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European Commission's sustainable and inclusive wellbeing initiative

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Abstract: Building on past efforts, the European Commission's [2023 Strategic Foresight Report](#) launched new Beyond GDP work, to develop [sustainable and inclusive wellbeing metrics](#) to complement GDP in EU policymaking. The overall aim is to deliver “wellbeing to all people of the current and future generations and to the planet”. As such, the initiative is planted strongly in intergenerational fairness, sustainability, strategic foresight, and long-term, forward-looking policymaking. The work so far has produced a [summary dashboard](#), synthesising all existing EU measurement tools and frameworks, and [methodologies](#) to create monetary, augmented GDP type metrics. A specific objective is to better track the EU's sustainability transition and its performance in global comparison, for which a global extension of the dashboard will be released shortly. As emphasised by the [2025 Strategic Foresight Report](#), work is ongoing to see how to put the results in practice. It is also feeding the [work of the UN High-Level Expert Group](#) on beyond GDP.

Dr. Péter Benczúr is a scientific officer at the European Commission's Joint Research Centre. He is one of the coordinators of the [sustainable and inclusive wellbeing Commission initiative](#), aiming to develop metrics to complement GDP. He was one of the developers of the [JRC conceptual framework of resilience](#) and the [resilience dashboards](#). He studied mathematics at the Lorand Eotvos University in Budapest and obtained a Ph.D. in Economics at MIT in 2001. Before joining the JRC in 2013, he was the head of research at the central bank of Hungary, and an adjunct faculty at Central European University, Budapest.

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