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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<td>Session 1: Taking stock on the implementation at the global, European and national level: 4 years after adoption of the 2030 Agenda</td>
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<td>Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR): Paving the way for global transformation to sustainable development by 2030</td>
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<td>Eeva Furman, <em>Member of the GSDR Group of Scientists &amp; Director of the Environmental Policy Centre at the Finnish Environment Institute SYKE, Finland</em></td>
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<td>EU’s Strategy and Approach to Achieve Sustainable Development by 2030</td>
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<td>Helena Braun, <em>Member of Cabinet of Commissioner Frans Timmermans, European Commission, Belgium</em></td>
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<td>Overview of the state of implementation of the 2030 Agenda on the national level in Europe</td>
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<td>Eric Mulholland, <em>Institute for Managing Sustainability, Vienna University of Economics and Business, ESDN Office, Austria</em></td>
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<td>Experiences in the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda &amp; Reflection of Progress at the National and Regional Level: Key Successes and Challenges</td>
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<td>Providing the opportunity to discuss the experiences with the following European countries and one Finnish autonomous region:</td>
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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 Innanen, 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
Joachim Monkelbaan, Quaker United Nations Office, Switzerland

14:50-15:10  Meta-governance for Sustainability: The full toolbox in implementing the SDGs
Louis Meuleman, UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration, Universities of Leuven, Wageningen and Massachusetts Boston, Belgium

15:10-15:20  Q&A

15:20-16:00  Stakeholder Sounding Board

Sounding Board Chair:
André Martinuzzi, Head of the Institute for Managing Sustainability, Vienna University of Economics and Business & Coordinator of the ESDN Office

- Hanna Sarkkinen, Member of the Parliament, Finland
- Stefan Bauernfeind, Head of the Division Sustainable Development, Federal Chancellery, Germany
- Sarah Bentz, Council of European Municipalities and Regions & PLATFORMA, Belgium
- Rilli Lappalainen, Director, FINGO (Finnish NGO Platform for global development), Finland

16:00-16:30  Coffee Break

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

- Mara Cossu, Italian Ministry for Environment, Land and Sea & ESDN Steering Group
- Marguy Kohnen, Luxembourg Ministry for Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development & ESDN Steering Group
- Jörg Mayer-Ries, German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety & ESDN Steering Group

19:00  Conference Dinner at Helsinki Music Centre, Mannerheimintie 13 A, Helsinki
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
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