

New National Strategy for Sustainable Development approved by CITE

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On 18 September, the Interministerial Committee for Ecological Transition (CITE), with the involvement of the State-Regions-Autonomous Provinces Conference, territorial authorities, civil society and non-state actors gathered in the National Forum for Sustainable Development, revised the plan, drawn up in 2017 and updated in 2020, of the new National Strategy for Sustainable Development.

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This strategic approach would make it possible to intervene in all the sectors envisaged by the UN Agenda, from the sustainable management of natural resources to the abatement of climate-changing emissions, from the promotion of sustainable economic well-being to the fight against poverty and the development of quality employment, of a non-violent, inclusive society that respects human rights, without discrimination. The three factors of sustainability, the environmental, the social and the economic, are included, as they should be.

The path, for which CISEX allocated an amount of about 17 million euro on 20 July, for the year 2023/2024, is characterised by the provision of a series of indicators: 55 first-level indicators for all central and territorial administrations. Another 190 second-level indicators will enable the monitoring of the objectives set.

The new Strategy arrives two years later than required by the legislation, which provides for it to be updated every three years.

It must now be transformed into practical actions aimed at achieving the objectives identified as relevant to national strategic choices and national strategic objectives, correlated with indicators that can also be verified at the territorial level.