



4th ESDN Workshop

“New Drive for Sustainable Development Strategies – The Power of Smart Linkages”

Approaches for integrated governance at national level and their
innovative potentials for the EU SDS

Brussels, 3-4 November 2009

Hosted by the ESDN in cooperation with the Swedish EU Presidency

Agenda

Organisational issues

Time: 3 November 2009, 20:00 (reception) &
4 November 2009, 10:00 – 17:30 (workshop)

Workshop Venue: Permanent Representation of the State of Baden-Wuerttemberg to the EU
60-62, Rue Belliard, B-1040 Brussels

3 November 2009, 20:00

***Evening Reception hosted by the Swedish EU Presidency
at the Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU
30, Square de Meeûs, B-1000 Brussels***

4 November 2009, 10:00-13:00

Workshop Morning Session

09:30 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 10:10 **Welcome by the co-chairs of the ESDN Steering Group & a
representative of the Swedish EU Presidency**
Introduction to the workshop & relation to governance of the EU SDS

Topic 1: Inter-ministerial mechanisms at the political level

Chair: Anne-Cerise Nilsson, Ministry of Environment, Sweden

10:10 – 10:30 **Germany: State Secretaries' Committee for Sustainable Development**
Stefan Bauernfeind, German Federal Chancellery

10:30 – 11:00 **Panel discussion on inter-ministerial mechanisms**

- Stefan Bauernfeind, German Federal Chancellery
- Knut Thonstad, Norwegian Ministry of Finance, Norway – Inter-ministerial Committee of Sustainable Development & Climate
- Marcel Haag, Secretariat-General, European Commission

11:00 – 11:30 **Plenary discussion on inter-ministerial mechanisms**

Topic 2: Mechanisms that link legislative and executive arenas

Chair: Elisabeth Freytag, ESDN Co-chair

11:30 – 11:50 **UK: Environmental Audit Committee in the UK Parliament**
Gordon Clarke, Clerk of the Environmental Audit Committee

11:50 – 12:20 **Panel discussion on mechanisms that link legislative and executive arenas**

- Gordon Clarke, Environmental Audit Committee, UK Parliament
- Dominik Wehling, German Parliamentary Commission for Sustainable Development
- Derek Osborn, Sustainable Development Observatory, EESC

12:20 – 13:00 **Plenary discussion on mechanisms that link legislative and executive arenas**

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch Break*

4 November 2009, 14:00-17:30

Workshop Afternoon Session

Topic 3: Auditing and evaluation schemes

Chair: Wolfram Tertschnig, ESDN Co-chair

14:00 – 14:20 **Austria: Sustainability Auditing**
Heinrich Lang, Austrian Court of Auditors

14:20 – 14:50	Panel discussion on auditing and evaluation schemes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heinrich Lang, Austria • Nadine Gouzée, Belgian Federal Planning Bureau – Evaluation of policies for Sustainable Development • Hendrik Fehr, European Court of Auditors
14:50 – 15:30	Plenary discussion on auditing and evaluation schemes
<i>15:30 – 16:00</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:00 – 17:00	Implications for governance mechanisms of the EU SDS
17:00 – 17:30	Conclusions & follow-up ESDN co-chairs