

CONCLUSIONS

- **Governance dimensions: Involving, engaging and committing the whole of society & stakeholders remains key.** Agenda 2030 underlines this even more
- **Societal/stakeholder participation and action can take various forms** (incl. bottom-up), **but some (light) institutionalization**, incl. a support function (secretariat / service provider), **serves durability and stamina, and is needed for legitimacy**
- **SD Councils have shown to be quite successful in many ways, functions and activities:**
 - > Capture lessons for their design and operation (context specific!), incl. the need to reach out more, consider a broader spectrum of stakeholders/groups (-> LNOB)
 - > Room for improvement on the agility side (-> look more at impact): initialising, catalysing and brokering actions of main groups, and with this contribute to implementation
 - > Can be themselves a stabilising factor – for politically difficult times (eg HU), with limits
- **And they are quite cheap!** (compared to other ways that would fulfil these functions)
- **Keep the knowledge brokering close to the multi-stakeholder arena :**
support the more interest driven arena with analyses etc. of ‘honest brokers’
(see DE and FI; evaluation in FI: “strengthen scientific support”)
- **A global or regional network** of such bodies (needs to be defined by type & objectives)
brings about institution building through peer learning , and with this :
acceleration, building stronger message together, bringing actions in own contexts about
(through knowing what/how others are doing things etc.), the model(s) to diffuse