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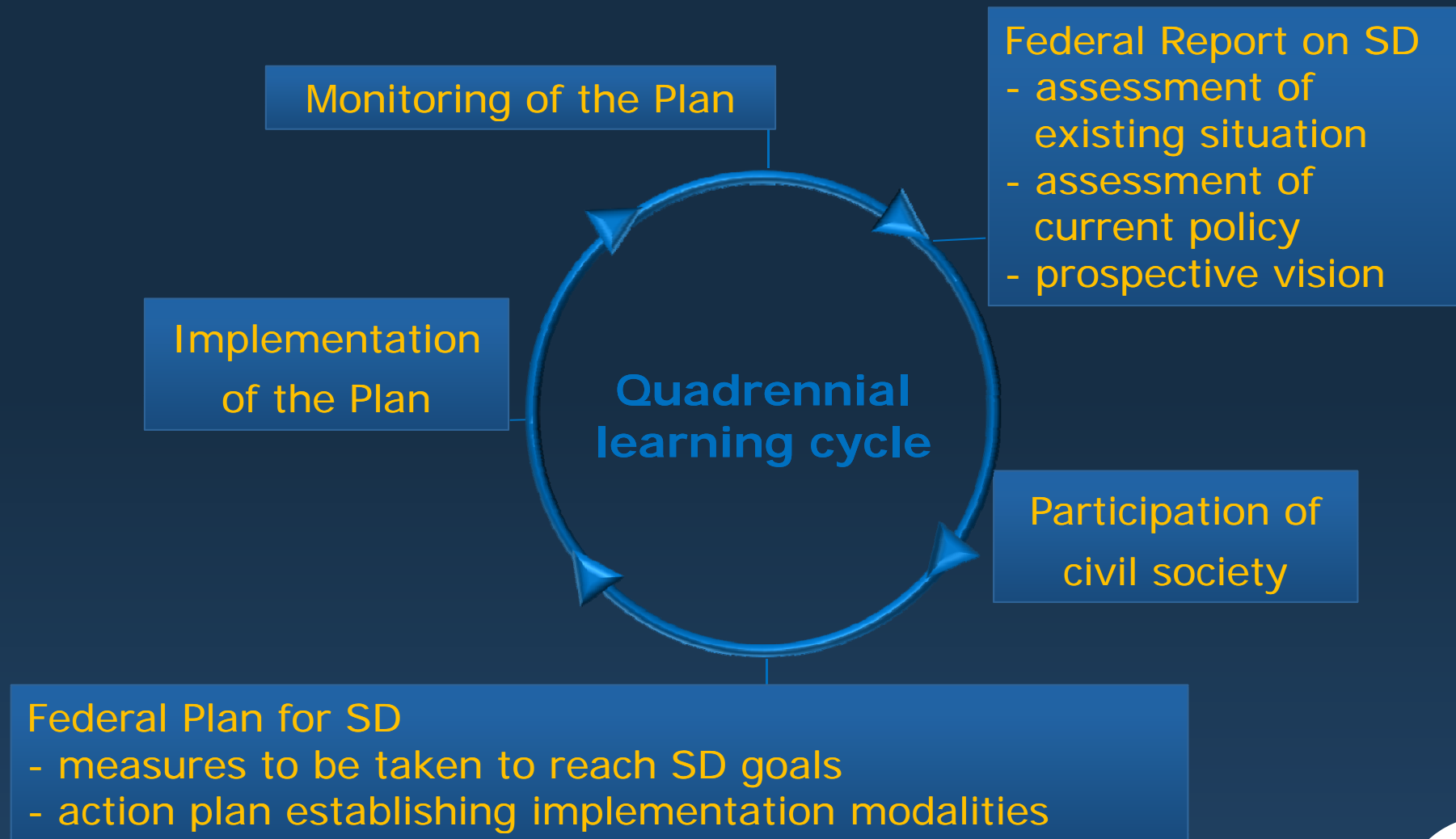
*Sustainable Development Indicators, Objectives and Scenarios*

# How can we implement sustainable development objectives?

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# Quadrennial learning cycle of the SD policy Federal Act of 1997



## Learning Sustainable Development Policy by interacting with experts panels and institutions outside FPB

### ■ 2007: Long term participatory foresight

A panel of 16 experts outside FPB has launched the construction of 2 2050 scenarios on 4 subsystems of society:



Consumption (& society)



Energy (& society)



Production (& society)



Food (& society)

### ■ 2009: Interactive analysis of SD Indicators

The 51 information sheets are based on interactions with 40 thematic Experts outside the Task Force: **30% in FPB and 70% outside FPB**



# Recommendations of the 2007 Report

- ❖ **Based on 2050 SD scenarios**
- ❖ **Built in a participative exercise**



## Cross-cutting recommendations on Federal Policy

- **Enforce Federal SD policy on the basis of the Constitution**
  - Adopting “sound” SD(LT) policy objectives and targets (on sound foundations)
  - Improving ex-ante (SIA) & ex-post (monitoring) SD policy assessment
  - Interlinking thematic plans with common objectives improving their coherence
  - Integrating foresight thinking in national SD strategy preparations
- **Enforce efforts of Belgium in multilateral policy**
  - Interlinking SD external policy to SD internal policy
  - Interlinking SD external policy to development cooperation policy

## Recommendations on SCP policies

- **Insert in the SD Federal Plan a common framework for SCP Federal policies**
- **Promote Corporate Social Responsibility as well as consumers social responsibility**



# Recommendations of the 2009 Report

- ❖ **Based on a comparative study of synthetic indicators**
- ❖ **And on a table of indicators with strategic SD objectives**



## Cross-cutting and specific recommendations concerning indicators cf. Stiglitz Report (SR)

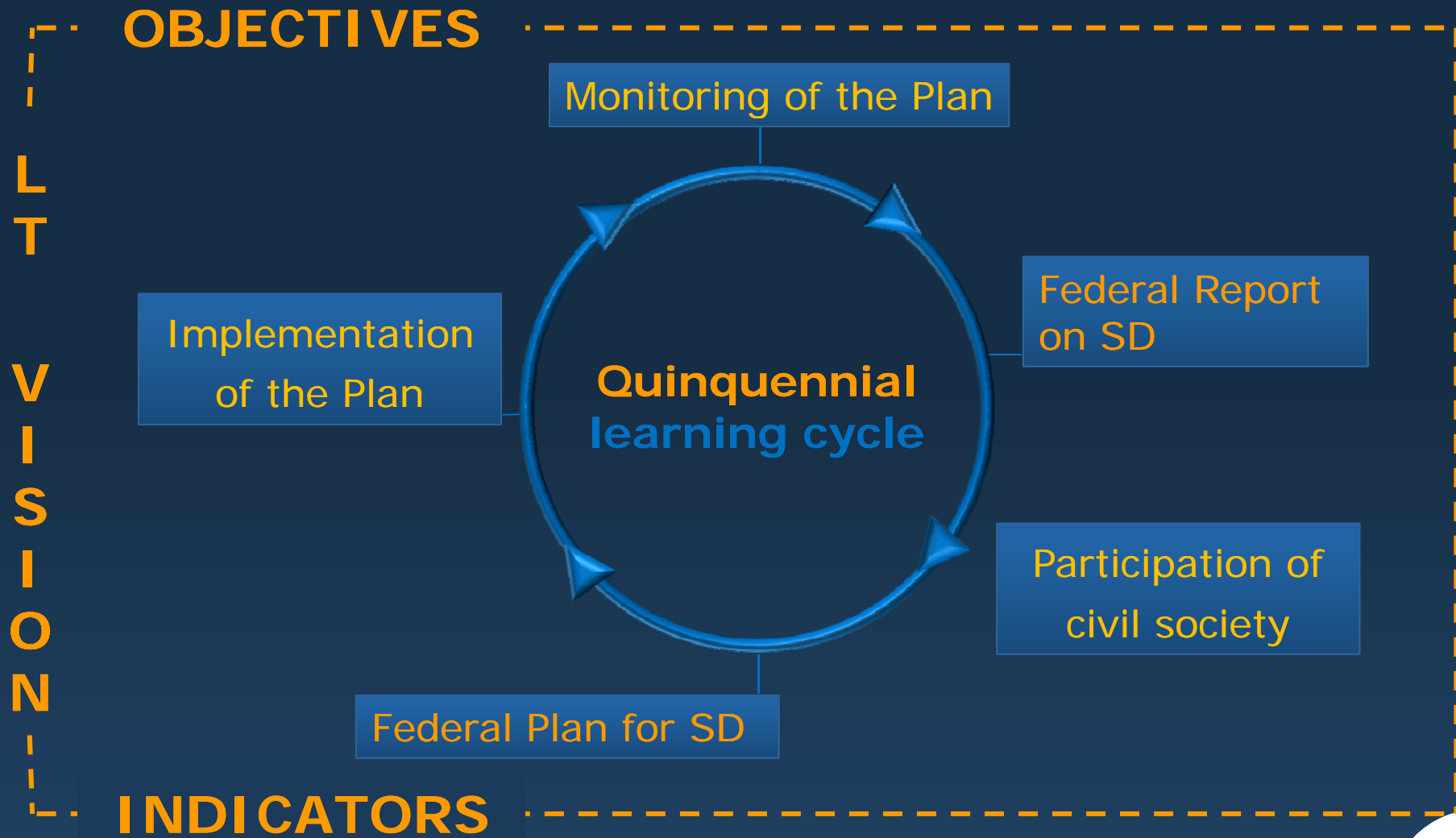
- Do not over-limit the number of synthetic indicators that are adopted and publicly debated (SR)



- Make an inventory of gaps in the current data as a matter of urgency and agree on efforts to fill them (SR) especially in BE
- Take into account the logic of the system in structuring lists or tables of sustainable development indicators
- Define monitoring indicators (to follow implementation) as soon as each policy decision is adopted
- Increase society's consensus on SD policies by encouraging debates about indicators, objectives and LT cross-cutting visions.



# Learning cycle of the SD policy decision Revision of 2010





Last but not least,

Cross-cutting studies  
are also a team-  
building exercise

This presentation  
results from the work  
of the whole Task  
Force on Sustainable  
Development

