

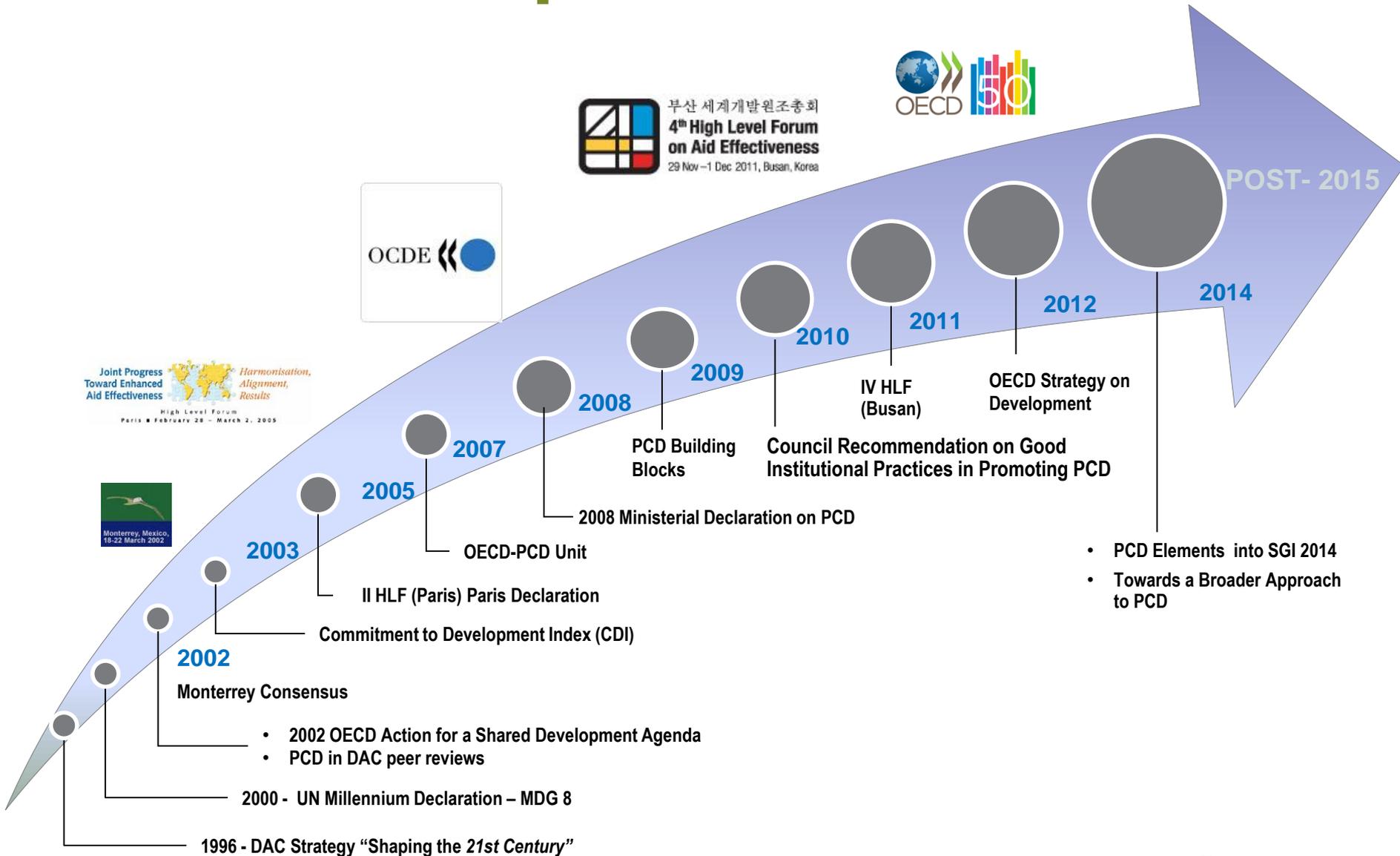
# Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development

## Implementing SDG 17 through Partnerships

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# PCD – a concept in evolution



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# Prevalent definitions: PCD = ...

## EU

“The EU seeks to minimise contradictions and to build synergies between policies other than development cooperation that have an impact on developing countries, for the benefit of overseas development”

## OECD

“The pursuit of development objectives through the systematic promotion of mutually reinforcing policy actions on the part of both OECD and development countries”.



**Two-fold implication:** “do no harm” and beyond:

1. Make sure all policies are development-friendly (do no harm)
2. Ensure the proactive promotion of development objectives in other policies: exploit synergies > win-win

# Prevalent definitions: PCD ≠ ...

Diverging interpretations and use of the concept of PCD.

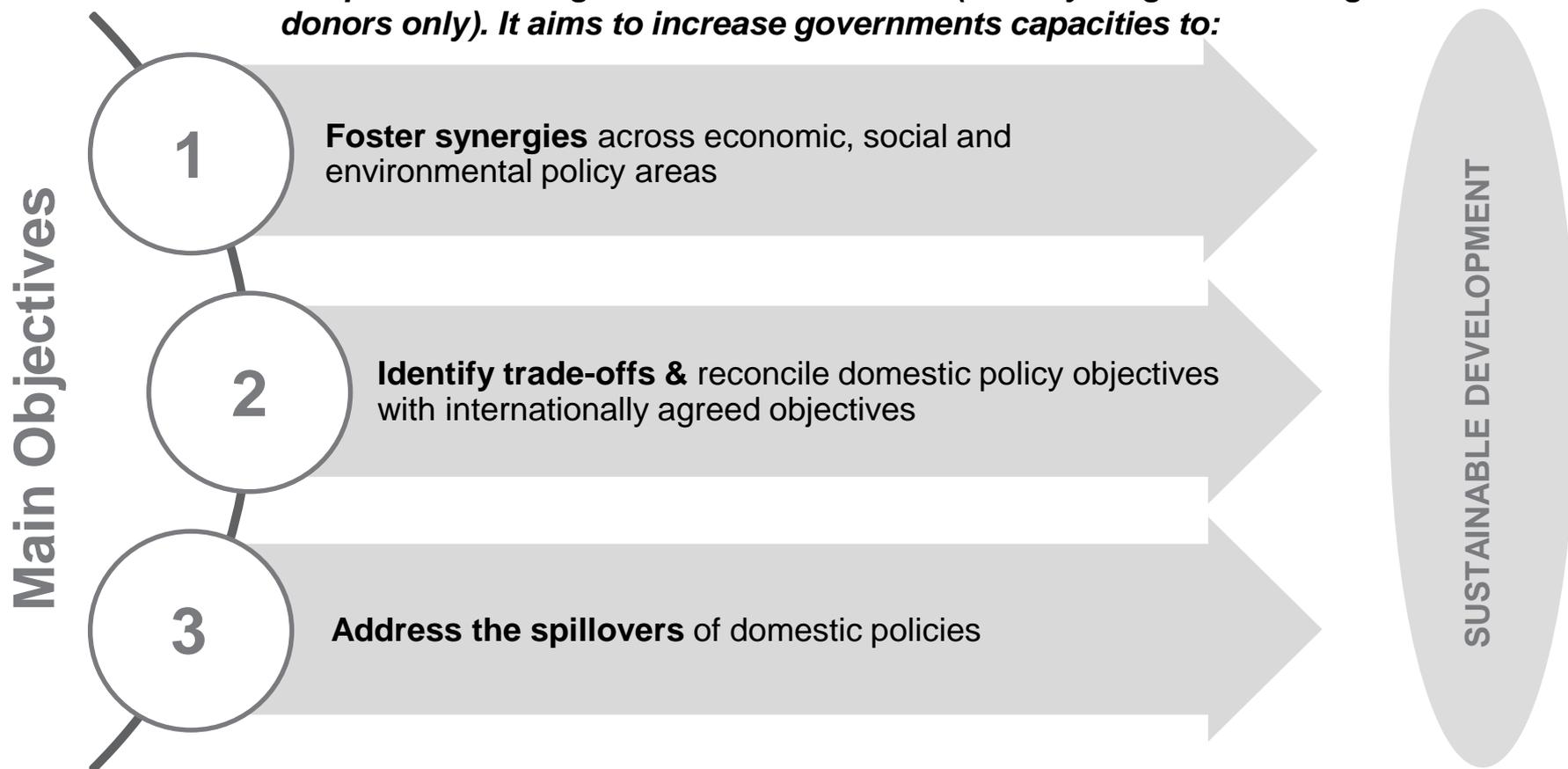


PCD IS NOT (only):

- *Coordination* with other policies
- *Harmonization* with other donors
- *Adjustment* of development policy to other policies (it is PC for Development)
- *Consistency* among development policies, strategies and instruments

# Towards a universal notion: PCSD

**PCSD** = an approach and policy tool to integrate the economic, social, environmental, and governance dimensions of sustainable development at all stages of domestic and international policy making.  
= a problem of all governments worldwide (not any longer a challenge for donors only). It aims to increase governments capacities to:



# PCSD in Agenda 2030

- SDG 17.14 – clear statement of intent  
*Enhance policy coherence for sustainable development*
- Now being widely discussed
  - In UN – Global Partnership for SDGs
  - In EU – 2015 EU PCD Report
  - In OECD – Multi-stakeholder partnership
- Many people new to concept
  - Moving to a wider audience
  - From specialist domain to general debate

# Positives to build on

- Agenda 2030
  - Intrinsically integrated approach
  - Finally brings 3 pillars of sustainable development together
- PCSD formally recognised and agreed
- Some similar ideas in other areas than development cooperation
  - Whole-of-government approaches
  - Joined-up government
  - One United Nations
- MDG experiences did teach us need for integrated approaches

# Challenges to resolve

## **Conceptual shift** from PCD to PCSD

- Loss of focus?
  - PCSD makes targets more diffuse
  - Do we lose the unitary focus on PCD
- Greater **complexity**
  - Progress on PCD already tough
  - Taking so much into account **may** make progress even more difficult
- Brings different worlds together
  - Development – external relations
  - Economic & social – internal affairs

## **Universality principle** – the implications

- Not so clear who should benefit

# Challenges to resolve II

**What indicator for PCSD** in the SDG global review framework?

Indicator Proposals for PCSD target 17.14:

- *Number of countries that have ratified and implemented relevant international instruments including environmental, Human rights and labor instruments*
- *Number of countries that have ratified and implemented relevant international instruments under the IMO and the ILO Maritime Convention, and adopted carbon pricing mechanisms.*

**Are these sufficiently meaningful?**

# Scaling-up from lessons learnt

European actors and OECD have **20 years experience on PCD**

- 1) Concepts should be clear – raise awareness
  
- 2) Mechanisms to promote PCSD
  1. Statement of intent
  2. Administrative structures
  3. Knowledge – studies, peer reviews, impact assessments

# Scaling-up from lessons learnt II

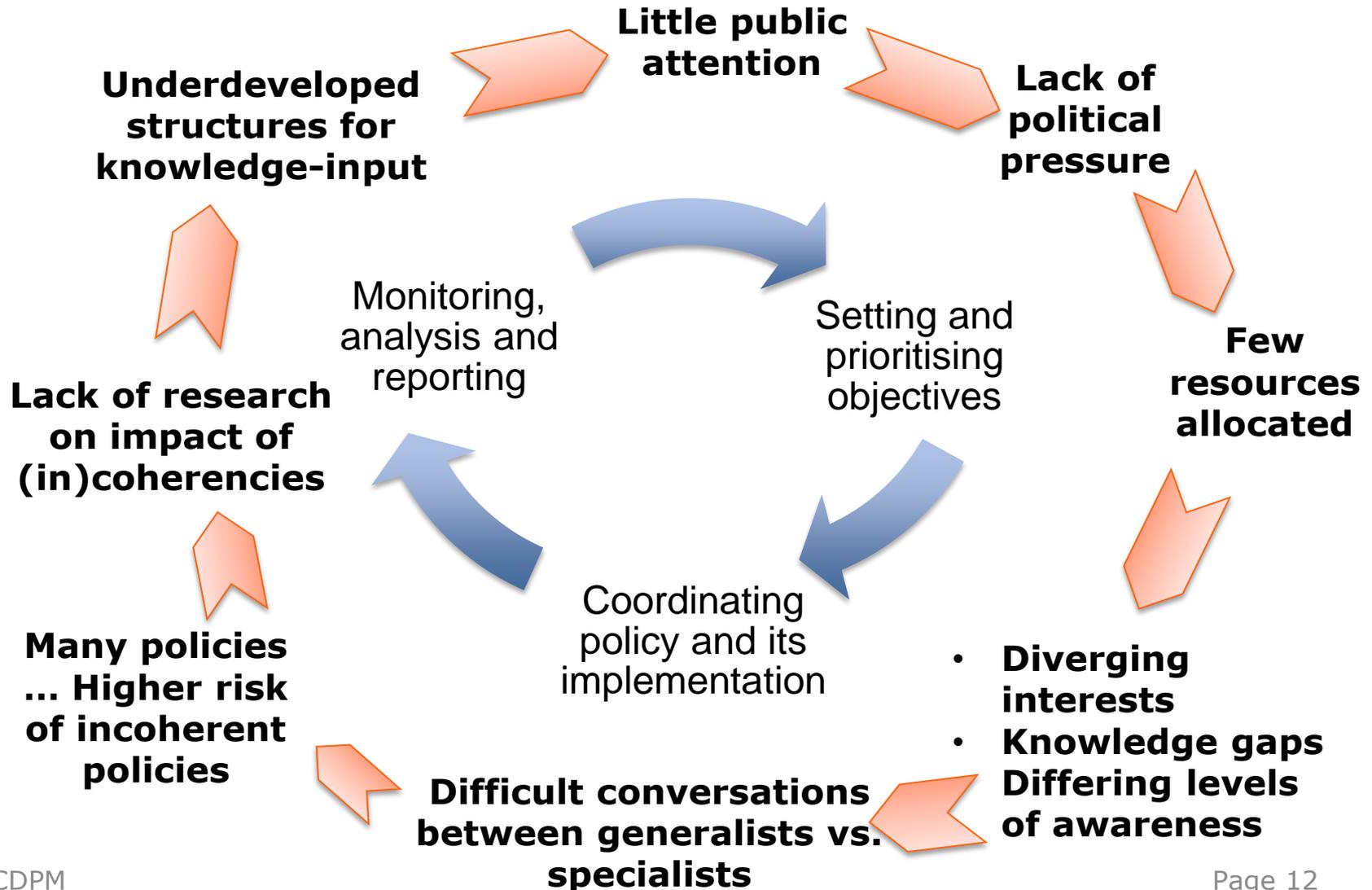
## 3) Roles of different actors

- **Importance of political will**
- **Reconciling 'different tribes' of sustainable development**

## 4) Reporting and accountability

- Importance of **Monitoring and indicators**

# Common Bottlenecks for PCD in the EU Member States



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