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SDG National Stakeholder Forum DECC update

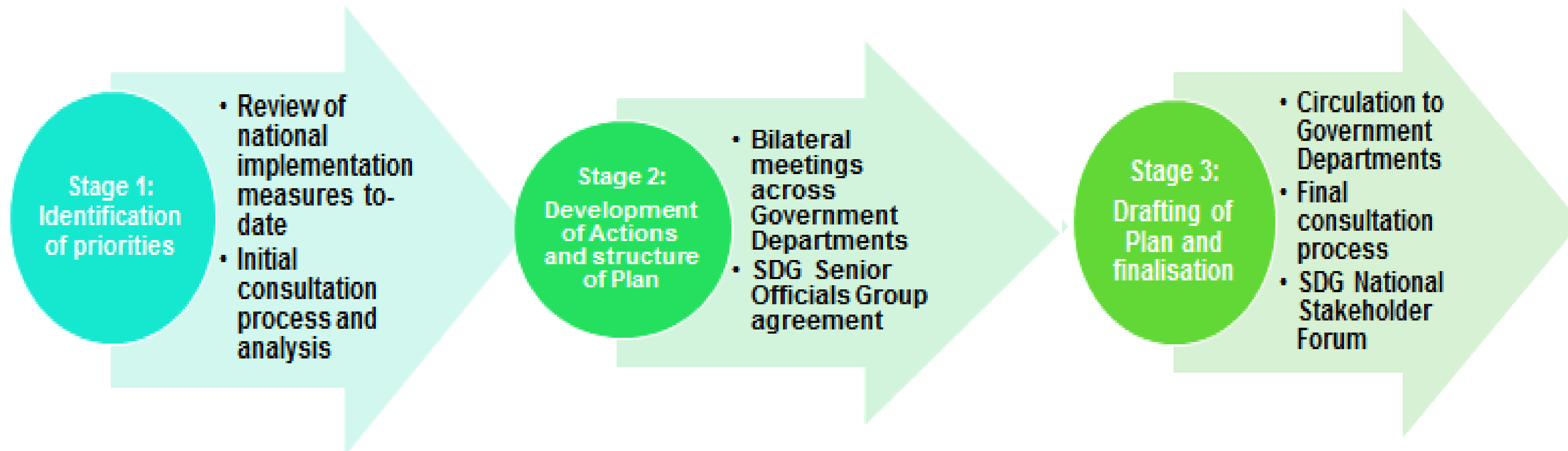
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This morning's presentation :



- **Update on work and developments**
- **An overview of the draft National Implementation Plan**
- **Objectives for today's meeting**

Update on Work



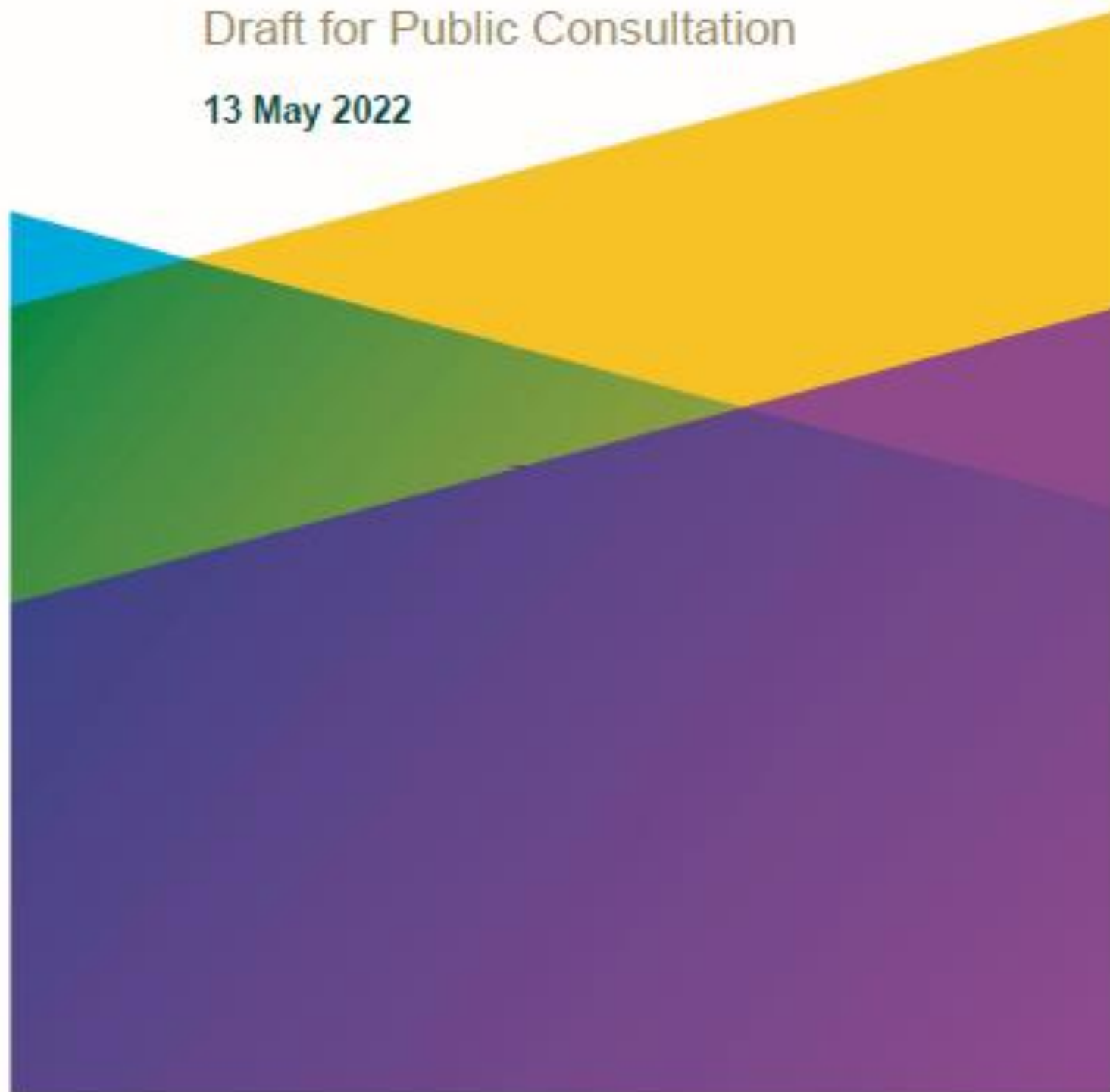


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Ireland's Second National Implementation Plan for the Sustainable Development Goals 2022 – 2024

Draft for Public Consultation

13 May 2022



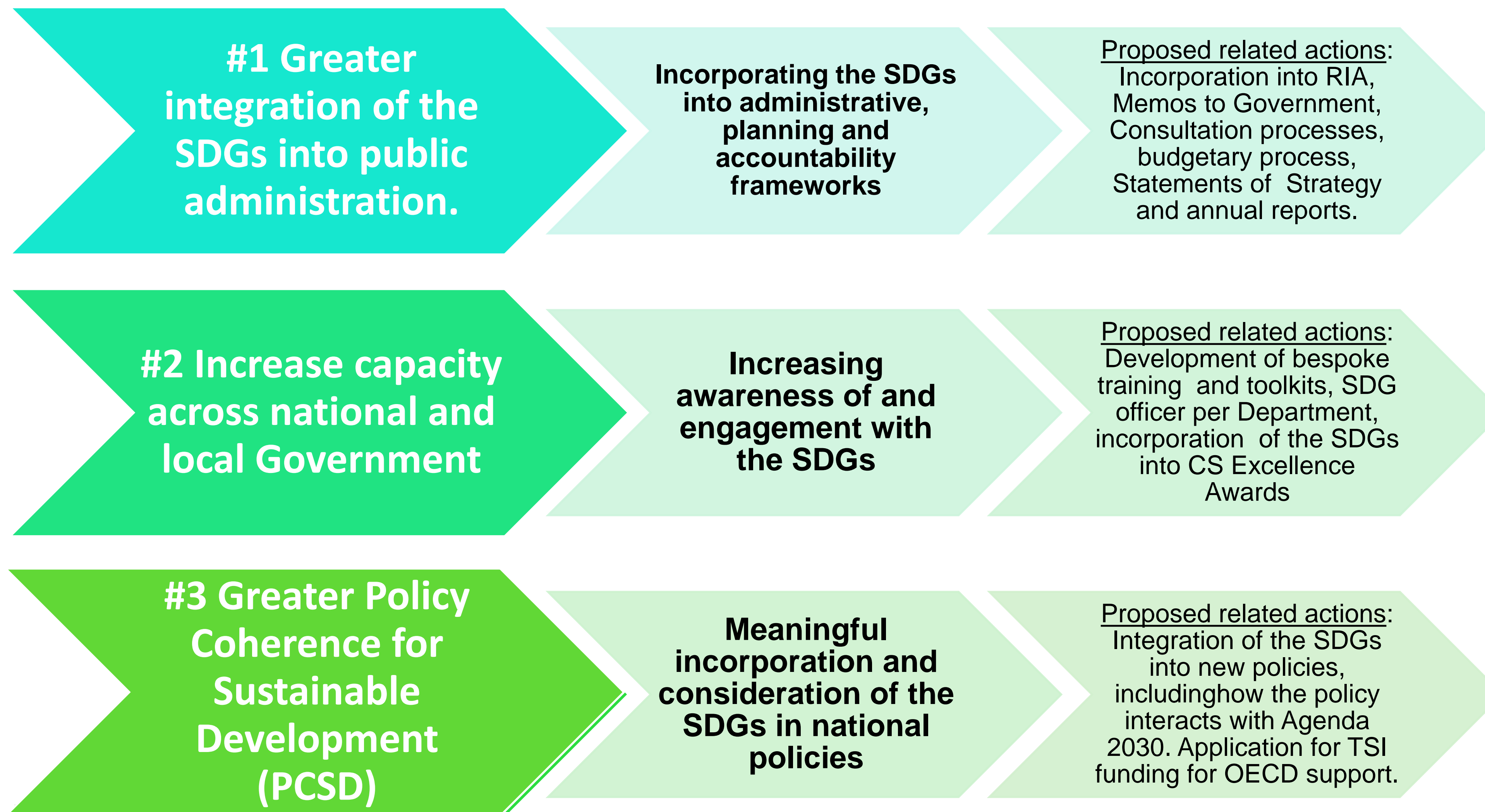
Next steps

- Consultation closes Tuesday 14 June
- Reviewing consultation inputs and finalising the draft Plan
- SDG SOG agreement
- Seek Government approval

Stage 1: Internal review of implementation measures



Needs identified - National and Local Government:





Needs identified – Sectoral and Public Engagement

#1 Start mapping and tracking existing SDG activities

Development of a central repository and map of initiatives across the country and by sector, showcasing best practice

Proposed related actions Further develop the Geohive, publication of a biannual newsletter .

#2 Increase bespoke engagement opportunities per sector

Enhance sectoral stakeholder engagement for specific key groups

Proposed related actions: youth, business, education sector mechanisms for engagement

#3 Expand on methods used to raise awareness of and engagement with the SDGs

Expand on existing initiatives

Proposed related actions Introduction of an SDG awareness week rolled out across libraries, SDG newsletter, relaunch of SDG champions and Stakeholder Forum

Stage 1: Initial Consultation Process

9 July – 10 September 2021

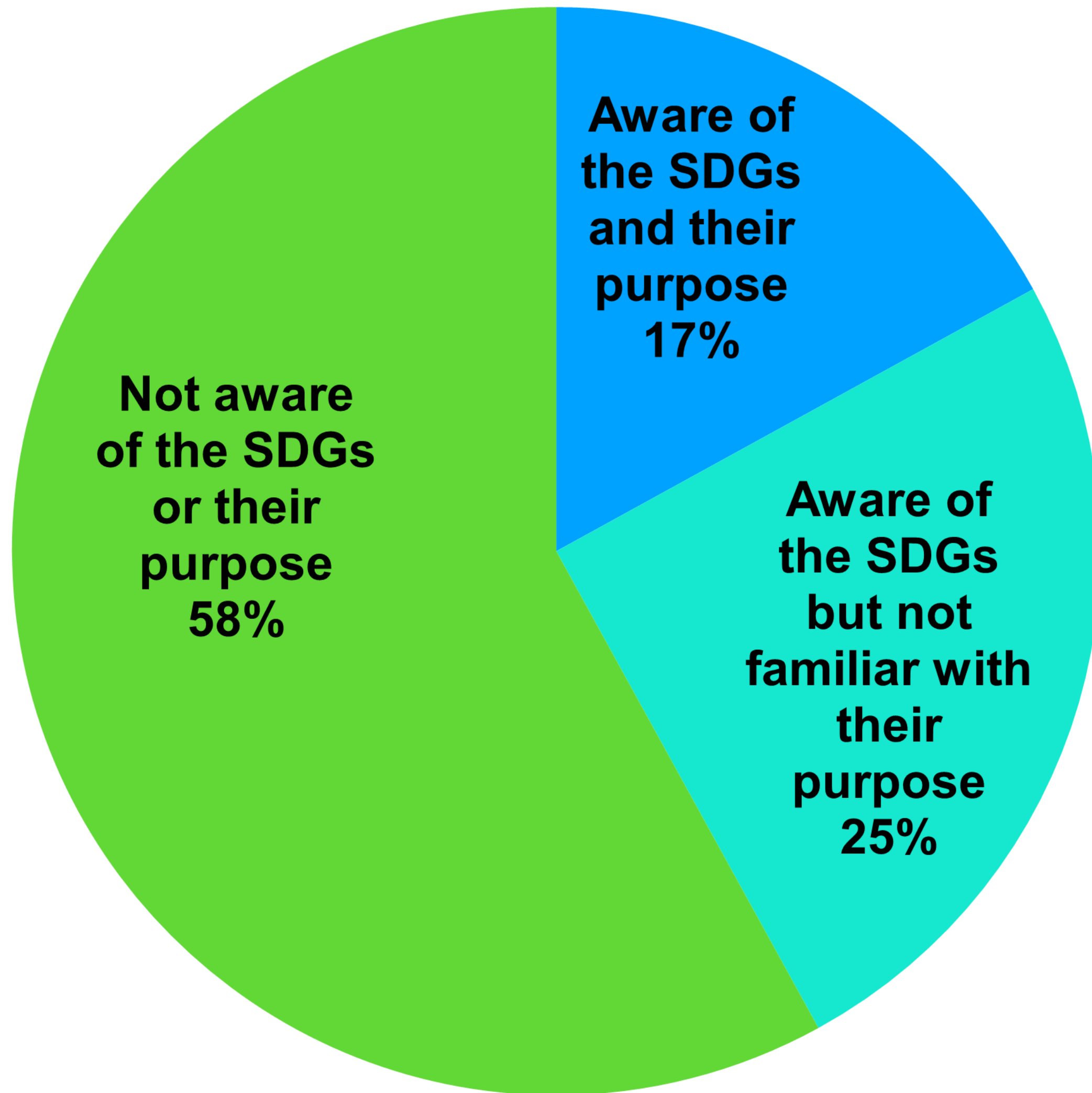


Consultation strand	No. of responses
1. Market Research	1,000
2. Public Consultation	326 Online platform
	27 Detailed PDF submissions
3. National and Local Government surveys	2,972 Departments & State Agencies
	894 Local Authorities
Total responses	5,218

Key Feedback:

- A clear desire for greater ambition, communication and opportunity to engage with the SDGs
- A need for a more joined up approach to implementation
- An important framework to ensure a 'Just Recovery' from the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Market Research: Public Awareness

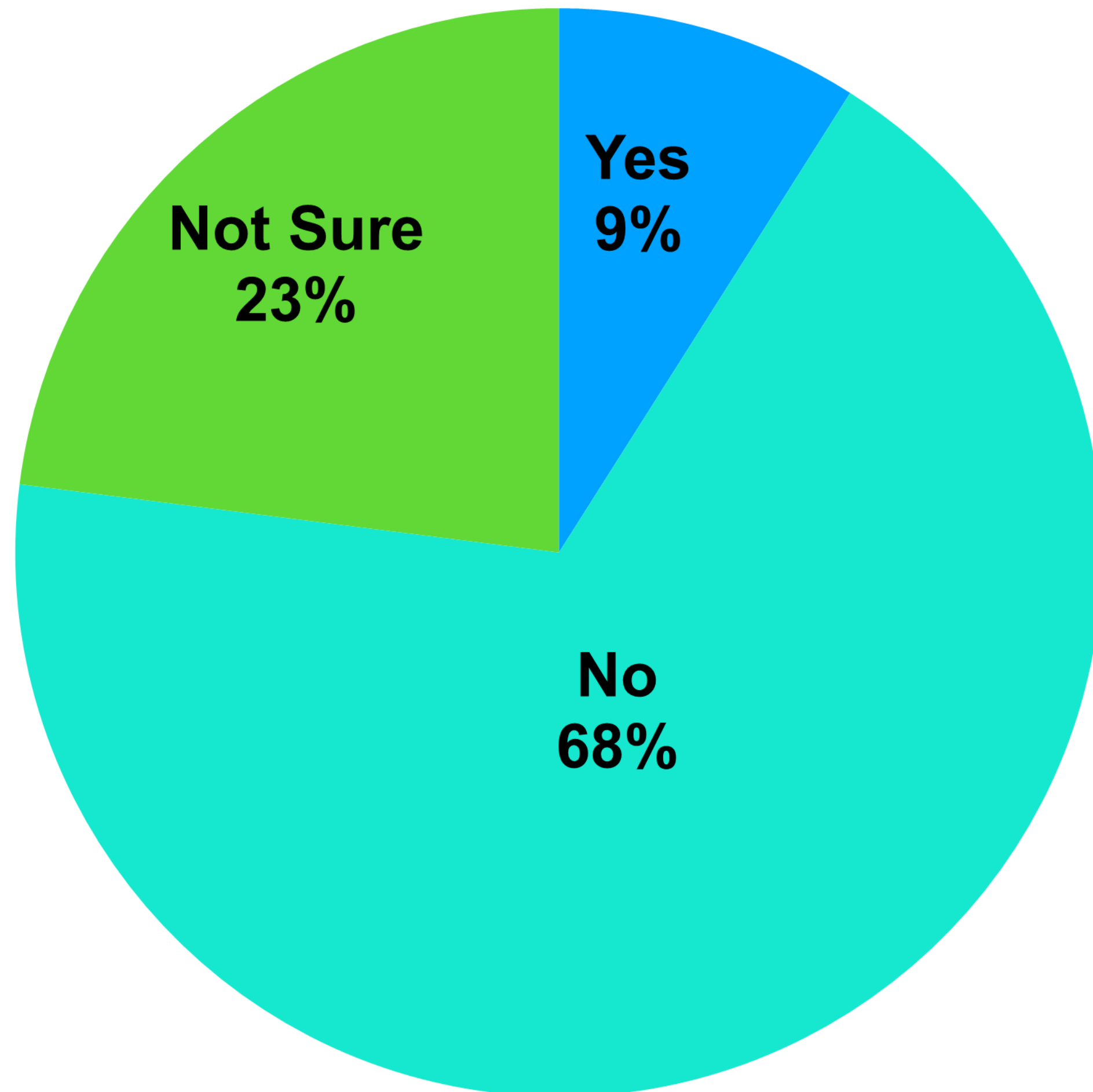


- A representative sample of 1000 adults through omnibus survey
- 1 in 6 Irish adults are aware of the SDGs and familiar with their purpose
- Those aged under 35 and from the upper social class group are more likely to be aware of and familiar with the SDGs

Market Research: Public Engagement



Involved in any activities related to the SDGs:

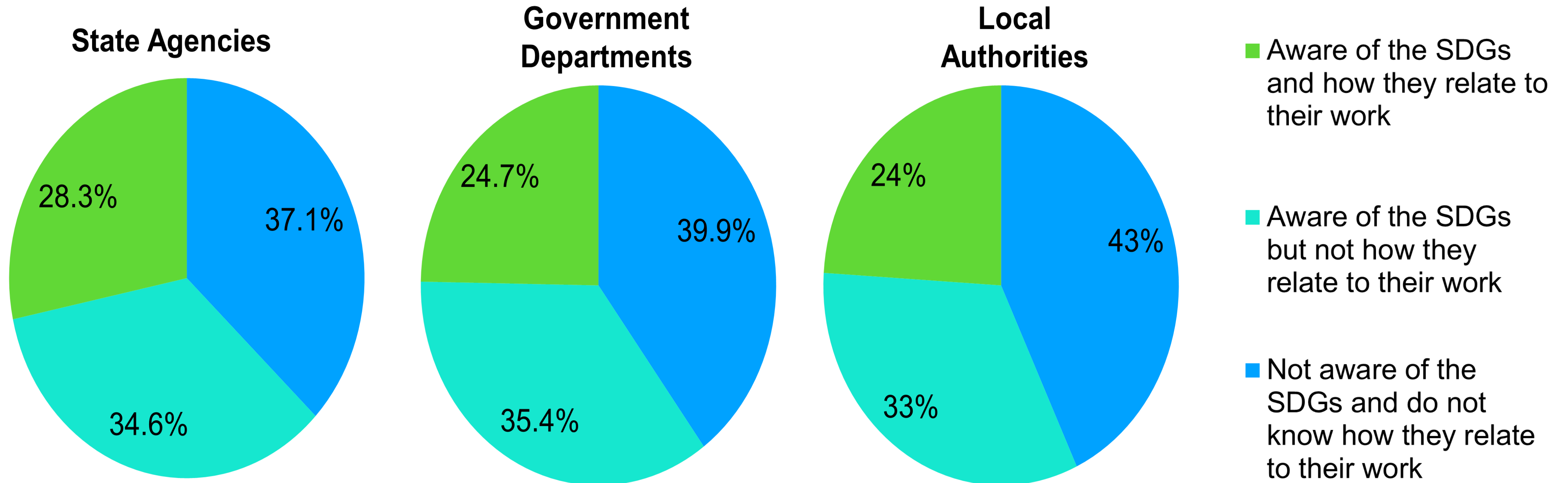


- A quarter of respondents did not know whether the activities they were involved with related to the SDGs.

- From those who were not involved in SDG activities:

- 31% indicated that they did not know where to find the relevant information on initiatives that they could join
- 21% indicated that there were no local initiatives that they knew of in their area.

National and Local Government Surveys: Awareness Levels



Public Consultation



Progress Score:

3

Top 5 SDGs by importance



SDG 13: Climate Action



SDG 3: Good Health and Well Being



SDG 1: No Poverty



SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities



SDG 4: Quality Education

Public Consultation

Feedback	Related Action(s) Developed
<p>1. The new Implementation Plan must be more ambitious, adequately funded, include tangible actions and key deliverables for achieving the aims of the SDGs.</p>	<p>All actions</p>
<p>2. Greater collaboration and increased coordination between Departments, including a review of current governance structures and the make-up of the central coordinating authority.</p>	<p>Actions 1, 8, 9</p>
<p>3. Implementation of accessible reporting and accountability frameworks with greater responsibility and reporting for all Departments and an enhanced role for the Oireachtas.</p>	<p>Actions 2, 3, 6, 8, 9</p>
<p>4. Better and more meaningful incorporation of the SDGs into policies, strategies and programmes and reinforced publicly by repeated linking back of policy to the relevant SDGs.</p>	<p>Actions 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 22, 23, 24</p>
<p>5. Policy design and implementation should consider social, economic and environmental consequences, the principle of ‘Leave no one behind’ and the connectivity and impact on all SDGs in order to ensure policy coherence.</p>	<p>Actions 22, 23, 24</p>

Public Consultation

Feedback	Related Action(s) Developed
6. Incorporation of a tracking or tagging system for the SDGs in the Budget and funding streams.	Action 15
7. Greater integration of the SDGs into the work of the Local Authorities.	Actions 25 - 31
8. Greater opportunity for public participation and meaningful engagement processes which are inclusive, accessible to all and adhere to the principle of 'Leave no one behind'.	Actions 6, 32, 33, 37, 38, 46 [Supported by objective 8 of Sustainable, Inclusive and Empowered Communities Strategy]
9. Review and relaunch of the SDG National Stakeholder Forum with greater stakeholder participation in its design and objectives, including a commonly agreed and shared work programme.	Action 32
10. Review and relaunch of the SDG Champions programme which should be well-publicised and include a clear communications plan and work plan with structured objectives, timeframes and outputs.	Action 33

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- Agree with stakeholders the purpose and principles behind the National Stakeholder Forum
- Agree with stakeholders a clear project plan prepared with the Forum, that includes a commonly agreed and shared work programme.
- Ensure the Forum meets regularly with a shared agenda that attracts all partners.
- Ensure that each meeting is action driven and facilitate concrete and direct participation rather than a standard conference format.
- Prioritise meaningful and early engagement with marginalised groups.
- Provide clear feedback to participants on how their responses to meetings/consultations will feed into SDG planning and subsequently on how their responses have been considered and reflected upon.
- Provide information on meetings of the Senior Officials Group and inter-Departmental Working Group and their priorities.



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- Action 32(a) Establish an SDG Forum Committee to design an improved Forum format based on Stakeholder feedback**
- Action 46(a) Hold an SDG National Stakeholder Forum dedicated to the topic of *Leave no one behind*, capturing learnings and next steps**

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11. Development and introduction of an SDG national awareness campaign`	Actions 35 and 42 SDG week and SDG newsletter
12. Development of a specific youth engagement and communication plan.	Actions 43, 44 Incorporation of the SDGs into youth participation structures and hold a bespoke youth consultation process
13. Transformation of the Geohive into a clear, concise, and transparent website.	Action 34
14. Greater opportunities for coordinated sectoral engagement and input, mechanisms to capture and better evidence the actions and impact being made by different sectors to progress the SDGs.	Actions 34, 36, 38, 43, 44, 45
15. Prioritisation of research.	ESD to 2030: Education for Sustainable Development Strategy
16. Alignment of the SDGs with local community action and provision of greater supports including funding, training and incentives	Related actions identified in Sustainable, Inclusive and Empowered Communities Strategy, ESD to 2030 and National Volunteering Strategy

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5 Strategic Objectives:

- 1. To embed the SDG framework into the work of Government Departments to achieve greater Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development**
- 2. To integrate the SDGs into Local Authority work to better support the localisation of the SDGs**
- 3. Greater partnerships for the Goals**
- 4. To further incorporate the principle of Leave No One Behind into Ireland's Agenda 2030 implementation and reporting mechanisms**
- 5. Strong reporting mechanisms**



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Today's meeting



Purpose: To provide the opportunity for feedback on the draft National Implementation Plan 2022-2024 and to facilitate discussion and input on the draft Plan and key questions for consideration in the break-out rooms.



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