12th ESDN Workshop

“Monitoring and reviewing sustainable development goals (SDGs) in Europe: current debates in EU Member States and on the European level”

Brussels, 16 June 2015

Agenda

Organisational issues

**Time:**
- Evening reception: 15 June (18:30-20:00)
- Workshop: 16 June (09:00-17:45)

**Venue:**
Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the European Union in Brussels, 8-14 Rue Jacques de Lalaing, 1040 Brussels

Tuesday, 16 June 2015

08:30-09:00 Registration

Opening and orientation

09:00-09:15 Welcome address by the ESDN co-chairs
Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler & Wolfram Tertschnig, Federal Ministry of the Environment, Austria & ESDN co-chairs

09:15-09:30 Overview of the workshop objectives
Jörg Mayer-Ries, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany

09:30-09:45 SDGs follow-up in the European Union: What is planned at the EU level?
Sarah Nelen, Member of the Cabinet of Commissioner Timmermans, Sustainable Development Policy
### Session 1  Monitoring and review processes for SDGs

**09:45-09:55**  Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Current work on objectives and indicator development  
*Mattias Reister, UN Statistics Division (UNSD)*

**09:55-10:05**  Two ‘flash inputs’:  
- Data revolution report of SDSN & input to SDGs development  
  *Maria Cortés Puch, Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)*  
- Eurostat's contribution to the SDGs development and future work on SD monitoring in Europe  
  *Fritz Gebhard, Eurostat*

**10:05-10:20**  What is needed to set up an effective monitoring and reviewing system for SDGs?  
*Derek Osborn, President of the Stakeholder Forum*  
Q&A

### Session 2  National experiences with SD monitoring and review: links to SDGs implementation

**10:20-10:50**  National SD monitoring and reviewing processes and their potential link to SDGs: Experiences and outlook from European countries  
- Stefan Bauerfeind, Federal Chancellery, Germany  
- Stéphane Bernaudon, Ministry for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, France

**10:50-11:00**  SDG-monitoring: relevance of concepts and systems worldwide, specific challenges for developing countries and approaches for cooperation and support  
*Ingolf Dietrich, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany*

**11:00-11:15**  SD monitoring and reviewing in non-European countries: opportunities and challenges in the context of the SDGs  
*François Fortier, Interregional Adviser on Sustainable Development Policy and Planning, Division for Sustainable Development, UN-DESA*

**11:15-11:45**  Coffee break

**11:45-12:30**  Interactive group work  
How to design an active and effective link between SDGs/SD objectives and monitoring/review work?

**12:30-13:00**  Presentations of group work results in the plenary  
Incl. plenary discussion

**13:00-14:00**  Lunch
Session 3  Linking SDGs monitoring and reviewing to European and National SD policy strategies

14:00-14:15  European Union’s perspective: monitoring, accountability and review for the post-2015 agenda?
Katja Weigelt, Policy Officer Post-2015 Team, Dir. A Policy and Coherence DG DEVCO, European Commission

14:15-15:00  Three national perspectives: How can SDGs monitoring and reviewing influence National SD Strategies?
- Daniel Dubas, Federal Office for Spatial Development (ARE), Switzerland
- Cédric van de Walle, Federal Institute for Sustainable Development, Belgium
- Eili Lepik, Strategy Unit - Government Office, Estonia

15:00-15:45  Interactive group work:
How can SDGs monitoring and review influence and improve SD policy strategy processes in Europe?

15:45-16:00  Coffee break

16:00-16:30  Presentations of group work results in the plenary

Session 4  The role of policy actor networks for SDGs monitoring and reviewing

16:30-17:30  Impulse talk on multi-level and multi-regional reviewing
Marianne Beisheim, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Germany

Panel Discussion: The potential role of policy actor networks (e.g. ESDN) in SDGs monitoring and reviewing in Europe
- Jaime Reynolds, DG ENV, European Commission
- Stefan Bauernfeind, Federal Chancellery, Germany
- Staffan Nilsson, Former President of the European Economic and Social Committee
- Alexander Carius, Director, Adelphi, Germany
- Dionysia-Theodora Avgerinopoulou, Circle of the Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development, Greece

Incl. discussions with workshop participants

17:30-17:45  Conclusions and next steps
Jörg Mayer-Ries, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany

Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler & Wolfram Tertschnig, Federal Ministry of the Environment, Austria & ESDN co-chairs

17:45  End of the workshop