

Communique from the ESDN Conference 2012

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General issues:

- Sustainable development is happening right now, and it is vital and crucial for the future;
- There is no crisis of sustainable development – instead, sustainable development is the best answer to the current crises;
- It is important to develop mechanisms/frameworks for bringing home the outcomes of Rio+20 → efficient implementation is key, i.e. revisit/revive EU and national sustainable development strategies and other policy strategies, e.g. Europe 2020.

Rio+20 is the start of a process on the different political levels:

- UN level: follow up on Rio+20 outcomes (SDG's, 10 YFP, etc.);
- EU level: “Walk the (sustainable development/Rio+20) talk” → review / renew all policy strategies with a sustainable development perspective;
- National level: New alliances for concrete actions involving the national, sub-national level and other stakeholders in a “multi-actor” approach.