

Pathways to Sustainability:CRISP approach



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During the last decade emerging environmental, social and economic issues boosted the idea of sustainability as the main driver for optimal world development. While there has been a greater recognition of the need to be 'sustainable' the difficulty often lies in achieving a consensus as to 'what' sustainability actually means and 'how' it can be achieved.

CRISP sees sustainable development as a complex and adaptive system, which has specific challenges for the dynamics of change: we need to begin to move beyond sustainability in the format which would be suitable for biggest part of society and begin to expand upon our understandings of its core principles and ideologies. The much emphasis is placed of using a scenario and back-casting approach that explicitly discerns individuals, organizations and the collective, addresses the interaction of agency and structure, and analyses from there how individuals and collectives can be engaged on sustainable paths, and how new policy mixes and co-operation mechanisms can overcome barriers to change.

In the paper an initial state-of-the-art review of existing barriers, drivers and synergies towards sustainable development from a policy and conceptual perspective as well as a review of national policies actors and synergies towards sustainable development from Lithuania, Netherlands, Hungary and the UK as well as the EU overall will be presented. The selection of countries is a reflection of the socio-economic, historical and economic history, including to provide a cost-effective and yet diverse initial baseline. The results of the analysis became a basis for identifying barriers and drivers of bottom-up initiatives from multi level perspective; analyzing roles of different actors on different levels; gaining insights on the synergies, steering and financing principles; an initial evaluation of their transferability.

The findings of the research will help to understand the various elements of responsible development and to develop an understanding of the goals and how to achieve them. The fundamental element is identifying all of the involved stakeholders and action items in order to view the process holistically.

A cohesive, understandable pathways allow entities to make informed decisions based

upon a synthesis of all of the involved components, to capitalize on this rapidly expanding market and to become aware of the value-added aspects of implementing sustainability into real life.