



## GOOD GOVERNANCE

“Good governance” can be defined both as a process of better policy-making and a process by which better policy decisions are implemented. In the context of sustainable development, the Plan of implementation of the 2002 World Summit on sustainable development stated that “good governance within each country and at the international level is essential for sustainable development”.

The governance theme is potentially linked to all policy issues. Moreover governance is an all-embracing concept referring to the exercise of “power” overall and concerns all the rules, procedures and practices that should lead to more effective policies in all domains.

Openness of institutions and participation of all in policy-making can contribute to improving the quality of life and raise the confidence of citizens and businesses in the political process.

The indicators included in this theme are as follows:

1. E-government on-line availability
2. E-government usage by individuals
3. Voter turnout in national and EU parliamentary elections.