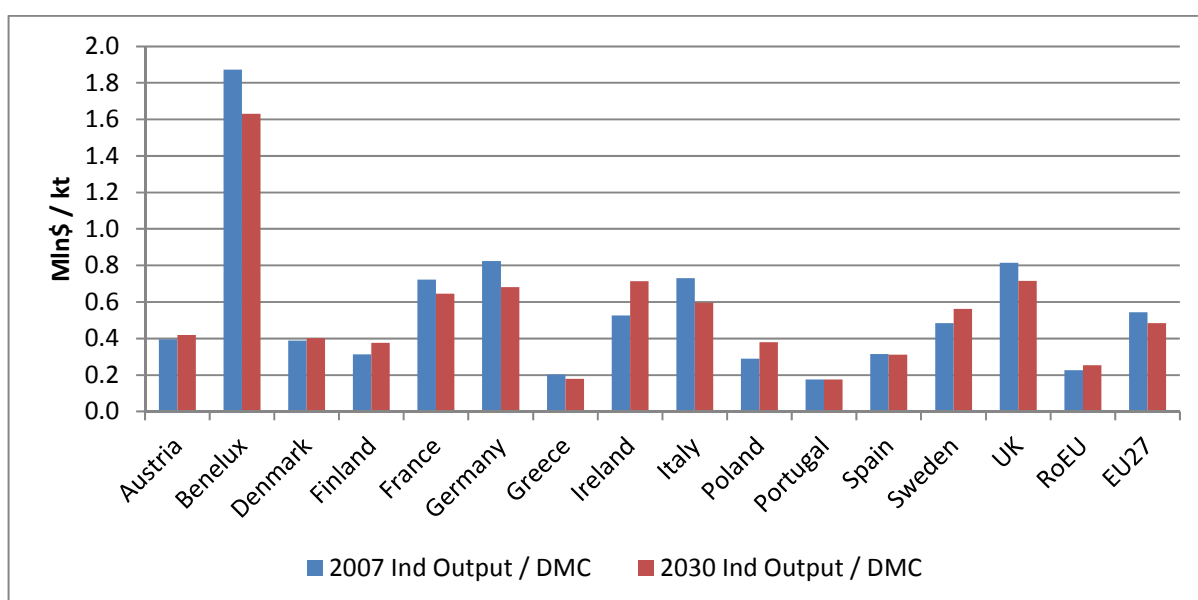
## CURRENT SUSTAINABILITY IN EU

Region	FEEM SI Ranking	FEEM SI Value	Economy	Society	Environment	Material productivity
Sweden	1	0.62	0.69	0.87	0.49	0.15
Austria	4	0.54	0.60	0.77	0.42	0.25
Finland	5	0.54	0.64	0.84	0.38	0.11
France	6	0.53	0.54	0.75	0.44	0.36
Benelux	9	0.48	0.58	0.72	0.35	0.54
Denmark	10	0.48	0.61	0.85	0.28	0.21
RoEU	11	0.47	0.47	0.55	0.45	0.24
UK	12	0.47	0.53	0.73	0.34	0.55
Germany	14	0.45	0.58	0.67	0.31	0.39
Ireland	16	0.45	0.54	0.74	0.30	0.09
Portugal	19	0.43	0.44	0.61	0.36	0.21
Italy	20	0.42	0.42	0.52	0.38	0.39
Spain	26	0.40	0.49	0.62	0.27	0.20
Poland	27	0.40	0.41	0.56	0.33	0.19
Greece	30	0.35	0.43	0.49	0.26	0.29

## SCENARIO ANALYSIS: BASELINE TRENDS



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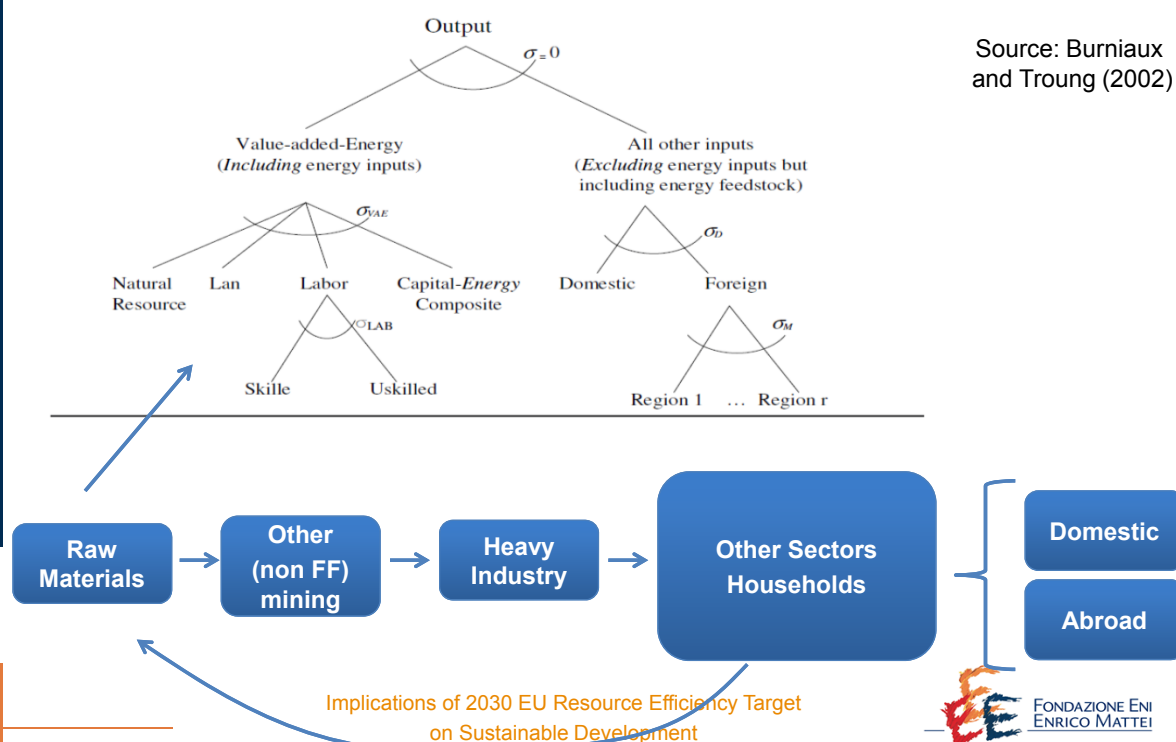
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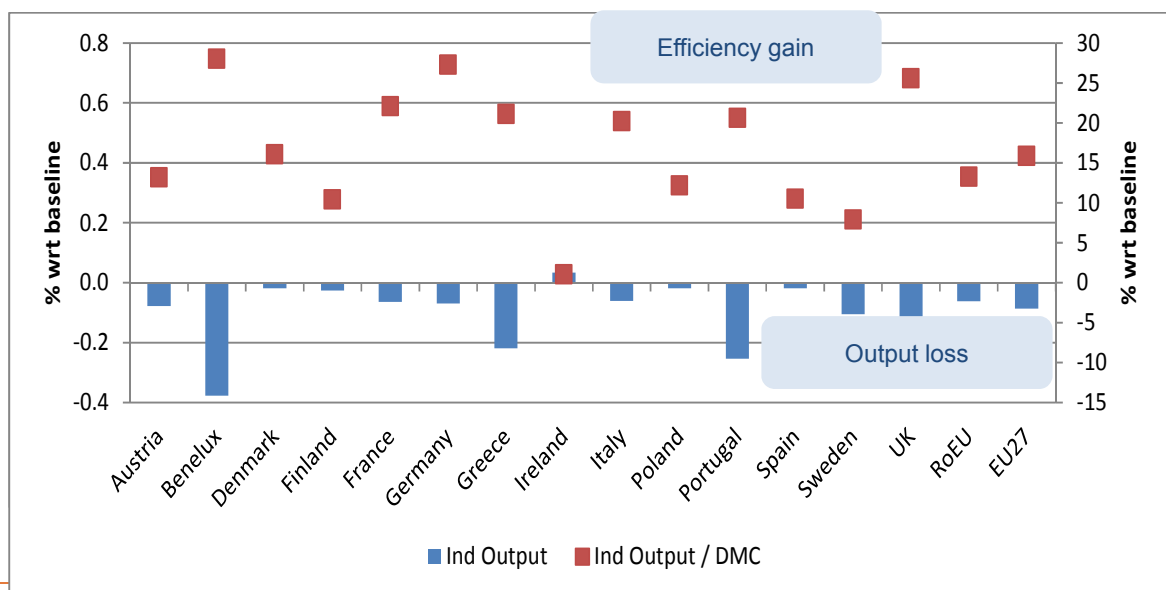
## MODELLING DETAILS AND POLICY FRAMING

Figure 16 GTAP-E Production Structure

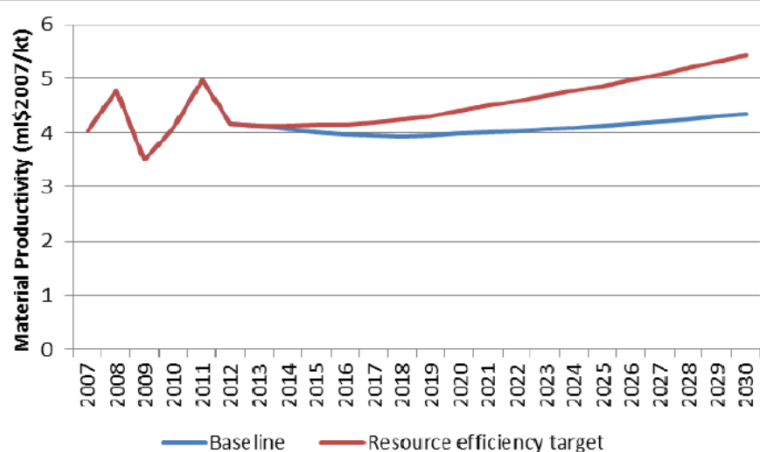


## RESOURCE EFFICIENCY POLICY

DOUBLING MATERIAL EFFICIENCY WITH RESPECT TO CURRENT LEVELS BY TAXING USE OF RAW MATERIALS (OTHER MINING)



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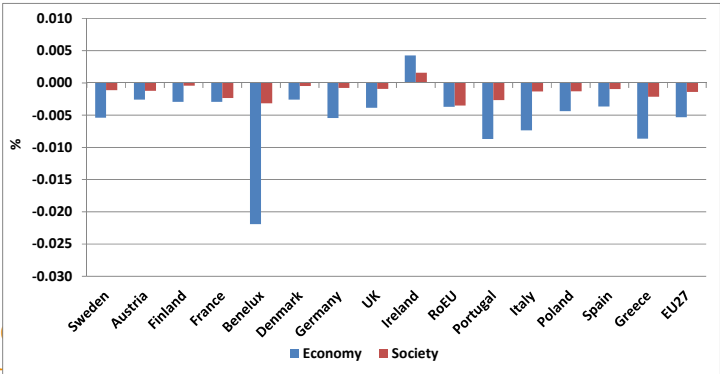
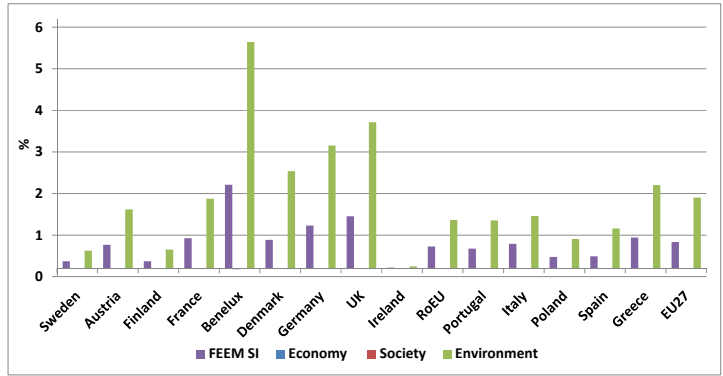
### % change power of tax on mining resources 2030

	2030
Austria	11.45
Benelux	24.17
Denmark	13.88
Finland	9.03
France	19.03
Germany	23.41
Greece	18.27
Ireland	0.91
Italy	17.44
Poland	10.55
Portugal	17.90
Spain	9.12
Sweden	6.91
UK	22.00
RoEU	11.49

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# SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS (EU MS)

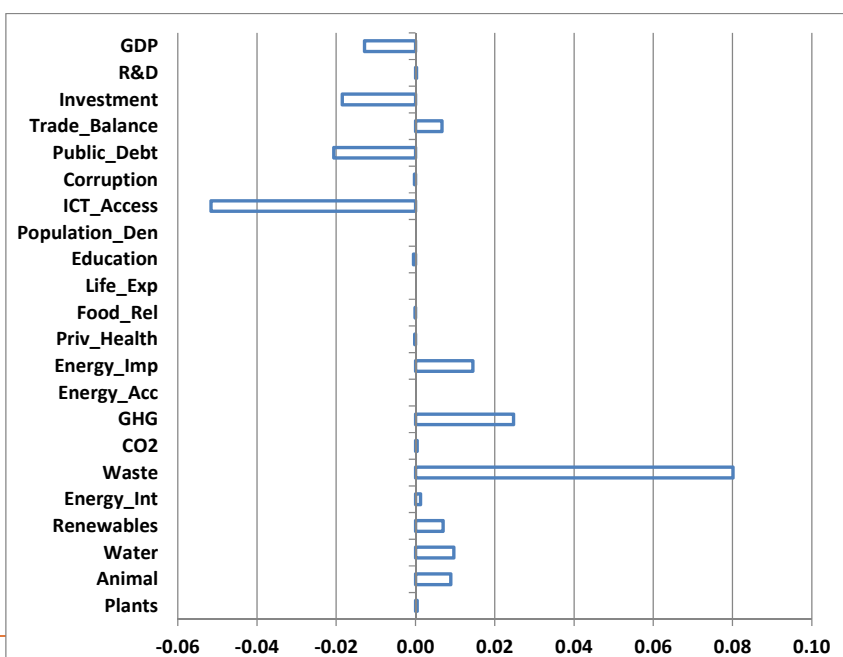


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## SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS (EU27)

% change in normalized values  
(+/- improvement /deterioration in indicator performance)



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## CONCLUSIONS AND FURTHER RESEARCH

### ❖ Preliminary conclusions

- Resource efficiency / Material Productivity needs to be investigated to assess effects other than environmental benefits
- In spite of limited costs to double resource efficiency in 2030 wrt historical, the increase in material saving can be substantial
- Co-benefits larger than economic and social costs (aggregate index better off)

### ❖ Further research

- Revenue recycling schemes (EU FP7 Dynamix project)
- Waste as an explicit substitute of raw materials (GTAP-E style)
- Getting closer to the UN SDGs set of indicators

**Thank you for your attention!**

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