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

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**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
  • 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

15:30 – 16:00  Coffee Break

16:00 – 17:00  Implications for governance mechanisms of the EU SDS

17:00 – 17:30  Conclusions & follow-up
  ESDN co-chairs