

Findings from OECD (2024) "The Role of Economic Regulators in the Green Transition – Driving sustainable change in network sectors"

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Delivering the Green Transition in Network Sectors: Opportunities and Challenges for Economic Regulators

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NEW REPORT: The Role of Economic Regulators in the Green Transition







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- Establishes regulators' current activities in support of green transition, based on analysis of new data gathered via the NER
- Maps regulators' functions to environmental outcomes, and identifies how regulatory tools can contribute to green transition
- Discusses the importance of governance arrangements for enabling regulators to contribute to transition via these functions and tools
- Focus on green governance supplements GSR Indicators :
 - Objectives, powers, functions, co-ordination, stakeholder engagement, data collection, sector targets, impact assessment.
- **42 countries**, **184 sector/countries combinations** (151 unique institutions)

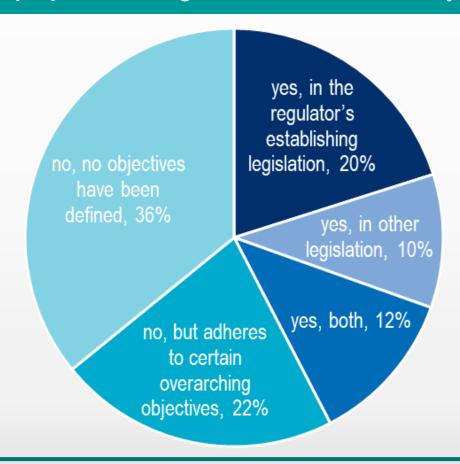
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Opportunity 1: Setting objectives & empowering regulators to act

There is currently no standard approach to defining the role of economic regulators

What proportion of regulators have been set objectives?



Key findings

- > 42% have objectives set in legislation relating to environmental sustainability
- > 42% lack the legal power to consider environmental sustainability in their regulatory decisions
- Powers to consider environmental sustainability may not extend to full range of regulators' decisions and integrate all environmental issues.



Opportunity 2: Shaping a co-ordinated, whole-of-government approach

Regulators can be part of a co-ordinated approach across government

What proportion of regulators encounter trade-offs?



Key findings

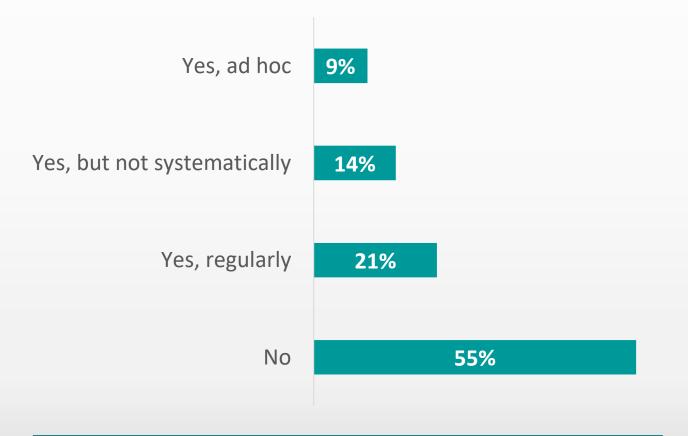
- > 43% encounter or anticipate trade-offs between environmental and other policy objectives
- > 61% lack formal co-ordination mechanisms with public authorities to address issues of environmental sustainability
- > 30% consider quantitative sector targets for environmental sustainability in decision-making



Opportunity 3: Building capacity and informed decision-making for green transition

Regulatory decision-making for green transition involves a greater depth of analysis

What proportion of regulators collect relevant data?



Key findings

- > 45% have the powers to collect data on environmental sustainability
- > 48% collect data systematically
- > 22% proactively consult environmental CSOs
- > 80% are not required to assess impact on environmental sustainability
- > 39% are building capacity through hiring

The Governance of Regulators



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Thank you!

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