

**Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable
Development at the EU and national level:
Designing effective governance architectures and strategic
frameworks**

European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN)
in cooperation with the
Luxembourg Ministry for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure

ESDN Conference 2015

8-9 October 2015, Luxembourg

Conference Programme

Venue:

Oekozenner Pafedall
6, rue Vauban, L-2663 Luxembourg
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08:30-09:00 **Registration**

Conference facilitator:

Peter Woodward, Quest Associates

09:00-09:30 **Welcome addresses**

09:00-09:15

Welcome address by the Luxembourg EU Presidency

Marguy Kohnen, Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructure, Luxembourg

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Welcome addresses by the ESDN co-chairs on objectives of the conference

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

09:30-11:30

Session 1: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its implementation in Europe

09:30-10:00

‘Transforming our World’ – The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Approach for a new universal and transformative agenda for sustainable development

David Donoghue, Co-chair of the Post-2015 Development Agenda negotiations, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations

10:00-10:30

Implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in Europe

François Wakenhut, Head of Unit F.1 Resource Efficiency & Economic Analysis, DG Environment, European Commission

10:30-11:00

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development: Its importance and opportunities in the EU Members States

Carole Dieschbourg, Minister for the Environment and Climate Protection, Luxembourg

11:00-11:15

Moderated discussion with speakers:

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development implementation in Europe: Roles of and cooperation between the EU level and the Member States

11:15-11:45

Coffee Break

11:45-13:00 **Session 2: The role of different actors in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development implementation process**

11:45-12:15 **Two perspectives on the role of the business sector in the implementation process: Contribution to the implementation and public-private cooperation**

Lorena Sorrentino, Project manager of EU Team, CSR Europe & Ulf Bjornholm, Head of the UNEP Brussels Liaison Office, UNEP

12:15-12:45 **Two perspectives on the role of Civil Society Organisations in the implementation process: How to make multi-stakeholder partnerships a success?**

Andreas Versmann, Sustainable Development Observatory, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) & Sascha Gabizon, Executive Director, Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF) International

12:45-13:00 **Plenary discussion: Involvement and role of stakeholders in the 2030 Agenda implementation**

13:00 – 14:00 ***Lunch break***

14:00-17:30 **Session 3: Governance architecture and strategic frameworks for 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development implementation at the European level**

14:00-14:10 **Governance for sustainable development: effective governance architecture and principles for the 2030 Agenda implementation**

Gerald Berger, ESDN Office at the Institute for Managing Sustainability, Austria

14:10-14:30 **Panel input on governance architecture and strategic frameworks for the 2030 Agenda at the European level**

- *Karl Falkenberg, Senior Adviser for Sustainable Development, European Political Strategy Centre*
- *Stefan Bauernfeind, Federal Chancellery, Germany*
- *Farooq Ullah, Executive Director, Stakeholder Forum*
- *Arnau Queralt Bassa, Chair of the European Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils (EEAC)*

14:30-15:30	<p>Interactive group work on <u>European</u> governance architecture and strategic framework:</p> <p><i>What do we need for an effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the European level?</i></p> <p><i>(1) Long-term vision and short-term actions;</i></p> <p><i>(2) Vertical coordination processes;</i></p> <p><i>(3) Horizontal integration mechanisms;</i></p> <p><i>(4) Stakeholder participation and partnerships;</i></p> <p><i>(5) Follow-up, review and learning.</i></p>
15:30-16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00-17:30	<p>Presentation of the group work results & Panel discussion on governance architecture and strategic frameworks for the 2030 Agenda at the European level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Karl Falkenberg, Senior Adviser for Sustainable Development, European Political Strategy Centre</i> • <i>Jörg Mayer-Ries, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Germany</i> • <i>Farooq Ullah, Executive Director, Stakeholder Forum</i> • <i>Arnau Queralt Bassa, Chair of the European Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils (EEAC)</i>
17:30	<i>End of day 1</i>
18:00	<i>Walking tour – Luxembourg city centre (departing from the conference venue)</i>
20:00-22:00	<i>Conference Dinner at Brasserie du Cercle, 2a, rue des Capucins, L-1313 Luxembourg</i>

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09:00-12:00 **Session 4: Governance architecture and strategic frameworks for the 2030 Agenda implementation at the national level**

09:00-09:45 **Implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the national level: Overview of activities and plans in the context of national SD strategies**

- *Cédric van de Walle, Federal Institute for Sustainable Development, Belgium*
- *Daniel Dubas, Federal Office for Spatial Development, Switzerland*
- *Annika Lindblom, Ministry of the Environment, Finland*
- *Sophie Stützel, Federal Chancellery, Germany*
- *Jaco Tavenier, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, the Netherlands*
- *Mara Simane, Cross Sectoral Coordination Centre, Prime Minister's Office, Latvia*

09:45-10:00 **Moderated discussion with speakers**

10:00-11:15 **Interactive group work on national governance architecture and strategic framework:**

- *What challenges do Member States face in establish an effective 2030 Agenda implementation process?*
- *How can the challenges be addressed and overcome?*

11:15-11:45 ***Coffee Break***

11:45-12:15 **Presentation of the group work results**

12:15-13:30 **Session 5: Challenges and opportunities for actions at the EU, national and trans-national level to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

12:15-13:15 **Final panel discussion on ideas for actions and initiatives at the EU, national and trans-national level to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**

- *Ulf Bjornholm, Head of the UNEP Brussels Liaison Office, UNEP*
- *François Wakenhut, Head of Unit F.1 Resource Efficiency & Economic Analysis, DG Environment, European Commission*
- *Stéphane Bernaudon, Ministry for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, France*

- *Alan AtKisson, Adviser on SD, corporate responsibility, and transformational change, AtKisson Group, Sweden*
- *Kirsta Kampus, Senior Adviser & Head Baltic 21 Unit, Council of the Baltic Sea States*

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Reflection on the conference and next steps

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

13:30

Conference Closure

14:00-15:30

Meeting of the National Focus Points of the European Sustainable Development Week (ESDW)