

ESDN Conference

2023

15 - 16 March

Halfway to 2030 – Where does
Europe stand and how does it
move forward?

Agenda

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Old National Archives of Sweden
Birger Jarls Torg 2a, 111 28 Stockholm Sweden

Organized by the
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Day 1: Wednesday, 15 March 2023

18:30 – 23:00 CET

ESDN 20-Year Anniversary Celebration

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18:30 – 19:30 CET

Conference Registration & Pre-Conference Networking

Live music with the Leo Krepper Duo, drinks, canapés, and networking with colleagues

19:30 – 20:15 CET

Celebration Speeches and Conference Kickoff

19:30 – 19:35 CET

Conference Welcome

Daniel Dubas, *ESDN President, Delegate of the Federal Council for the 2030 Agenda, Federal Office for Spatial Development, Switzerland*

19:35 – 19:45 CET

Kicking off the Conference - Topics and Goals for Tomorrow

Rolf Elmér, *Director of Nordregio, Sweden*

&

Åsa Hildestrand, *Nordregio, Sweden*

19:45 – 19:55 CET

European Council Working Party on the 2030 Agenda – Guiding Europe to 2030

Parasto Nosrati, *Ministry of Climate and Enterprise, Sweden*

&

Viggo Barmen, *Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden*

19:55 – 20:15 CET

20-Year ESDN Anniversary and Ambitions of the ESDN until 2030

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

&

Annika Lindblom, *ESDN Advisory Board Member, Ministry for the Environment, Finland*

20:15 – 23:00 CET

Networking Dinner and Live Music

Live music with the Leo Krepper Duo, catch up with old friends and colleagues, make new friends, and chat about sustainable development, the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs

23:00 CET

End of Networking Dinner

Day 2: Thursday, 16 March 2023

08:30 – 09:00 CET *Registration and Networking Coffee*

09:00 – 09:30 CET **Welcome and Opening**

09:00 – 09:05 CET **Moderator Welcome and Program Overview**

Gabriel Wikström, *Conference Moderator and National 2030 Agenda Coordinator, Sweden*

09:05 – 09:15 CET **ESDN Welcome and Conference Framing**

Daniel Dubas, *ESDN President, Delegate of the Federal Council for the 2030 Agenda, Federal Office for Spatial Development, Switzerland*

09:15 – 09:30 CET **Global Framing – Halfway to 2030**

Helen Eduards, *Director-General for International Development Cooperation, Sweden*

09:30 – 12:00 CET **Session 1: Europe and the 2030 Agenda – Where do we stand and what do we need until 2030?**

09:30 – 09:50 CET **Global Sustainable Development Report - Using the science-policy interface for the SDGs**

Åsa Persson, *Stockholm Environment Institute, Sweden*

09:50 – 10:10 CET **European Union Voluntary Review 2023**

Carlos Berrozpe, *European Commission – Directorate-General for International Partnerships, Belgium*

10:10 – 10:30 CET **Highlighting Europe’s SDG Challenges until 2030**

Guillaume Lafortune, *Sustainable Development Solutions Network, France*

10:30 – 11:00 CET *Coffee Break*

11:00 – 11:15 CET **“Everyone can Flourish: Sustainability beyond the 2030 Agenda” – Initiative of the Åland Islands**

Micke Larsson, *Government of the Åland Islands, Finland*

11:15 – 11:30 CET **Local Level Perspectives on Agenda 2030 Progress**

Jasmin Miah, *ICLEI-Europe, Germany*

11:30 – 11:45 CET **Civil Society Perspectives – Relaunching the 2030 Agenda**

Peter Schmidt, *President of the Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment (NAT) Section, European Economic and Social Committee, Belgium*

11:45 – 12:00 CET

Youth Perspectives on the Pathway to 2030

Dana Novacescu, *ESDN Youth Representative, Romania*
&

Marvin Huber, *ESDN Youth Representative, Austria*
&

Domokos Peter Kovács, *ESDN Youth Representative, Hungary*

12:00 – 13:00 CET

Explaining Sessions 2 & 3, Lunch

13:00 – 16:30 CET

Exchange Spaces - Practical SDG solutions and experiences from the national, subnational, and local levels

13:00 – 14:30 CET

Exchange Space 1

13:00 – 13:45 CET

Round 1

Table 1: Czech Republic – Communication campaign of SDGs

Pavla Cvachovcová, *Ministry for the Environment*

Table 2: Finland – Government policy sustainability assessment

Eeva Furman, *Prime Minister's Office*

Table 3: Iceland – Sustainable Iceland

Áslaug Karen Jóhannsdóttir, *Ministry for Foreign Affairs – Directorate for International Affairs and Policy*

Table 4: Ireland – National stakeholder engagement to advance the principle of *Leaving No One Behind*

Justina Corcoran, *Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment*

Table 5: Slovenia – Annual Development Report and the 2030 Agenda

Špela Rotar, *Ministry of Cohesion and Regional Development*

Table 6: Spain – The Spanish SD Strategy for 2030: Process and Challenges

Gabriel Castañares Hernández, *Ministry of Social Rights and 2030 Agenda*

Table 7: Åland Islands – “Everyone can Flourish – Sustainability beyond the 2030 Agenda”

Micke Larsson, *Government of the Åland Islands, Finland*

&

Martha Hannus, *Development and Sustainability Council of Åland, Finland*

Table 8: Catalonia – Catalonia Alliance 2030

Arnau Queralt Bassa, *Director of the Advisory Council for the Sustainable Development of Catalonia, Spain*

Table 9: Tallinn EU Green Capital 2023 - Localizing SDGs

Krista Kampus, *Tallinn City Office, Estonia*

Table 10: Council of the Baltic Sea States – Handbook for Local Climate Change Adaptation Planning in the Baltic Sea Region

Ugis Zanders, *Council of the Baltic Sea States, Sweden*

13:45 – 14:30 CET

Round 2

Speakers remain at their tables and everyone else switches tables for round 2.

14:30 – 15:00 CET

Coffee Break

15:00 – 16:30 CET

Exchange Space 2

15:00 – 15:45 CET

Round 3

Table 1: Cyprus – Active citizenship for the SDGs

Lefteris Eleftheriou, *Ministry of Finance*

Table 2: Estonia – Public sector innovation plans

Eili Lepik, *Government Office*

&

Laura Viilup, *Government Office*

Table 3: Italy – Enabling the NSDS - Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development

Francesca De Crescenzo, *Ministry of Environment and Energy Security*

Table 4: Latvia – LEAN: Getting the most out of your VNR under conditions of limited resources

Mara Simane, *State Chancellery*

Table 5: Netherlands – Integrating themes of wellbeing with the SDGs

Sandra Pellegrom, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Table 6: Norway – Executive Forum on the Sustainable Development Goals

Jesper Tangenes Bæverfjord, Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development

Table 7: Poland – Capacity Building Program for the Public Administration and examples of putting knowledge into practice

Agnieszka Jabłońska, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology

Table 8: Sweden – At the heart of the 2030 Agenda: Policy coherence for sustainable development

*Cristina Mattsson Lundberg, Ministry of Climate and Enterprise
&*

Måns Fellesson, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Table 9: Flanders – Integrating the SDGs into existing local policy processes

Heleen Voeten, Association of Flemish Cities and Municipalities, Belgium

Table 10: Ljusdal – Sweden’s first internationally certified sustainable tourism destination Järvsö

Linnéa Van Wagenen, Ljusdal Government - Unit for Strategic and Sustainable Development, Sweden

15:45 – 16:30 CET

Round 4

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16:30 – 17:00 CET

ESDN Conference 2023 Closing

16:30 – 16:40 CET

Sharing Participant Experiences from the Exchange Spaces

Gabriel Wikström, Conference Moderator and National 2030 Agenda Coordinator, Sweden

16:40 – 16:50 CET

Take Home Messages

László Borbély, ESDN Vice President, Prime Minister’s Office – Department of Sustainable Development, Romania

16:50 – 17:00 CET

ESDN 2023 – Next Steps

Daniel Dubas, *ESDN President, Delegate of the Federal Council for the 2030 Agenda, Federal Office for Spatial Development, Switzerland*

17:00 CET

End of ESDN Conference 2023

18:00 CET

Evening Reception

Residence of the Swiss Ambassador to Sweden
