

**Framing and Focussing:  
European Resource Policies in the  
Context of Sustainable Development**

**European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN)**

*ESDN Conference 2011*

**27 - 29 June 2011 in Szentendre, Hungary**

**[Conference Programme](#)**

**Venue:**

**The Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC)**

**Conference Center**

**Ady Endre ut 9-11, 2000 Szentendre, Hungary**

## Monday, 27 June 2011

14:00 – 17:00 Pre-Conference meeting of the ESDN Steering Group  
*REC Conference Center*

From 17:30 Exhibition at REC Conference Center, “Mirror to the World”, on environmental protection and global solidarity

**19:30** **Welcome reception**  
**REC Conference Center, Banquett Hall**

Welcome addresses by

- *Ferenc Dietz, Mayor of Szentendre*
- *Gábor Baranyai, Deputy State Secretary COREPER I affairs Ministry of Foreign Affairs;*
- *Gábor Vida, Hungarian National Council for Sustainable Development (NFFT); &*
- *Elisabeth Freytag & Wolfram Tertschnig, ESDN Co-chairs*

Grill buffet in the garden of REC Conference Center, Szentendre

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## Tuesday, 28 June 2011

**08:30** **Registration**

**09:00** **Welcome address**  
*József Ángyán, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Hungary*

**09:15 – 13:00** **Session 1: Resource policies in Europe – framing of key issues in the context of sustainable development**

**09:15** **Objectives of the Conference**  
*Elisabeth Freytag & Wolfram Tertschnig, ESDN Co-chairs, Austrian Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management*

- 09:30**                    **Resources as subject of economic, social and ecological systems – challenges for an integrated resource approach in Europe**  
*Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker, Co-Chair, International Resource Panel, UNEP*
- 09:50**                    **Perspectives and challenges to move forward in resource policy in Europe**  
*Jacqueline McGlade, Executive Director, European Environment Agency (EEA)*
- 10:10**                    **Q&A Session**
- 10:30**                    **Coffee Break**
- 11:00**                    **Resources as subject of policies in Europe – key issues in the context of sustainable development and the question of consistency**  
*Miranda Schreurs, Chair of the European Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils (EEAC) & Professor of Environmental Policy at Free University of Berlin, Germany*
- 11:20**                    **Policy instruments for resource policy: The resource policy approach of the Green Growth Strategy**  
*Helen Mountford, Deputy Director of Environment, OECD*
- 11:40**                    **The policy approach of the Europe 2020 Strategy: Flagship initiative “A resource-efficient Europe”**  
*Robin Miège, Director Strategy, DG Environment, European Commission*
- 12:00**                    **Q&A Session**
- 12:15**                    **Political discussion: ‘Smart framing’ of resource policies in the context of sustainable development**
- *Anders Wijkman, former Member of the European Parliament, Sweden*
  - *Benedek Jávor, Member of the Hungarian Parliament, Chair of the Sustainable Development Committee*
- Incl. plenary discussion**
- 13:00 – 14:00**                    **Lunch break**

**14:00 – 17:30**      **Session 2: Working groups – different dimensions of resource policies in Europe**

**14:00**                      **Introduction of session objectives and working group format**  
*Member of ESDN Steering Group*

**14:10**                      **Working group discussions:**  
**Recommendations for resource policies in Europe**

*Parallel working groups on four issues:*

Working Group 1	Working Group 2	Working Group 3	Working Group 4
<p><b><i>Innovation dimension</i></b>                      (addressing technology, green jobs, as well as knowledge diffusion through education, awareness raising)</p> <p><u>Flashlight presentation:</u>  <b>Inge Lardinois</b> (Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment, Netherlands) &amp;  <b>Luisa Prista</b> (DG Research &amp; Innovation, European Commission)</p>	<p><b><i>Security of supply/resource security</i></b>                      (addressing undistorted access to/sustainable supply of raw materials as well as commodity markets)</p> <p><u>Flashlight presentation:</u>  <b>Robert Holsteiner</b> (Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth, Austria)</p>	<p><b><i>Ecological and social rucksacks and rebounds</i></b>                      (identifying and addressing some processes counteracting to resource efficiency enhancement efforts)</p> <p><u>Flashlight presentation:</u>  <b>Tibor Farago</b> (Hon. Prof. St. Istvan University, Hungary; Representative of Hungarian Society of Nature Conservationists)</p>	<p><b><i>Resource policies and governance challenges</i></b>                      (resource policy approaches in NSDS and other policy strategies)</p> <p><u>Flashlight presentation:</u>  <b>Daniel Wachter</b> (Federal Office for Spatial Development, Switzerland)</p>

**15:30 – 16:00**              **Coffee break**

**16:00 – 16:30**      **Interlude: Sustainable consumption in Europe - update on two FP7 research projects (RESPONDER and CORPUS) & their link to ESDN**  
*André Martinuzzi & Gerald Berger (ESDN Office & Research Institute for Managing Sustainability, Vienna University of Economics)*

**Cont. Session 2**

**16:30**                      **Panel discussion: How are key stakeholders driving the agenda on resource policies and management in Europe?**

*Discussants:*

- *Luisa Prista, Head of Unit Environmental Technologies, DG Research & Innovation*
- *Salla Ahonen, Director Environmental Policy, Nokia*

- *Jeremy Wates, Secretary General, European Environmental Bureau (EEB)*
- *Marta Szigeti Bonifert, Executive Director, Regional Environmental Center (REC) for Central and Eastern Europe*
- *Iván Gyulai, Director, Ecological Institute for Sustainable Development, Hungary*

**17:30**                      ***End of day 1***

**18:00**                      ***Optional: Walking Tour to discover the historical and cultural heritage of Szentendre***

**19:00**                      **Evening Programme: shuttle bus transfer to/from Dunabogdány  
Social dinner at Forgó étterem Restaurant, Dunabogdány**

## Wednesday, 29 June 2011

### **09:00 – 13:00**      **Session 3: Developing recommendations for the EU and Member States level**

#### **09:00**                      **Resource policy strategies and initiatives in EU Member States: Objectives, measures, instruments, processes**

##### *Moderated presentations*

- Christopher Manstein, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, *Austria*
- Sauli Rouhinen, Ministry of the Environment, *Finland*
- Birgit Schwenk, Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, *Germany*
- Erzsébet Gergely, Ministry of Rural Development, *Hungary*
- Inge Lardinois, Ministry of Housing, Spatial Planning and the Environment, *Netherlands*

#### **10:00**                      **Interactive discussion on national experiences with resource policies in the context of sustainable development**

#### ***10:45 – 11:15***              ***Coffee break***

#### **11:15**                      **Discussion of working group results & recommendations**

*In sub-groups on the tables and in the plenary*

#### **12:15**                      **Concluding remarks & further steps: Recommendations for EU and Member States on managing resources in the context of sustainable development**

*ESDN Steering Group*

#### **12:30**                      **ESDN network activities & perspectives**

*ESDN Co-chairs*

#### **13:00**                      **Conference Closure, followed by buffet lunch**