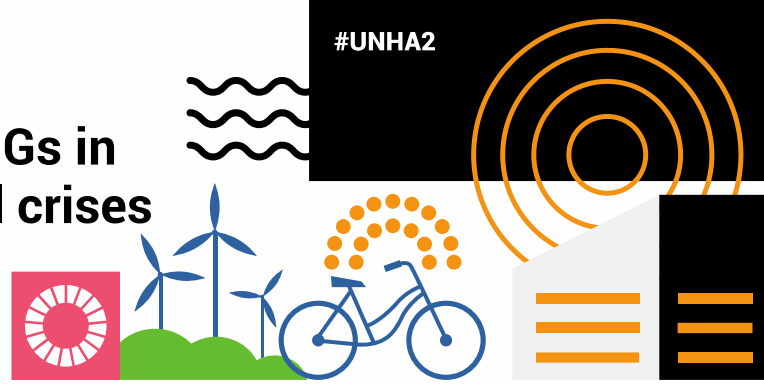




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Exploring the local-national link: how Eastern European and Central Asian countries in transition are localizing the SDGs

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SUMMARY

Countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia are facing simultaneous and interconnected challenges threatening development achievements and future social, economic and environmental progress: conflicts, environmental degradation, energy security, and economic diversification, just to mention a few.

The impact of these challenges is mostly felt at the local level and by local communities. That is why, it is starting from the local level that action to advance sustainable development needs to be built from.

More and more national governments in the region are strengthening their commitment toward the localization of the SDGs, also inspired by the innovations driven by their local governments and cities authorities.

Examples of political commitment and technical advances are to be found in countries and cities in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, and Serbia, among others. Each one with its own agenda, priorities and added value, these countries are pushing to support local action and the localization of the SDGs with innovative approaches based on long term visioning and multilevel governance. Their practices represent an important step forward for the region and an inspiration globally.

Part of this push is also based on the development process of Voluntary Local Reviews in many cities across the region. VLRs have proven to be a powerful accelerators of SDG localization across the world and are set to play a catalytic role toward the SDG also in the Eastern Europe and Central Asia region.

This session will provide a space for strengthening political commitment on SDG localization across the region based on the sharing of concrete experiences and practices led by national and local governments. It also will be an opportunity for peer-learning and partnership creation.

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