5th 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
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| 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