

One Wales: One Planet

Sustainable Development
Welsh Assembly Government
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Cymru / Wales



Size: 20,764 sq km
Population: 2.9 million
Location: Western part of mainland Britain
Language: Welsh and English
Capital: Caerdydd / Cardiff
Legislature: National Assembly for Wales
Government: Welsh Assembly Government (WAG)



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WAG Scheme defines SD as enhancing the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of people and communities, achieving a better quality of life for our own and future generations:

- in ways which promote social justice and equality of opportunity, and;
- in ways which enhance the natural and cultural environment and respect its limits - using only our fair share of the earth's resources and sustaining our cultural legacy.



Headline Indicators

- **A sustainable economy** - Gross Value Added (GVA) and GVA per head
- **A sustainable society** – percentage of the population in low-income households
- **Sustaining the environment** – percentage of Biodiversity Action Plan species and habitats recorded as stable or increasing
- **Sustainable resource use** – Wales' Footprint
- **Wellbeing** – the wellbeing of Wales



Central Organising Principle

Key Initiatives:



- Wales Sustainability Week
- Sustainable Development Challenge Fund
- Sustainable Development Charter



Wales & UK

'One Future: Different Paths'

- a shared understanding of Sustainable Development;
- a common purpose outlining what we are trying to achieve and the guiding principles we all need to follow to achieve it;
- our sustainable development priorities for UK action, at home and internationally; and
- indicators to monitor the key issues on a UK basis.



Wales & EU

The Welsh Assembly Government is currently working with the EEA on a pilot project exploring how a basket of indicators can be used most effectively to drive future policies.





nrg4SD

Wales is a founder member of the Network of Regional Governments for Sustainable Development (nrg4SD) – an internationally recognized network which works within the UN system to promote intergovernmental activity on this vital topic.





TACC

The Mbale Territorial Approach to Climate Change project is a three-year partnership between Wales, the Mbale region of Uganda and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

"We will be providing Welsh expertise and knowledge to help Mbale prepare its own plans to address and adapt to climate change. For many in the developed world, climate change can seem as a far away threat, but in Mbale they are already seeing its impact on their way of life at first hand." (First Minister Carwyn Jones)

"For millions of people around the world climate change is already a reality, not an academic concept. It is changing the way they live and how they provide for their families. This project will provide real, on the ground assistance, preparing communities for the changing world around them." (Environment Minister Jane Davidson)



Dyfi Valley UNESCO Biosphere



One Wales, One Planet... lean, clean and green

WAG Sustainable Development Scheme 'One Wales: One Planet':
www.wales.gov.uk/sustainabledevelopment

WLAG - Sustainable Development Framework:
<http://www.wlga.gov.uk/english/sustainable-development-framework/>

Cynnal Cymru - Sustain Wales (includes a searchable database of good practice projects in Wales): www.sustainwales.com

Sustainable Development Commission-promoting SD in the 21st century at various levels:
<http://www.sd-commission.org.uk/publications.php?id=972>

Sustainable Development Commission - case studies of good practice from across the UK:
http://www.sd-commission.org.uk/communitiesummit/case_studies.php

Sustainable Wales - Sustainable Living: <http://www.sustainablewales.org/blog>


