



7th ESDN Workshop

“Perspectives for European SD Policy & Governance
in the context of recent EU policy strategies and Rio+20”

Berlin, 27-28 October 2011

*Hosted by the ESDN in cooperation with the German Federal Ministry for the Environment,
Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU)*

Agenda

Organisational issues

Time: 27 October 2011, 12:30-18:30 & Informal evening get-together 20:00
28 October 2011, 09:00-12:30

ESDN Steering Group meeting: 28 October, 13:30-16:00

Workshop Venue: BMU, Stresemannstrasse 128-130, 10117 Berlin

Moderators: *Elisabeth Freytag* (Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry,
Environment and Water Management) &
Jörg Mayer-Ries (German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature
Conservation and Nuclear Safety)

27 October 2011, 12:30-18:30

12:30 *Registration & Welcome (possibility of lunch at the cafeteria of the
ministry)*

13:30 – 13:40 **Welcome address**
*Stefan Bauernfeind, Head of Division for SD, Federal Chancellery,
Germany*

13:40 – 14:00 **Introduction to the workshop topic & concept**
Elisabeth Freytag & Jörg Mayer-Ries, ESDN Steering Group

Session 1: Reflections on SD policy & governance in EU policy strategies

- 14:00 – 14:40** **Panel Discussion (Part 1)**
SD policy & governance in Europe in the context of EU policy strategies – the stakeholder perspective
Talk show format with
- *Jan de Smedt, European Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils (EEAC)*
 - *William M. Lafferty, ProSus Perspectives and SINTEF Energy Research AS, Norway*
 - *Jan-Gustav Strandenaes, Senior Advisor, Northern Alliance for Sustainability (ANPED)*
- 14:40 – 14:50** **Interactive buzz session**
Participants discuss at their tables
- 14:50 – 15:30** **Panel discussion (Part 2)**
SD policy & governance in Europe in the context of EU policy strategies – the political perspective
Talk show format with
- *Andreas Jung, Chair of the Committee for Sustainable Development at the German Parliament*
 - *Duncan Johnstone, Policy Coordinator, Unit on Strategic Objective Solidarity, Secretariat-General, European Commission*
 - *Jan Dusík, Deputy Director and Officer-in-Charge, UNEP Regional Office for Europe*
- 15:30 – 16:00** **Plenary discussion**
- 16:00 – 16:30** **Coffee break**

Session 2: Experiences with SD policy & governance at the EU and Member States level

- 16:30 – 17:30** **Overview of specific national experiences with SD policy & governance, and definition of future requirements**
Interactive World Café format with presentations from various countries (presenting success factors, challenges and future requirements & possible transfer to the European level): Belgium, Finland & Germany
- 17:30 – 18:30** **Plenary discussion: Discussion on the specific experiences with SD policy & governance – developing first ideas on future requirements**
- 18:30** **Evening Reception (hot and cold dishes, beverages)**
- 20:00** **Informal evening get-together @ Van Gogh Piano and Cocktail Bar, Schiffbauerdamm 6-7, 10117 Berlin**

Session 3: Future development and role of the institutions/mechanisms

- 09:00 – 09:10** **Recap of Day 1**
Workshop Moderators
- 09:10 – 09:30** **Future perspectives and requirements of SD policy & governance in Europe**
Miranda Schreurs, Professor at the Environmental Policy Research Centre, Free University of Berlin
- 09:30 – 09:45** **Characteristics of SD governance in Europe and future role of SD institutions and mechanisms: Options, perspectives and deliverables**
ESDN Steering Group
- 09:45 – 10:00** **Questions & answers**
- 10:00 – 10:30** **Parallel discussion groups: developing scenarios for SD policy & governance in Europe and the potential role of the ESDN**
- 10:30 – 11:00** *Coffee break*
- 11:00 – 11:15** **Presentation of discussion group results**
- 11:15 – 12:30** **Plenary discussion: scenarios for future SD policy & governance in Europe**
With reflections from keynotes, panellists, German hosts and the ESDN Steering Group
- 12:30** **End of the workshop & buffet lunch**