

Shaping local strategies around the Sustainable Development Goals: the experience of Reggio Emilia

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Context

- Local strategic planning process
- July 2019 - today
- Territory of Reggio Emilia (beyond the municipality itself) located in the Emilia Romagna Region (Northern Italy)
- Previous actions on the SDGs
 - Shaping fair cities EU DEAR Project
 - Regional process investing on CSR and SDGs awareness
 - Great environmental action / concept of environmental sustainability
 - Great attention to education as a fundamental right of children and as an action to avoid inequalities

Main features of the proposed approach

- SDG oriented assessment
- SDG clustering in main transitions
- Re conceptualization of development concept
- Definition of Missions

- Community based process
- Participation of citizens
- Training / awareness raising process
- True commitment/ shared roles of local community

Main process constraints

- Following the pandemic
 - Major change in the development paradigm
 - New role of the mayor and local municipality
 - Greater awareness on SDG topics (even if not framed as such)
 - Emerging poverty

Lessons Learned

- Value and importance of each Goal and the targets may change through time... no
- Determination in political terms / Looking beyond the political mandate and the immediate consensus
- No «stop and go»
- Beyond municipal internal documents
- A wider process beyond civil servants
- «Guiding with an eye on today's needs yet shaping a new future»
- Shaping the transition

a process still to be implemented.....

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