



SDG Audit at the Regional Level in the Russian Federation

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Audit Participants: 11 RAIs



Republic of Tatarstan



Chelyabinsk Region



Voronezh Region



Tver Region



Vladimir Region



Volgograd Region



Lipetsk Region



Nizhny Novgorod Region



Samara Region



Moscow



Sevastopol

Audit Subject

- SDG indicators observed at the federal and regional levels
- Public authorities and other organizations activities in the implementation of strategic planning documents aimed at achieving SDG indicators in the regions of the Russian Federation

Auditees



Ministry of Economic Development
of the Russian Federation



Federal State
Statistics Service

Scope of the Audit

- Coherence of regional strategies with SDGs
- SDG financing
- Monitoring and dynamics of SDG indicators
- Stakeholders cooperation for the SDGs achievement

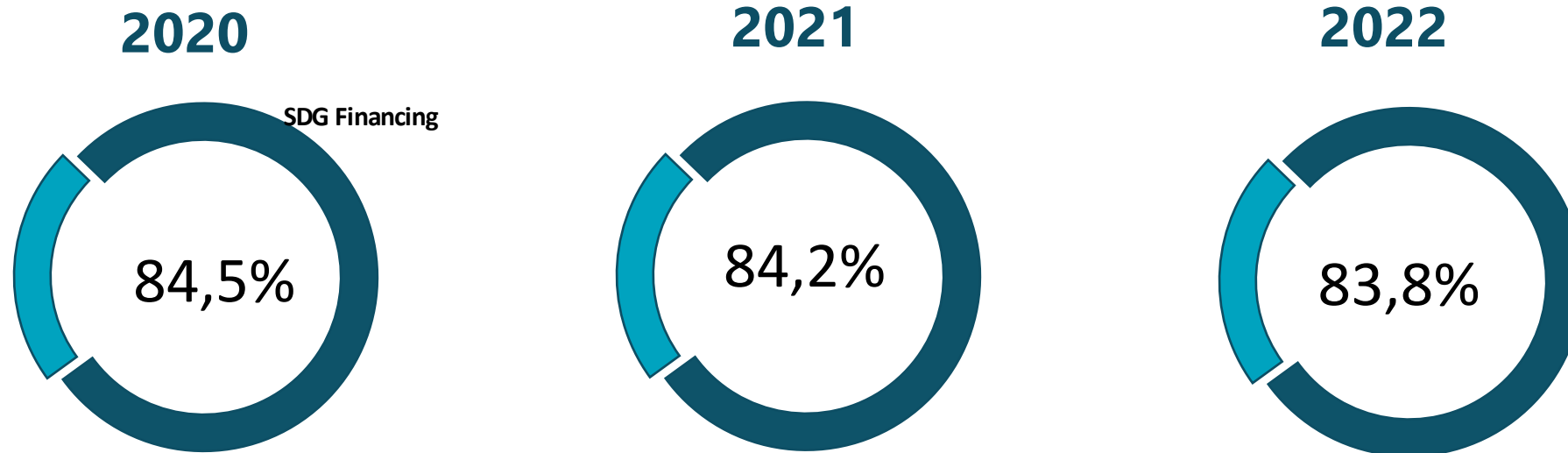
Coherence of Regional Strategies with SDGs

SDGs	Vladimir Region	Volgograd Region	Voronezh Region	Lipetsk Region	Nizhny Novgorod Region	Republic of Tatarstan	Samara Region	Chelyabinsk Region	Sevastopol
1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
14	x	x	✓	x	✓	x	x	x	✓
15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
16	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x
17	x	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	x

- Coverage of SDG targets – **20 to 97** targets (12% to 57%)
- A number of SDG targets are not taken into account because they are not relevant or they are not within the competence of a region

SDG Financing

Average share of programmatic expenditures of regional budgets associated with SDGs



For 2022, the data were collected for the first half of the year

Monitoring of SDG Indicators



118 of **231** global indicators are included in Federal statistical work plan



National list of SDG indicators consist of **176** indicators, **47** of them are global indicators



112 indicators from the National list of SDG indicators are disaggregated to the regional level



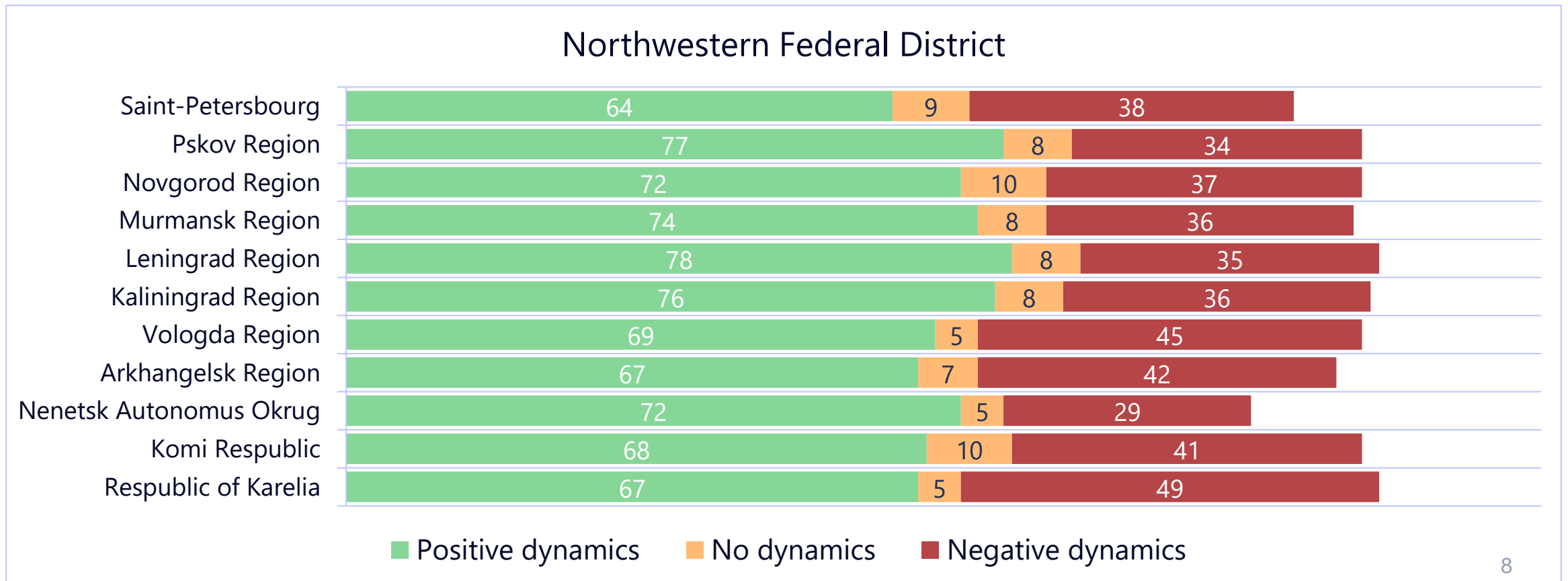
There are practices of monitoring **additional** indicators in the regions



Indicators of **SDG 14: Life Below Water** and **SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions** aren't disaggregated to the regional level

Dynamics of SDG Indicators

- The total number of observed indicators ranges from **106** to **122**
- There is a positive dynamics for **69%** of the indicators in more than a half of the regions of the Russian Federation



Dynamics of SDG Indicators



- **SDG 4: Quality Education** - the largest share of indicators with positive dynamics from 2018 to 2021
- **SDG 3: Good Health and Well-Being** - the largest share of indicators with negative dynamics from 2018 to 2021. Represents longstanding consequences of COVID-19

Stakeholders Cooperation

- Inter-agency cooperation between federal and regional authorities on the achievement of the SDGs is carried out through regional projects and programs
- Government, business, expert community and general public fragmentary contribute to the implementation of the SDGs
- Business proactively publish ESG reports

Expert Interviews

- More than **50** expert interviews with stakeholders: regional authorities, business, scientific and educational centers, public associations
- Analysis of the perception of the Sustainable Development Goals and ESG principles in regions
- Analysis of the relevance, prospects and problems of the implementation of national and global goals in regions

Recommendations

- on organizing a system for monitoring and controlling the achievement of SDG indicators and determining planned values for the regions of the Russian Federation
- on measures aimed at raising awareness and increasing engagement of all stakeholders in the SDG implementation (including non-financial reporting)
- on developing and distributing a register of best regional practices of the SDG implementation
- on expanding the list of national SDG indicators, including those disaggregated to the regional level

SDG Audit Approaches

INTOSAI WG on SDG and Key Sustainable Development Indicators

- Established in 2019 to support the INTOSAI community's efforts to achieve the SDGs
- 37 members and 7 observers



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Practical Guidance on SDG Auditing at the Regional Level

- ✓ hands-on support to RAIs
- ✓ based on the best practices
- ✓ include basic concepts, approaches and principles



Practical Guidance on SDG Auditing at the Regional Level

Adapted INTOSAI seven-step assessment model



- 1 Correlation between the Sustainable Development (SD) Agenda and the regional strategic planning documents
- 2 Integration assessment of the SD principles into laws and regulations
- 3 Assessment of interinstitutional and stakeholder cooperation
- 4 Assessment of the SD data openness
- 5 Assessment of the monitoring system
- 6 Progress assessment towards the goals indicators
- 7 Assessment of funding of the activities related to the SDGs implementation

