

Options and Opportunities for the Future EU Sustainable Development Strategy

European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN)

ESDN Conference 2009

17 – 19 June 2009 in Prague, Czech Republic

Conference Programme

Venue:

Prague Congress Centre

Meeting Hall 1

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Czech Republic

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Wednesday, 17 June 2009

14:00 – 18:00 Pre-Conference meeting of the ESDN Steering Group
Prague Congress Centre

19:30 – 22:00 Welcome reception at Ibis Praha Wenceslas Square Hotel, Katerinska 36, 120 00 Praha 2

19:30 Welcome address by *Rut Bizkova, Deputy Minister of the Environment of the Czech Republic & the ESDN Co-chairs*

20:00 Welcome reception

Thursday, 18 June 2009

08:30 Registration

09:00 – 13:30 Session 1: Coherence of strategies & the challenge of policy integration

09:00 **Welcome addresses**
Jan Dusík, Deputy Minister of the Environment of the Czech Republic & Maria Åsenius, State Secretary to the Swedish Minister of European Affairs

09:30 **Coherence of major strategies in the EU: EU Sustainable Development Strategy & Lisbon Strategy**
Michel Servoz, Secretariat-General of the European Commission, Head of Direction D 'Better Regulation and Institutional Issues'

09:50 **The challenges of policy integration and establishing governance mechanism for sustainable development**
Bedrich Moldan, Professor of Environmental Sciences at Charles University Prague and Senator of the Parliament of the Czech Republic

10:10 **Converging the Lisbon Agenda for a Sustainable New Europe**
Jan De Smedt, European Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils (EEAC)

10:30-11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00	<p>“Global Green New Deal”: Objectives and linkages to sustainable development strategy processes</p> <p><i>Christophe Bouvier, Director of Regional Office for Europe, UNEP</i></p>
11:20	<p>Economic stimulus packages in Europe: Overview of national measures and their linkages to the innovation dimension of the Lisbon agenda and sustainable development strategies</p> <p><i>R. Andreas Kraemer, Ecologic</i></p>
11:40	<p>Integrating economic growth and sustainable development strategies in an international company: Lessons learned</p> <p><i>Thomas Bergmark, Social and Environmental Affairs Manager, IKEA Group</i></p>
12:00	<p>Panel Discussion (incl. questions from the plenum): Coherence of strategies & the challenge of policy integration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Servoz, European Commission, Secretariat-General • Bedrich Moldan, Charles University & Czech Parliament • Jan De Smedt, EEAC • Christophe Bouvier, UNEP • R. Andreas Kraemer, Ecologic • Thomas Bergmark, IKEA Group
13:15	<p>Summary of the panel and plenary discussion by rapporteur</p>
13:30-14:30	Lunch break
14:30 – 16:15	<u>Session 2</u>: Options and opportunities for the future EU SDS – Key objectives and topics
14:30	<p>Results and lessons learned from the Spring Alliance process</p> <p><i>John Hontelez, European Environmental Bureau (EEB)</i></p>
14:50	<p>Key objectives and topics – Results of the survey among SD coordinators from the EU Member States</p> <p><i>ESDN Office</i></p>
15:00	<p>Parallel working groups</p> <p><i>Options and opportunities for the future EU SDS – key objectives and topics</i></p>
16:15-16:45	Coffee break

16:45 – 18:00 **Working group results and panel discussion**

16:45 **Presentation of working group results**

Working group moderators

17:00 **Panel discussion (incl. involvement of plenum): Options and Opportunities for the future EU SDS – Key objectives and topics**

- John Hontelez, EEB
- Robin Mieke, European Commission, DG Environment
- Anders Wijkman, Member of the European Parliament
- Jörg Mayer-Ries, Ministry of the Environment, Germany
- Alexia Flowerday, DEFRA, UK

18:00 – 18:30 **Outlook for next day – Governance mechanisms & institutional structures**

18:00 **Governance mechanisms & institutional structures of the EU SDS – Taking stock, lessons to learn and future needs**

Anders Wijkman, Member of the European Parliament

18:30 **End of day 1**

19:30 **Evening Programme**

'Czech Evening': Visit of monastery brewery, dinner & national music performance

Friday, 19 June 2009

09:00 – 13:00 **Session 3: Options and opportunities for the future EU SDS – Governance mechanisms & institutional structures**

09:00 **Integrating sustainability assessment into sustainable development policy-making**

Annika Lindblom, Finnish National Commission on Sustainable Development

09:20 **Governance mechanisms & institutional structures - Results of the survey among SD coordinators from the EU Member States**

ESDN Office

09:30 **Parallel working groups**

1) Options and opportunities for the future EU SDS – Governance mechanisms & institutional structures

2) Impact assessment for sustainable development

11:00-11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 **Presentation of working group results**

Working group moderators

12:00 **Panel discussion (incl. involvement of plenum): Options and opportunities for the future EU SDS – Governance mechanisms & institutional structures**

- Annika Lindblom, Finnish National Commission on SD
- Marcel Haag, European Commission, Secretariat-General
- Naoko Kubo, Coordinator Horizontal Programme on SD, OECD
- Pavel Šremer, Ministry of the Environment, Czech Republic
- Kirsten Mortensen, Prime Minister's Office, Sweden

13:00-13:30 **ESDN – Network perspectives**

13:00 **ESDN – Network Business & Perspectives (incl. plenary discussion)**

Elisabeth Freytag, ESDN Co-chair; André Martinuzzi, ESDN Office

13:30 **Conference Closure, followed by buffet lunch**

15:00-17:00 **Afternoon programme – Prague city walk and excursion**