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


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 (ANPEDI)

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