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# ESDN Conference 2022

4 – 5 October

## Europe's Position as Leading Change Agent against the Triple Planetary Crisis – Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss and Pollution

### Agenda

04 – 05 October 2022

#### Venue

Athenee Palace Hilton Bucharest  
1-3 Episcopiei St., District 1

#### Organized by the

European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN)  
*in cooperation with the*  
Romanian Prime Minister's Office - Department of Sustainable  
Development

## Day 1: Tuesday, 04 October 2022

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09:00 – 11:00 EEST *ESDN Advisory Board Meeting (internal & hybrid)*

11:00 – 11:30 EEST *Coffee Break*

11:30 – 12:30 EEST *ESDN General Assembly (hybrid)*

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12:30 – 13:30 EEST *Conference Registration and Welcome Coffee*

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13:30 – 14:15 EEST **Welcome and Opening**

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13:30 – 13:35 EEST **Welcome, Orientation and Overview of Conference Day 1**  
*Claire Doole, ESDN Conference Moderator, Switzerland*

13:35 – 13:40 EEST **Topics and Goals of the ESDN Conference 2022**  
*Daniel Dubas, Delegate of the Federal Council for the 2030 Agenda, Federal Office for Spatial Development, Switzerland*

13:40 – 13:50 EEST **Welcome Address**  
*Nicolae Ciucă, Prime Minister, Romania*

13:50 – 14:00 EEST **Introducing the Triple Planetary Crisis**  
*Tánczos Barna, Minister of the Environment, Waters and Forests, Romania*

14:00 – 14:10 EEST **How the Romanian Presidency is Combatting Climate Change**  
*Alexandra-Maria Bocşe, State Counsellor, Presidential Administration, Romania*

14:10 – 14:15 EEST **Host Perspective**  
*László Borbély, State Councilor and SDG Coordinator, Prime Minister's Office – Department of Sustainable Development, Romania*

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14:15 – 15:15 EEST *Light Lunch*

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15:15 – 16:40 EEST **Session 1: Europe's Position in the Triple Planetary Crisis – Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss and Pollution**

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15:15 – 15:25 EEST **Video Message - DG Environment's Management Plan 2020 – 2024: Is Europe Living well within the Planet's Ecological Limits?**

*\*Virginijus Sinkevičius, Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries, European Commission, Belgium*

**15:25 – 15:40 EEST**      **Fireside Chat: Youth Voices on the Triple Planetary Crisis**  
**Elena Miron**, *Sustainable Development Youth Representative & Sustainability Professional, Romania*

## **Fishbowl Discussions on the Triple Planetary Crisis**

**15:40 – 16:00 EEST**      **Tomorrow's climate depends on us – each of us!**  
**Florian Marin**, *European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), Belgium*

**16:00 – 16:20 EEST**      **Biodiversity Loss**  
**Orieta Hulea**, *Country Manager, World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Romania*

**16:20 – 16:40 EEST**      **Zero Pollution Action Plan**  
**Christian Schaible**, *Policy Manager for Industrial Production, European Environmental Bureau, Belgium*

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**16:40 – 18:15 EEST**      **Session 2: ‘Europa Cafés’ on National Level Good Practice Cases in Addressing the Triple Planetary Crisis**

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**16:40 – 16:45 EEST**      **Explaining ‘Europa Cafés’ and how they work**  
**Claire Doole**, *ESDN Conference Moderator*

*The purpose of this ‘Europa Café’ is to provide participants the chance to share good practice cases in addressing the triple planetary crisis. ESDN Advisory Board Members will kick-off the session by providing their own good practice example(s) of how they are dealing with the triple planetary crisis. Furthermore, all participants are invited and encouraged to also share their own good practice examples within their group.*

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**16:45 – 17:15 EEST**      *Coffee Break and head to your Europa Café Table*

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**17:15 – 18:15 EEST**      **‘Europa Café’**

### **ESDN Advisory Board ‘Europa Café’ Leaders**

#### **Austria – Table 1**

**Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler**, *Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology*

#### **Austria – Table 2**

**Pia Nagl**, *Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology*

### **Finland – Table 3**

*Annika Lindblom, Ministry of the Environment*

### **Finland – Table 4**

*Taru Savolainen, Prime Minister's Office*

### **Germany – Table 5**

*Stefan Bauernfeind, Federal Chancellery*

### **Luxembourg – Table 6**

*Marguy Kohnen, Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development*

### **Netherlands – Table 7**

*Lieke Willemsen, Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

### **Romania – Table 8**

*László Borbély, Prime Minister's Office*

### **Romania – Table 9**

*Ileana Luminita Balalau, Prime Minister's Office*

### **Romania – Table 10**

*Stefania Deak, Prime Minister's Office*

### **Romania – Table 11**

*Ioana Dospinescu, Prime Minister's Office*

### **Switzerland – Table 12**

*Mirjam Walker Wedekind, Deputy Head of Sustainable Development Section, Federal Office for Spatial Development ARE*

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18:15 – 18:30 EEST

**Wrap up of Day 1**

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18:15 – 18:25 EEST

**ESDN Perspective on Day 1**

**Marguy Kohnen**, *ESDN Vice President, Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development, Luxembourg*

**18:25 – 18:30 EEST**

## **Information on Day 2**

**Claire Doole**, *ESDN Conference Moderator*

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**18:30 EEST**

## **End of Conference Day 1**

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**19:30 EEST**

*Conference Dinner at the National Museum of Art  
Calea Victoriei 49-53*

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## Day 2: Wednesday, 05 October 2022

09:00 – 09:30

*Registration*

09:30 – 09:35

### **Overview of Conference Day 1**

*Claire Doole, ESDN Conference Moderator*

09:35 – 09:45

### **Setting the Stage for the Topics of Day 2**

*Annika Lindblom, ESDN Vice President, Ministry for the Environment, Finland*

09:45 – 11:30 EEST

## **Session 3: Effects of the Triple Planetary Crisis on a Just and Fair Transition**

09:45 – 10:00 EEST

### **Video Address – Triple Planetary Crises’ Connection to the SDGs**

*\*Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Switzerland*

10:00 – 10:15 EEST

### **How Climate Change Affects Democracy and Economic and Social Justice**

*\*Heather Grabbe, Director of the Open Society European Policy Institute, Open Society Foundations, Belgium*

10:15 – 10:30 EEST

### **Inclusive and Participatory Policy Development and Decision-Making processes to deliver on Environmental and Climate Commitments**

*Emma Phillips, OECD, France*

10:30 – 10:45 EEST

### **Decarbonization of the Health System in Romania**

*Valentin Veron Toma, Senior Researcher at “Francisc I. Rainer” Institute of Anthropology, Romania*

10:45 – 11:00 EEST

### **Questions from the Audience**

11:00 – 11:15 EEST

### **Financing Climate Solutions**

*Lara Tassan Zanin, Head of EIB Group, European Investment Bank, Romania*

11:15 – 11:30 EEST

### **Questions from the Audience**

11:30 – 13:15 EEST **Session 4: ‘Europa Cafés’ on Europe’s Position as Leading Change Agent – How does Europe move forward in tackling the triple planetary crisis and a just transition?**

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11:30 – 11:35 EEST **Explanation of the ‘Europa Cafés’**  
*Claire Doole, ESDN Conference Moderator*

*Participants will be split up into groups based on the color of their name badge lanyards.*

*They will head to their designated tables. The table will have a pre-prepared flip chart that will ask how Europe should move forward in the short-, medium-, and long-term to address all the issues that have been discussed over the 2 days of the Conference.*

*The results will then be presented in the main collective learnings.*

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11:35 – 12:15 EEST *Coffee Break and head to a Europa Café Table*

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12:15 – 13:15 EEST **Europa Café Discussions**

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13:15 – 13:45 EEST **Main Collective Learnings**

*Results from the different groups are presented in plenary.*

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13:45 – 14:00 EEST **Closing of the ESDN Conference 2022**

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13:45 – 13:50 EEST **Host Perspective from the Last 2 Days**  
*László Borbély, ESDN Vice President, Prime Minister’s Office – Department of Sustainable Development, Romania*

13:50 – 14:00 EEST **ESDN 2023 and Beyond**  
*Daniel Dubas, ESDN President, Delegate of the Federal Council for the 2030 Agenda, Federal Office for Spatial Development, Switzerland*

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14:00 EEST **End of the ESDN Conference 2022**

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14:00 – 15:00 EEST *ESDN Executive Committee Lunch Meeting with Youth Representatives (internal)*

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