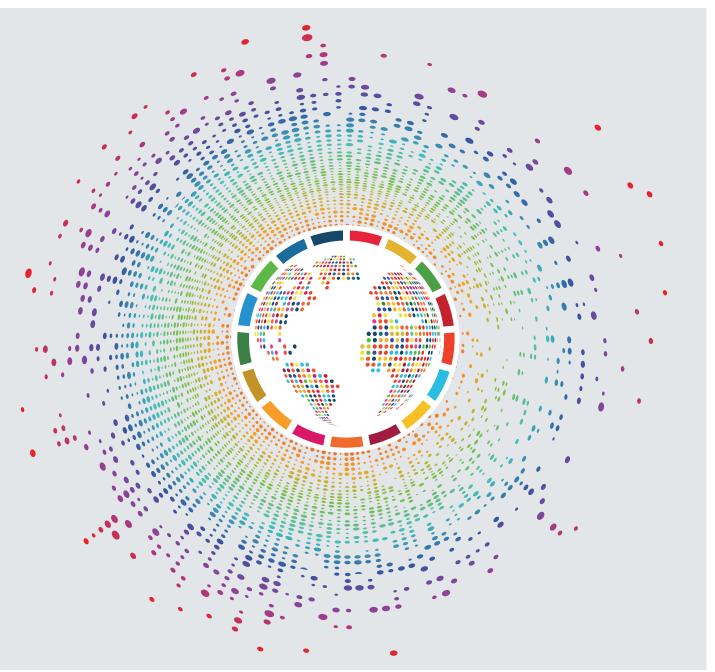
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#### Foreword

In the first five years since signing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, UNECE countries have taken action to integrate the Goals and targets into their national development plans and to align policies and institutions with them. The system of measuring the implementation of the Agenda has also developed, with increasing availability of data on Sustainable Development Goal indicators.

2020 marks the beginning of <u>the Decade of Action and Delivery for Sustainable Development</u>, the United Nations Secretary-General's initiative that calls for accelerating action by mobilizing all actors, raising ambition, and finding and applying solutions that bring results. Reviewing the progress achieved so far is essential for understanding how to better focus such actions.

This first UNECE regional report on Sustainable Development Goals therefore arrives at a key junction of the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda. It describes the levels and trends of selected indicators relevant for the region, and highlights challenges in measuring, to inform the Regional Forum on Sustainable Development in the UNECE region (Geneva, 19 March 2020). The UNECE Statistical Division led the preparation of the report.

The findings show many areas where UNECE countries have achieved good progress as well as those where the region is not yet advancing at the speed or scale required and where decisive action is needed to accelerate progress.

It is expected that the information in this report will be valuable for member countries in the follow-up and review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

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