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Sustainability Legislation and Policy

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The History of Sustainability Legislation

- Assyrian, Greek, Chinese, Roman, Japanese, and English environmental management
- 7th Century Visigoth codes
- Medieval Legislation in Germany, France, and the UK

The History of Sustainability Legislation

- 1972 Stockholm Conference on the Human Environment
- 1980 World Conservation Strategy
- 1987 'Our Common Future' World Commission on Environment and Development
- 1992 UN Conference on Environment and Development, Rio di Janeiro (Agenda 21)
 - 1997 Summit on Agenda 21
 - 2002 Summit on Agenda 21
- 2000 UN Millennium Development Goals

Sustainability Legislation Today

- The continuing legacy of historical legislation
- Agenda 21 today
- UN Sustainable Development Goals
- The OECD Better Life Index
- The Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act
- The International Standards Organisation and the ISO 14000 family

Agenda 21

- **Section 1:** Social and Economic Dimensions
- **Section 2:** Conservation and Management of Resources for Development
- **Section 3:** Strengthening the role of major groups
- **Section 4:** Means of Implementation

UN Sustainable Development Goals vs. the Millennium Development Goals

- Eradicate Extreme Hunger and Poverty
 - Achieve Universal Primary Education
 - Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women
 - Reduce Child Mortality
 - Improve Maternal Health
 - Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and other diseases
 - Ensure Environmental Sustainability
 - Develop a Global Partnership for Development
- No Poverty
 - Zero Hunger
 - Good Health and Well-being
 - Quality Education
 - Gender Equality
 - Clean Water and Sanitation
 - Affordable and Clean Energy
 - Decent Work and Economic Growth
 - Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure
 - Reduced Inequalities
 - Sustainable Cities and Communities
 - Responsible Consumption and Production
 - Climate Action
 - Life Below Water
 - Life on Land
 - Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions
 - Partnerships for the Goals

OECD Better Life Index vs. GDP per capita

GDP (Gross Domestic Product)

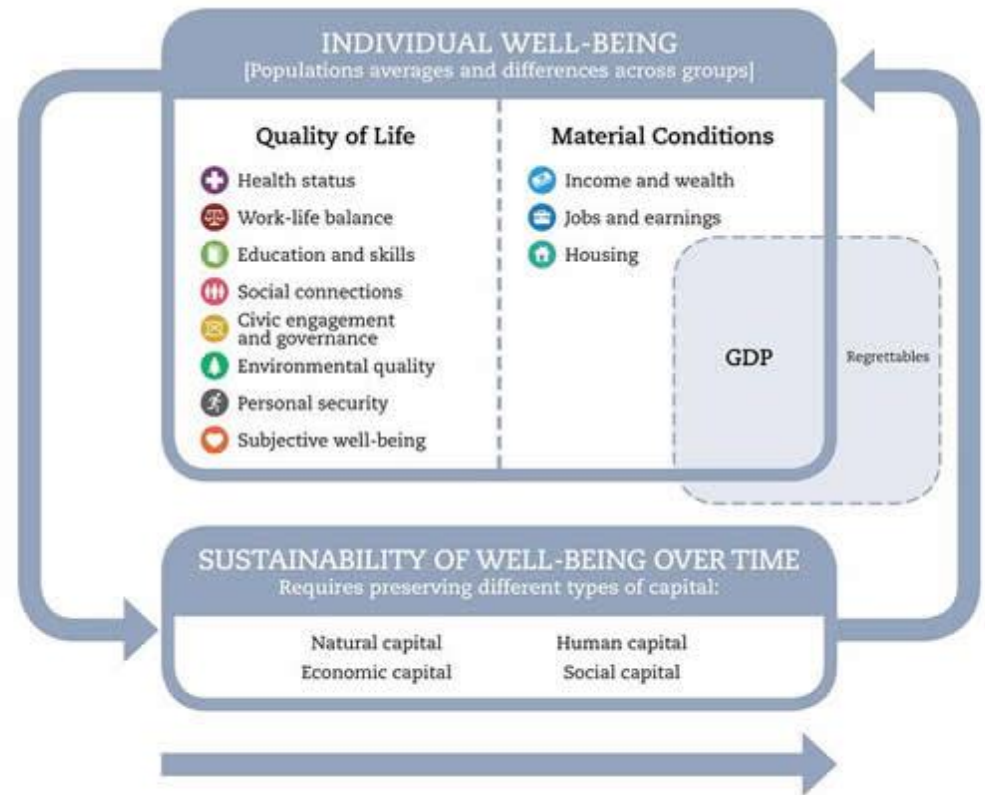
The total amount of money a country has

GDP per capita

The total amount of money a country has per person (GDP divided by population)

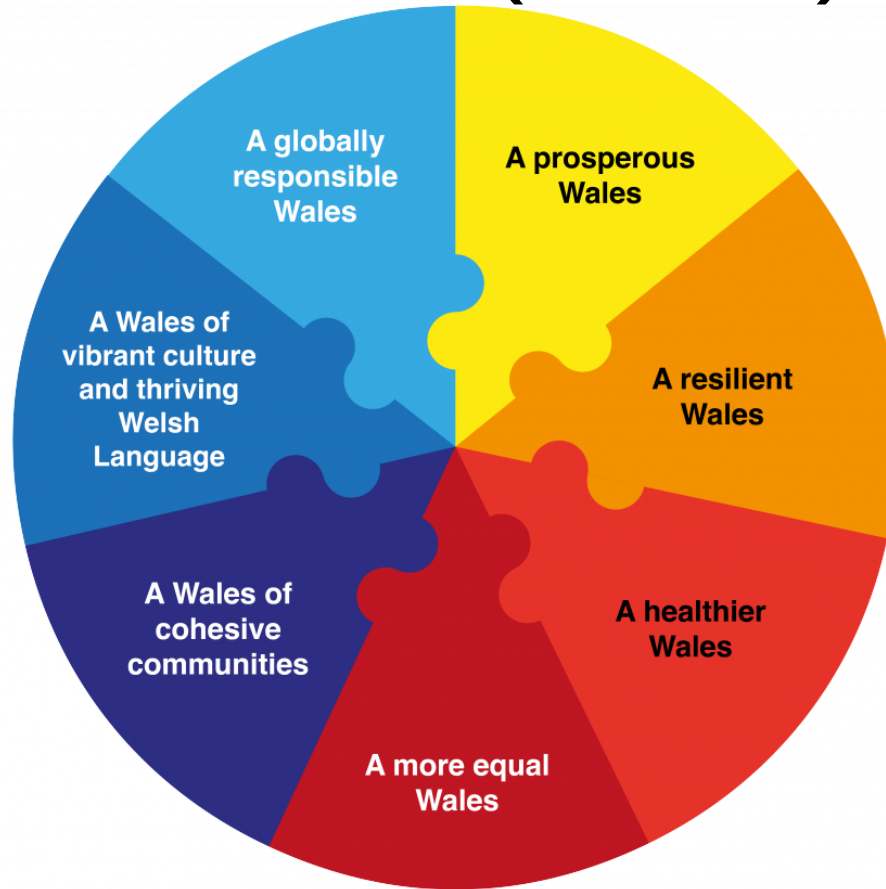
Gini coefficient

A complex statistical analysis tool used to approximate inequality



Source: OECD, 2013

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act



The Environment (Wales) Act

- Sustainable Management of natural resources
- Climate Change
- Charges for carrier bags
- Collection and disposal of waste
- Fisheries for shellfish and marine licensing
- Flood and Coastal Erosion Committee and land drainage

The Planning (Wales) Act

- Sustainable Development
- Development Planning
- Applications for Welsh Ministers
- Development Management
- Enforcement and Appeals
- Town and Village Greens

The ISO 14000 Family

- A family of standards overseen by the ISO that recognise actions taken on sustainability
- Heavily focused on environmental
- ISO 14001
- ISO 14004
- ISO 14006
- ISO 14063
- ISO 14064