



# ESDN Conference

# 2017

**Strategic Governance for SD:  
New developments and approaches in the  
context of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs**

## Agenda

**22-23 June 2017, Prague, Czech Republic**

**Liechtenstein Palace  
U Sovových mlýnů 506/4  
118 00 Praha 1 – Malá Strana**

**European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN)**  
*in cooperation with the*  
**Office of the Government of the Czech Republic, Department of Sustainable Development**

## Wednesday, 21 June 2017

17:00-19:00 Internal meeting of the ESDN Steering Group

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19:00 Tour of the Straka Academy - the seat of the Czech Republic Government

19:30 Welcome refreshment for Conference participants, the Straka Academy, room 47

## Thursday, 22 June 2017

08:30-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:30 Welcome and Opening Remarks

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### Welcome address by the Czech hosts

*VLADIMÍR ŠPIDLA*, Director of the Department of Advisors to the Prime Minister, Czech Republic

### Welcome address by the ESDN co-chairs and overview of the conference objectives

*ELISABETH FREYTAG-RIGLER & WOLFRAM TERTSCHNIG*, ESDN Co-chair, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria

09:30-10:30 **Session 1: Practical Steps Towards Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development - Part 1: Conceptual Framework for Policy Coherence**

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### Better Policies for Sustainable Development: OECD's New Framework for Policy Coherence

*EBBA DOHLMAN*, Senior Advisor, Policy Coherence for Development, OECD

*Q&A & Discussion with participants*

10:30-11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:00-13:00 **Session 1: Practical Steps Towards Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development – Part 2: The Reality of Policy Coherence for the SDGs at the National Level**

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### Introduction: The Reality of Policy Coherence for the SDGs at the National Level

*ANNA KÁRNÍKOVÁ*, Director of the Department of Sustainable Development, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic

### Activities and Experiences of European Countries with Policy Coherence in the Context of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs – What Works and How?

#### *FINLAND: ACHIEVING EQUALITY AND CARBON-NEUTRALITY*

*ANNIKA LINDBLOM*, Ministry of the Environment, Finland

#### *NORWAY: NORWAY'S WORK ON FULFILLING THE SDGs*

*HERBERT KRISTOFFERSEN*, Norwegian Ministry of Finance, Norway

#### *ROMANIA: SECTORAL TOPIC AND BUILDING INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORKS TO SUPPORT THE SDGs IN EAST CENTRAL EUROPE*

*LÁSZLÓ BORBÉLY*, State Counsellor to the Prime Minister's Office of the Romanian Government

**UNION FOR THE MEDITERRANEAN: URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORT AND HOW ACTIVITIES IN THESE DOMAINS CONTRIBUTE TO ACHIEVING THE SDGs**

**IHAB FAHMY**, Deputy Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean

**Discussion on Preconditions, Similarities and Differences about Policy Coherence for the 2030 Agenda and SDGs**

**13:00 – 14:00** *Lunch break*

**14:00-15:30** **Session 2: Good Governance – From New Public Management to Systems Thinking and Knowledge Brokerage – Part 1: Paradigm Shifts and New Approaches in Governance**

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**Paradigm Shifts in Public Governance and Strategic Management**

**VLADIMÍR KVAČA**, Chair of EU Public Administration and Governance Network, Czech Republic

**New Approaches to Governance: Developing a National Policy Strategy for SD**

**ANNA KÁRNÍKOVÁ**, Director of the Department of Sustainable Development, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic

*Discussion with participants*

**15:30-16:00** *Coffee Break*

**16:00-16:45** **Session 2: Good Governance – From New Public Management to Systems Thinking and Knowledge Brokerage – Part 2: Knowledge Brokerage for SD**

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**Knowledge Brokerage for Sustainable Development**

**ANDRÉ MARTINUZZI**, Head of the Institute for Managing Sustainability, Vienna University of Economics and Business & ESDN Office

*Discussion with participants*

**16:45-17:30** **Reflection on Day 1: Good Governance and Policy Coherence for SD**

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**Interactive discussion among participants**

**Short feedback and wrap-up**

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**17:45-19:00** **Walking Tour in Prague City Centre**

**19:00** **Dinner at Liechtenstein Palace**

09:00-10:30 **Session 3: Strategic Foresight – From Vision Building to Policy-making – Part 1:  
*The Conundrum of Policy Planning for the Future***

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**Strategic Foresight for Policy Planning**

*MICHAL PAZOUR*, Head of Strategy Studies Unit, Technology Centre of Czech Academy of Sciences

**Foresight for Sustainable Development: Experiences of the EEA**

*ANITA PIRC-VELKAVRH*, Department of Foresight and Sustainable Development, European Environment Agency (EEA)

**Sharing Experiences on Strategic Policy Planning for the Future and Scenario Building**

*Including interactive exchange among participants*

10:30-13:00 **Session 3: Strategic Foresight – From Vision Building to Policy-making – Part 2:  
*Learning the Methods and their Policy Link***

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**Overview of the topics of the Parallel Break-out Groups on Policy Planning Methods**

*PRESENTERS OF THE 4 PARALLEL BREAK-OUT GROUPS*

10:45-11:00 ***Coffee Break***

**Parallel Break-out Groups: Policy Planning Methods and How They Can Be Used in Policy-making**

**GROUP 1: FORESIGHT AND SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT**

*ANITA PIRC-VELKAVRH*, Department of Foresight and Sustainable Development, European Environment Agency (EEA)

**GROUP 2: ROADMAPPING**

*ONDŘEJ VALENTA*, Technology Centre of Czech Academy of Sciences

**GROUP 3: HORIZON SCANNING**

*MIROSLAV HAVRÁNEK*, Technology Centre of Czech Academy of Sciences

**GROUP 4: STRATEGIC POLICY-MAKING**

*SIRPA KEKKONEN*, Head of Government Strategy Secretariat, Prime Minister's Office, Finland

**Sharing the Outcomes and Lessons Learned from the Break-out Groups**

*Interactive Exchange with Participants*

**Conference closure and next steps**

*ANNA KÁRNÍKOVÁ*, Director of the Department of Sustainable Development, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic

*ELISABETH FREYTAG-RIGLER & WOLFRAM TERTSCHNIG*, ESDN Co-chair, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria

13:00 ***Conference closure***