

ESDN Conference

2019

**Towards a Sustainable Europe 2030 – From
Reflection to Action**

Agenda

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Finlandia Hall (*Congress Entrance*)

Room A

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08:15-09:00	<i>Registration and Coffee</i>
09:00-09:30	Welcome and Overview of Conference Objectives
09:00-09:10	Ville Skinnari , <i>Minister for Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade, Finland</i>
09:10-09:20	Wolfram Tertschnig & Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler , <i>Co-chairs of the ESDN Steering Group, Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism, Austria</i>
09:20-09:30	Annika Lindblom , <i>Secretary General, National Commission on Sustainable Development, Ministry of the Environment, Finland</i>
09:30-10:45	Session 1: Taking stock on the implementation at the global, European and national level: 4 years after adoption of the 2030 Agenda
09:30-09:35	Video Address on the Global 2030 Agenda Process Amina J. Mohammed , <i>United Nations Deputy Secretary General</i>
09:35-09:55	Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR): Paving the way for global transformation to sustainable development by 2030 Eeva Furman , <i>Member of the GSDR Group of Scientists & Director of the Environmental Policy Centre at the Finnish Environment Institute SYKE, Finland</i>
09:55-10:15	EU's Strategy and Approach to Achieve Sustainable Development by 2030 Helena Braun , <i>Member of Cabinet of Commissioner Frans Timmermans, European Commission, Belgium</i>
10:15-10:35	Overview of the state of implementation of the 2030 Agenda on the national level in Europe Eric Mulholland , <i>Institute for Managing Sustainability, Vienna University of Economics and Business, ESDN Office, Austria</i>
10:35-10:45	Q&A in the Plenary
10:45-11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:15-13:15	Session 1 (continued)
	Experiences in the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda & Reflection of Progress at the National and Regional Level: Key Successes and Challenges
11:15-12:30	ConverStations with 3 rounds (25 min per round) Providing the opportunity to discuss the experiences with the following European countries and one Finnish autonomous region:

1. **Åland Island (Finland)**
Micke Larsson, *Government of Åland*
2. **Austria**
Wolfram Tertschnig, *Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism*
3. **Estonia**
Eili Lepik, *Government Office*
4. **Finland**
Marja Inananen, *Prime Minister's Office*
5. **France**
Stéphane Bernaudon, *Ministry for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition of France*
6. **Germany**
Marie-Louise von Münchhausen, *Federal Chancellery*
7. **Iceland**
Ásta Bjarnadóttir, *Prime Minister's Office*
8. **Italy**
Mara Cossu, *Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea*
9. **Luxembourg**
Marguy Kohnen, *Ministry for Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development*
10. **Poland**
Marta Ostrowska-Chałupa, *Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Technology*
11. **Romania**
Luminița Bălălău, *Department of Sustainable Development, Office of the Prime Minister*
12. **Spain**
Cristina Gallach, *Prime Minister's Office*
13. **Switzerland**
Tina Leiser, *Federal Office for Spatial Development*

12:30-13:15

Stakeholder Panel Discussion: Taking stock on the 2030 Agenda implementation at the different policy levels

Panel Chair:

Daniel Dubas, *Delegate of the Federal Council for the 2030 Agenda & Member of the ESDN Steering Group, Switzerland*

- **László Borbély**, *State Counsellor & Head Department of Sustainable Development Office of the Prime Minister, Romania*
- **Ingeborg Niestroy**, *Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)*
- **Cillian Lohan**, *European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) Sustainable Development Observatory, Belgium*
- **James Gomme**, *World Business Council for Sustainable Development, Switzerland*
- **Aleksanteri Kekonen**, *Representative of Finland's Agenda2030 Youth Group, Finland*
- **Jasmin Miah**, *ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, Germany*

Including questions and comments from the audience, using Twitter Wall

13:15-14:30

Lunch

14:30-17:30	Session 2: Transformative rather than incremental changes for sustainable development – What does it mean in terms of economics and governance for SD?
14:30-14:50	Linking SD and the 2030 Agenda to Economic Reality <i>Joachim Monkelbaan, Quaker United Nations Office, Switzerland</i>
14:50-15:10	Meta-governance for Sustainability: The full toolbox in implementing the SDGs <i>Louis Meuleman, UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration, Universities of Leuven, Wageningen and Massachusetts Boston, Belgium</i>
15:10-15:20	Q&A
15:20-16:00	Stakeholder Sounding Board Sounding Board Chair: <i>André Martinuzzi, Head of the Institute for Managing Sustainability, Vienna University of Economics and Business & Coordinator of the ESDN Office</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanna Sarkkinen, <i>Member of the Parliament, Finland</i> • Stefan Bauernfeind, <i>Head of the Division Sustainable Development, Federal Chancellery, Germany</i> • Sarah Bentz, <i>Council of European Municipalities and Regions & PLATFORMA, Belgium</i> • Rilli Lappalainen, <i>Director, FINGO (Finnish NGO Platform for global development), Finland</i>
16:00-16:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:30-17:00	Participant Table Discussions Experiences in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda/SDGs and their links to economic reality and governance issues
17:00-17:15	Results Presented in Plenary and Twitter Wall
17:15-17:30	Impressions from the ESDN on Day 1 Representatives of the ESDN Steering Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mara Cossu, <i>Italian Ministry for Environment, Land and Sea & ESDN Steering Group</i> • Marguy Kohnen, <i>Luxembourg Ministry for Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development & ESDN Steering Group</i> • Jörg Mayer-Ries, <i>German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety & ESDN Steering Group</i>
19:00	<i>Conference Dinner at Helsinki Music Centre, Mannerheimintie 13 A, Helsinki</i>

08:30-09:00

Coffee

09:00-13:15

Session 3: Key challenges for Europe in reaching the SDGs and 2030 Agenda

09:00-09:20

SDG Index 2019 and Key Challenges for Europe

Guillaume Lafortune, *Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), France*

09:20-09:30

Q&A

09:30-10:00

Key Challenges and Important Activities to Achieve the SDGs

Antti Rinne, *Prime Minister of Finland & Chair of the National Commission on Sustainable Development, Finland*

10:00-11:00

Key Themes for Europe in the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda/SDGs

Introductory Presentations to 4 Key Themes and related topics

1. Circular Economy

Leena-Kaisa Piekkari, *Specialist on Circular Economy, Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra, Finland*

2. Economy of Wellbeing

Ulla Rosenström, *Chief Senior Specialist, Prime Minister's Office, Finland*

3. Sustainable Finance, Reporting and Their Role in Achieving the SDGs

Yvonne Zwick, *German Council for Sustainable Development, Germany*

4. Global Responsibility

Kali Taylor, *International Institute for Sustainable Development, Switzerland*

11:00-11:30

Coffee Break

11:30-12:30

Parallel Break-out Groups on the 5 Key Themes

1. Circular Economy

2. Economy of Wellbeing

3. Sustainable Finance, Reporting and Their Role in Achieving the SDGs

4. Global Responsibility

12:30-13:00

Key Messages from the Break-out Group Discussions to the EU Presidency and beyond

Lead discussants present on each theme

13:00-13:15

The Way Forward

Sami Pirkkala, *Chair of the EU Council Working Party on 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Prime Minister's Office, Finland*

13:15-13:30

Conference Closure and ESDN Updates

Annika Lindblom, *Secretary General, National Commission on Sustainable Development, Ministry of the Environment, Finland*

Wolfram Tertschnig & Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler, *Co-chairs of the ESDN Steering Group, Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism, Austria*

13:30

Lunch
