

## 5<sup>th</sup> ESDN Workshop

“From Green Growth towards a Sustainable Economy?”

Madrid, 25-26 March 2010

*Hosted by the ESDN in cooperation with the Spanish EU Presidency*

### Agenda

#### Organisational issues

**Time:** 25 March 2010, 09:00 – 17:00 & 20:00 Evening Reception  
26 March 2010, 09:00 – 12:30

**Workshop Venue:** Salón de Actos, “Real Jardín Botánico” (Botanical Garden),  
Claudio Moyano nº 1, 28014 Madrid

#### 25 March 2010, 09:00-13:00

##### Morning Session

08:30 Registration

**09:00 – 09:15** Welcome addresses & Introduction to the workshop

*Elisabeth Freytag & Wolfram Tertschnig, ESDN Co-chairs &  
Teresa Ribera, Spanish Secretary of State for Climate Change*

**09:15 – 09:30** Linking economic growth and sustainable development in Spain

*Luis Jimenez Herrero, Executive Director, The Spanish Observatory for  
Sustainability*

**09:30 – 09:45** Efforts to promote green jobs in Spain: the experience of the  
Biodiversity Foundation and its Green-Jobs Programme

*Sonia Castañeda, Head of the International Relations Department,  
Biodiversity Foundation of Spain*

## Session 1: Sustainable development and growth – Reflections and linkages

*Chair: Rafael Marquez, Ministry of Environment, Spain*

**09:45 – 10:15**                    **Green Sustainable Economic Growth or Socially Sustainable Economic Degrowth?**

*Joan Martinez Alier, Professor at the Department of Economics and Economic History, Autonomous University of Barcelona*

**10:15 – 11:00**                    **Parallel working groups:**

Identifying opportunities and challenges of an economy based on sustainable development (SD) principles

*11:00 – 11:30*                    *Coffee Break*

**11:30 – 11:50**                    **Presentation of working group results & discussion**

## Session 2: Linking sustainable development and growth – Strategies, initiatives and activities on different political levels

*Chair: Jörg Mayer-Ries, Ministry of Environment, Germany*

### International level

**11:50 – 12:10**                    **OECD: Green Growth Strategy**

*Alain de Serres, Senior Economist, Economics Department, OECD*

**12:10 – 12:30**                    **UNEP: Green Economy Initiative/Green New Deal**

*Christophe Bouvier, Director of Regional Office for Europe, UNEP*

**12:30 – 13:00**                    **Plenary Discussion:**

How do these strategies reflect opportunities and challenges of an economy based on SD principles?

*13:00 – 14:00*                    *Lunch Break*

**25 March 2010, 14:00-17:00**

**Afternoon Session**

*Chair: Wolfram Tertschnig, Ministry of Environment, Austria (ESDN co-chair)*

**National level**

**14:00 – 14:20**

**Austria: ‘Growth in Transition’ initiative**

*Elisabeth Freytag, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria*

**14:20 – 14:40**

**Ireland: Smart Economy Strategy**

*Sharon Finegan, Department of the Taoiseach (Prime Minister’s Office), Ireland*

**14:40 – 15:00**

**UK: ‘Prosperity without Growth’ report**

*Tim Jackson, Sustainable Development Commission, UK*

**15:00 – 15:30**

*Coffee Break*

**15:30 – 16:30**

**Panel discussion:**

Similarities and differences between the strategies, initiatives and activities on the various political levels

**16:30 – 17:00**

**Plenary discussion:**

Tacking stock of the current strategies, initiatives and activities: What can be learned for moving towards a sustainable economy?

**20:00**

***Evening Reception of the Spanish EU Presidency***

Spanish Ministry of the Environment, and Rural and Marine Affairs, Paseo Infanta Isabel nº 1, Madrid

*Evening Address by Santiago Menéndez de Luarca, Undersecretary, Spanish Ministry of Environment*

26 March 2010, 09:00-12:30

**Morning Session**

**Session 3: How to achieve a sustainable economy?**

*Chair: Elisabeth Freytag, Ministry of Environment, Austria (ESDN co-chair)*

- 09:00 – 09:20**            **Recap of main issues discussed on Day 1 & Tool Box on how to achieve a sustainable economy**  
*ESDN Steering Group*
- 09:20 – 09:30**            **Introduction of working group format**  
*ESDN Office*
- 09:30 – 11:00**            **Parallel working groups – From Green Growth towards a Sustainable Economy:**
- Working Group 1: Criteria of a ‘sustainable economy’ (i.e. an economy based on SD principles)
  - Working Group 2: Governance mechanisms necessary for the transition process
  - Working Group 3: Policy tools to achieve the transition
- 11:00 – 11:30*            *Coffee Break*
- 11:30 – 11:50**            **Presentation of working group results**  
*Working group moderators*
- 11:50 – 12:20**            **Plenary discussion on working group results**
- 12:20 – 12:30**            **Outlook: ESDN Conference 2010**  
*ESDN Co-chairs*
- 12:30*                      *End of workshop*