



MAINSTREAMING SUSTAINABILITY WITHIN THE BUDGET PROCESS



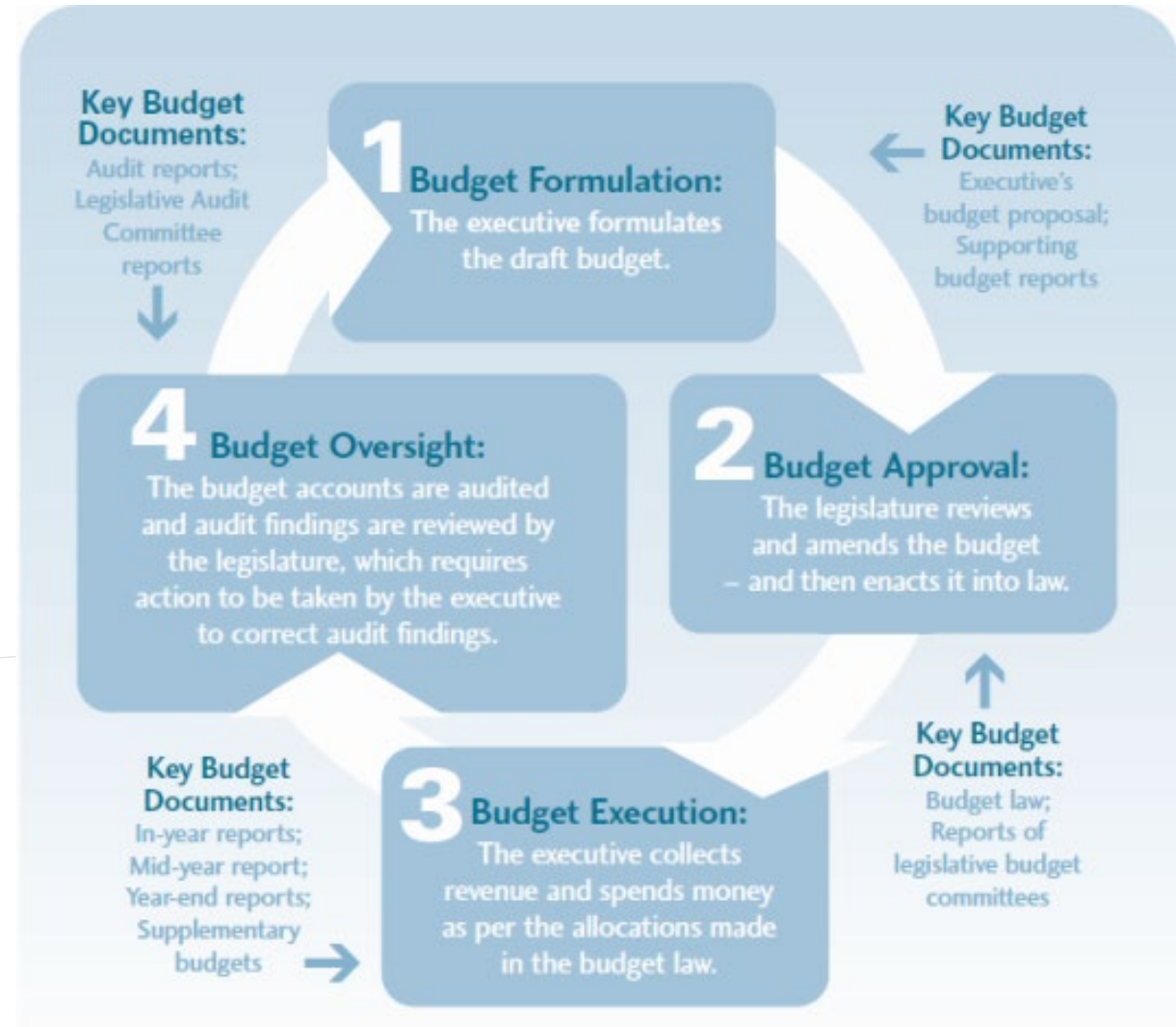
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National Budgets

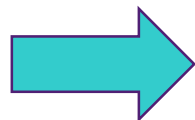
- National budgets are much more than documents showing government revenue versus government spending steered by policy priorities; budgets require a continuous cycle of different processes to make them function.
- Four components to the entire budgetary process.





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Enhancing
Economic
Growth



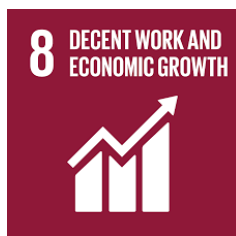
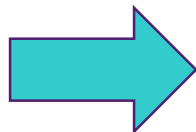
Safeguarding
Our
Environment





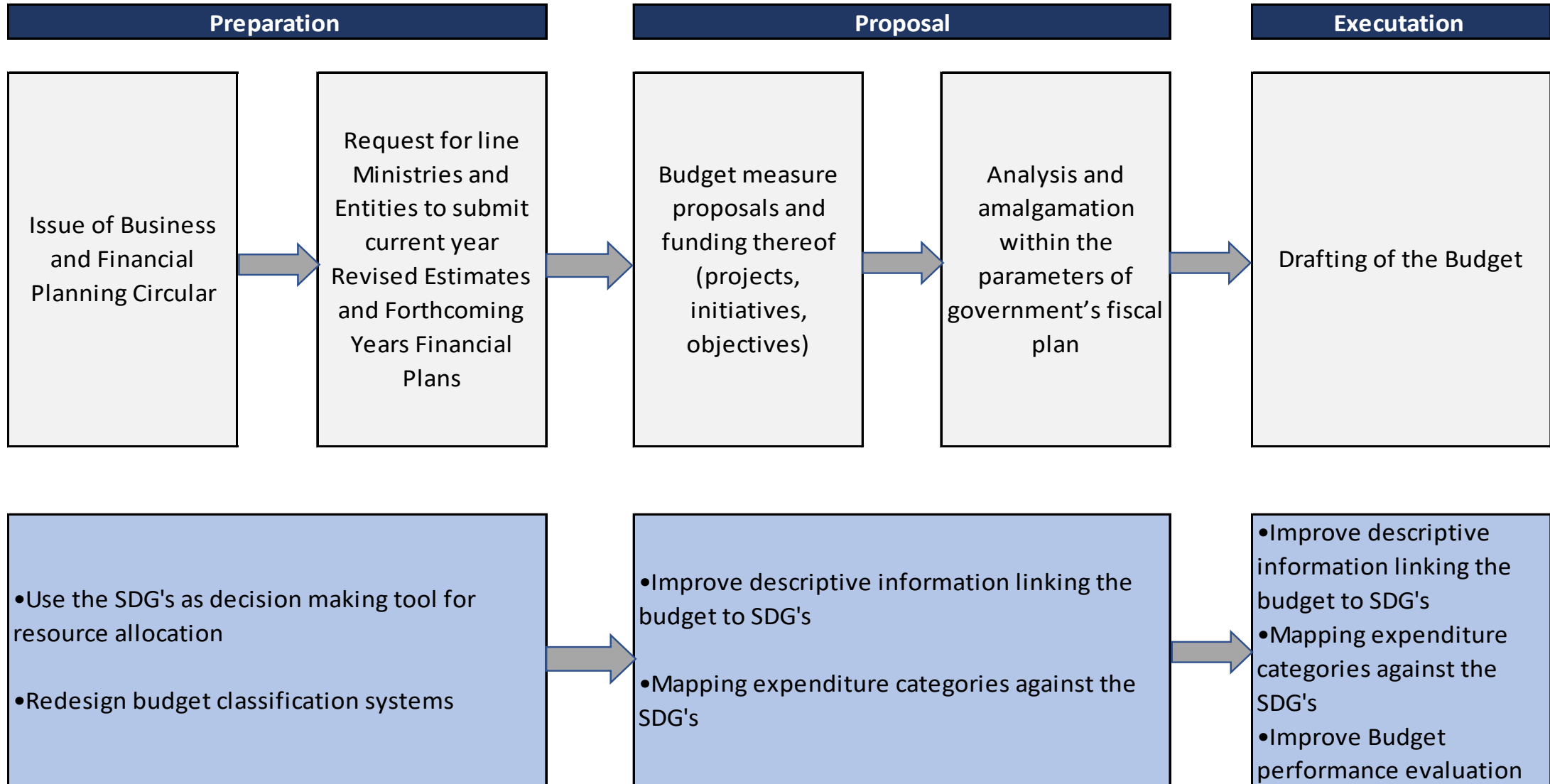
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Social
Cohesion &
Well Being





Mainstreaming the SDG's within the Budget Process





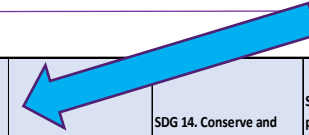
Lessons Learnt

- Aligning the budget with the SDGs has to be done over a longer period of time.
- Discussions have to be held at an early stage with all Ministries & Stakeholders
- Not all Budget Measures can be properly aligned with the SDG's- a difficult task
- Ministries were not prepared for this alignment process & thus the exercise was considered a burden
- Difficulties to compile the data for the measurement of the SDI's
- Exercise cannot be 100 per cent perfect.
- Interesting outcomes came out of the exercise



SD Proofing Matrix

SD Goals



Ministry	SDG 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere	SDG 2. End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture	SDG 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages	SDG 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all	SDG 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls	SDG 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all	SDG 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all	SDG 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all	SDG 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation	SDG 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries	SDG 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable	SDG 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns	SDG 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts	SDG 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development	SDG 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss	SDG 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels	SDG 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development
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Ministries



Benefits

- Aligning budgets with the SDGs improves overall policy coherence, which reinforces the very nature of the SDGs as being overarching and intertwined.
- A coherent budget avoids conflicts between different resource allocations,
- Budgets will be in line with other international commitments, regardless of whether they are legally binding.
- Linking Budget Measures with SDGs could increase accountability
- They can also reveal the progress of a country towards the SDGs and help assess the government's performance.
- SDGs could help make national budgets more comparable and thus contribute to the global ranking of sustainable development policies



Future Needs and Challenges of Budgeting for the SDGs

- One of the main needs that was identified was the need for public service officials to learn more about the budget process.
- Not only budgetary and financial literacy are needed, but also SD literacy and understanding.
- Policy makers need to find the right moment within the budgetary process to bring up the SDGs and their integration into budgetary processes
- The Budget alignment with the SDG's can be portrayed as risk management and foresight planning. This exercise can then be seen as an opportunity for enhanced policy coherence in budget negotiations, which ultimately means spending less money on policy goals for the ministries of finance.
- The need for a different political culture and political will at National & EU level.
- One of the SDG budgeting challenge would be to focus on budgeting as *ex ante* and not on the budget's results, *ex post*, as this can lead to parliament having real discussions on the results of their programs



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