

**Vienna +10: National Sustainable Development
Strategies in Europe –
Taking stock, new developments and future challenges**

European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN)
*in cooperation with the
Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water
Management*

ESDN Conference 2013

13-14 June 2013 in Vienna, Austria

[Conference Programme](#)

Venue:

**Amedia Hotel Vienna,
Landstrasser Hauptstrasse 155, A-1030 Vienna**

Wednesday, 12 June 2013

17:00-18:30

Internal Meeting of the ESDN Steering Group
Amedia Hotel, Room "Qualtinger" (ground floor)

19:00

Welcome Reception at the Amedia Hotel Vienna (conference venue)
Beverages only, restaurant options for later will be distributed

Thursday, 13 June 2013

08:30

Registration

09:00

Opening and orientation

Welcome address & Objectives of the Conference

Elisabeth Freytag & Wolfram Tertschnig, ESDN Co-chairs, Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management

09:30

Session 1: The past 10 years of NSDSs in Europe and new developments

Experiences with National Sustainable Development Strategies (NSDSs) in Europe – the last 10 years and taking stock of the current situation

André Martinuzzi & Gerald Berger, ESDN Office, Research Institute for Managing Sustainability, Austria

The importance of SD strategies in Europe and beyond – and how they could relate to the new post-Rio+20 Sustainable Development Goals

Derek Osborn, Expert in the German NSDS Peer Review, former member of the European Economic and Social Committee, UK

Moderated discussion: Key challenges and critical issues of NSDSs in Europe

10:50

Coffee Break

Impact case studies: Experiences with NSDSs in Europe

A short and spicy overview of experiences in 6 European countries:

- **Germany:** Stefan Bauernfeind, Federal Chancellery
- **Finland:** Sauli Rouhinen, Ministry of Environment
- **France:** Stéphane Bernaudon, Ministry for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy
- **Italy:** Francesca De Crescenzo, Ministry of Environment
- **Montenegro:** Bosiljka Vukovic, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Tourism
- **Slovenia:** Darja Piciga, Ministry of Agriculture and the Environment

Discussion and exchange of experiences among participants –**“Past achievements of NSDSs in Europe”**

Group work on analysing experiences through 6 differences lenses:

- 1) Institutional anchoring of NSDSs, e.g. responsible ministries; anchoring in the constitution, laws, policies; organizational provisions for NSDSs;
- 2) Securing political support and leaders’ commitment for NSDSs;
- 3) Inter-ministerial cooperation and the steering capacity of NSDSs for other policy processes, incl. other policy strategies, sub-national cooperation;
- 4) Fostering monitoring and evaluation (SD monitoring, SD indicators, assessments, peer reviews, etc.);
- 5) Promoting stakeholder participation in NSDSs processes and the role of national SD councils;
- 6) Effective implementation of NSDSs and achieving NSDSs targets.

13:15 – 14:00

Lunch break

Reports from the working groups – “Past achievements of NSDSs in Europe”

Incl. plenary discussion

15:15

Coffee Break

15:30

Session 3: The future for NSDs in Europe and beyond

High-level panel discussion on the future of NSDs in Europe and beyond

- *Wolfram Tertschnig, ESDN Steering Group, Austria*
- *Sylvie Motard, Senior Programme Officer, UNEP Regional Office for Europe*
- *Staffan Nilsson, Member European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and the EESC's SD Observatory*
- *Günther Bachmann, Secretary General of the German Council for SD*
- *Mariana Popova, Eurostat*

Incl. plenary discussion

17:00

End of day 1

19:00 – 22:00

Conference Dinner at “Weinhof Zimmermann” (Heuriger) in Vienna

Friday, 14 June 2013

09:00

Session 4: Future needs and new impulses for NSDSs

3 opening statements on “How the world is changing and what does this imply for SD?”

Alan AtKisson, President AtKission Group and Member of Commission President Barroso’s Science and Technology Advisory Council, Sweden

Markku Wilenius, Professor of Futures Studies at Turku School of Economics, Member of Club of Rome, Finland

Samuil Simeonov, Project Manager, Business in Society, Bertelsmann Foundation, Germany

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10:45

Coffee break

11:15

Cont. Session 4: Future needs and new impulses for NSDSs

Reports from the working groups - “Future needs and new impulses for NSDSs in Europe”

Incl. plenary discussion

12:15

Session 5: Key issues for the ESDN to support future needs and challenges for NSDSs

Interactive session:

Key issues for the ESDN to support future needs and challenges for NSDSs in Europe

Incl. plenary discussion

Reflection on the conference and next steps

Elisabeth Freytag & Wolfram Tertschnig, ESDN Co-chairs, Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management

13:00

Conference Closure, followed by buffet lunch