

COUNTRY PROFILE
Information on National Sustainable Development Strategy (NSDS)
or its equivalent

Country	Greece
Strategy Title	"National Strategy towards Sustainable Development- Greece" (NSSD, 2002) currently under new revision
NSDS Website	http://www.minenv.gr/4/41/000/nssd-english-final.pdf
Coordinating Body (Name& Website)	Department of International Relations and EU Affairs, Hellenic Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change http://www.minenv.gr/index.html
Strategy Status	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NSDS being implemented <input type="checkbox"/> Under development <input type="checkbox"/> No NSDS
Date Approved	May 2002, currently (2010) under revision/update (see Additional Information below)
NSDS Contact Point	The focal point for NSSD is Department of International Relations and EU Affairs of Hellenic Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change whereas the contact point in the Ministry is: Name: Yorgos KLIDONAS (Mr) Title: Senior Official / Counselor to the Minister Institution: Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change - Department of International Relations and EU Affairs & Minister's Cabinet Address: 17 Amaliados street, 115 23 Athens Phone: +30 210 6475134 Fax: +30 210 6451793 Email: y.klidonas@gryp.minenv.gr
Additional Information	The 2002 NSSD of Greece is currently being reformed in the light of recent administrative changes and new political priorities set in Greece. The reformulated NSSD encompasses the same priorities (7 challenges and 2 cross cutting issues) as the Renewed EU Strategy for S.D. (2006) plus four additional priorities of national interest, i.e. Culture, Tourism, Agriculture and Physical Planning. Most importantly, following the recent Parliamentary Election (Oct 2009) and the establishment of a new "Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change", political priorities for Greece, throughout the whole Governmental structure, have been set under the overarching objective of "Green Development". At the moment, the 2002 NSSD is being reformed so as to reflect not only the objectives of the reviewed 2006 EUSSD as well as new challenges and emerging approaches (e.g. efforts towards climate change mitigation and adaptation) at the international, regional and national level but also our new Ministry's vision, aims, competencies, tasks and structure as well as Greece's current overarching political strategic objective of "Green Development".