

INFORMATION BRIEF ON EUROPE

SDG ACCELERATION ACTIONS

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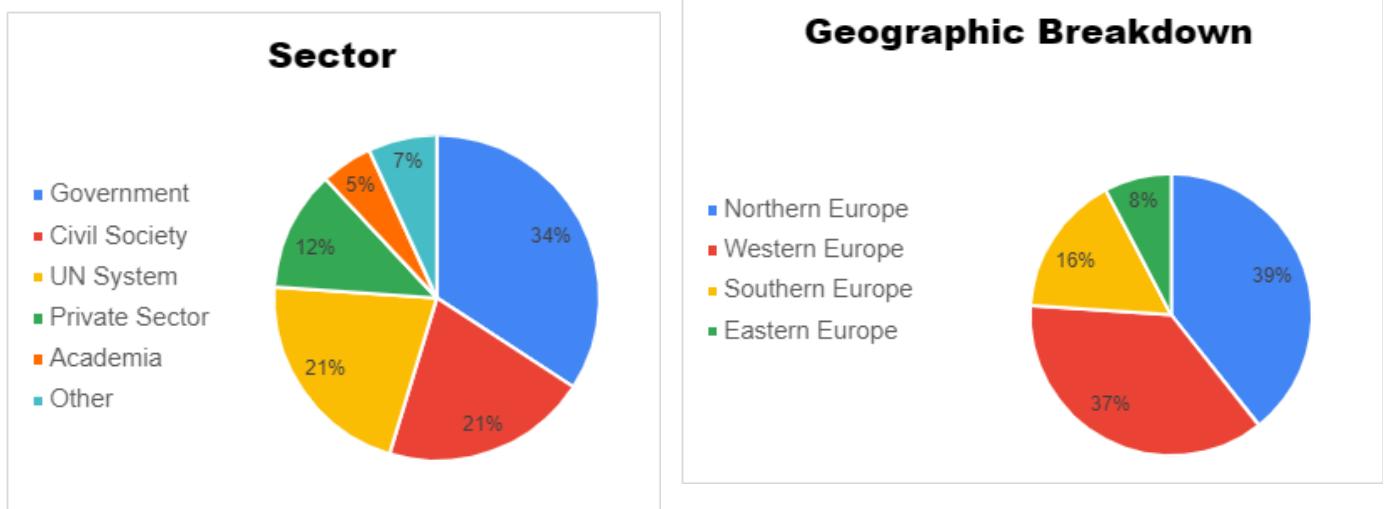
BACKGROUND

More than ever, people and countries everywhere rely on the United Nations to rise to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic – a human crisis. The Secretary-General has emphasized that the creativity of the response must match the unique nature of the crisis – and the magnitude of the response must match its scale.

Moving ahead on the Decade of Action for SDG implementation¹, the recovery from the COVID-19 crisis is an opportunity for governments and stakeholders alike to Build Back Better their societies. The SDG Acceleration Actions online database is a tool to help inspire and mobilize actions around the world to promote the implementation of the SDGs, as well as build resilience and bring inclusive recovery in the context of new realities post COVID-19, so that the global economy, planet and people we serve could emerge stronger together from the crisis.

HIGHLIGHTS

As of 7 February 2022, a total of 117 Acceleration Actions located in Europe have been published. The majority of actions (79%) aim to address multiple SDGs leveraging interlinkages, while 21% of initiatives focus on addressing one SDG. Of the 117 registered actions, SDGs 6 has mobilized the largest number, followed by SDGs 17, 4, 13, 3 and 15. With regard to geographical location of initiatives, 39% of registered actions come from Northern Europe; 37% from Western Europe; 16% from Southern Europe¹; and 8% from Eastern Europe.



¹ Please be advised that Israel is included in the Southern Europe category.