

European Movement Policy Position

- **Stick to ambitious and binding goals – and prioritise.** With 17 goals and 169 targets, many important elements are included in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). However, this also runs the risk of having no priorities at all, and creates great challenges with regard to implementation and financing.
- **Address the roots of poverty and inequality.** Human rights, economic, social and cultural rights, good governance, the rule of law, and peaceful and inclusive societies – that also reach the poorest and most excluded – should be central elements in the implementation of the SDGs.
- **Implementation and monitoring should be transparent, democratic and based on participation.** Implementation and monitoring of the SDGs should involve a multi-tier approach including global, national, regional as well as local level, and involve the participation of NGOs and CSOs. ‘Localisation’ of the SDGs is needed to assess the impact on the local level and to increase local ownership and support for implementation.
- **Finance should be back on the table.** After the failure in Addis Ababa to agree on a permanent intergovernmental tax body and the postponement of the 0.7% GNI target for development spending, financing commitments remain crucial for the implementation of the SDGs.
- **The European Union should consolidate its position as a global leader.** The EU should promote a common EU position, and the European Commission should ensure the implementation of the agreement in the EU and propose concrete measures to increase the interlinkage and coherence of relevant EU policies.
- **Ensure coherence between the development and environmental agendas.** The new climate objectives and SDGs to be agreed this year should be fully coherent and supportive of each other, so as not to work separately on interlinked problems.

Background

From 25 to 27 September, the United Nations Summit on the post-2015 Development Agenda will take place in New York. At this summit, the Sustainable Development Goals will be adopted, following the Millennium Goals which expired this year. The Sustainable Development Goals will include 17 goals and no less than 169 targets. The main goal is to *end poverty in all its forms everywhere* by 2030. The post-2015 Summit was preceded by the Financing for Development Summit in Addis Ababa in July. In December, the UN Climate Change Conference (COP21) will take place in Paris.