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)

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Luxembourg Ministry for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure

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Conference Programme

Venue:
Oekozenter 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

09:15-09:30 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 Interactive group work on European governance architecture and strategic framework:
What do we need for an effective implementation of the 2030 Agenda at the European level?
(1) Long-term vision and short-term actions;
(2) Vertical coordination processes;
(3) Horizontal integration mechanisms;
(4) Stakeholder participation and partnerships;
(5) Follow-up, review and learning.

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:30 Presentation of the group work results & Panel discussion 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
- Jörg Mayer-Ries, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Germany
- Farooq Ullah, Executive Director, Stakeholder Forum
- Arnau Queralt Bassa, Chair of the European Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils (EEAC)

17:30 End of day 1

18:00 Walking tour – Luxembourg city centre (departing from the conference venue)

20:00-22:00 Conference Dinner at Brasserie du Cercle, 2a, rue des Capucins, L-1313 Luxembourg
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

13:15-13:30 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)