

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

“The Future of the EU SDS – Expectations and Possible Contributions from the ESDN”

Brussels, 21-22 February 2013

### Agenda

#### Organisational issues

**Time:** 21 February 2013, 18:00-20:00 (evening reception) &  
22 February 2013, 09:30-17:00 (workshop)

**Evening reception &**

**Venue:** Permanent representation of Austria to the EU, Avenue de Cortenbergh 30, 1040 Brussels

**Moderator:** Peter Woodward (Quest Associates, UK)

#### 21 February 2013, 18:00-20:00

**18:00** **Evening Reception**

*(with light buffet and beverages)*

**Welcome address**

ANNA MUNER-BRETTNER, *Environmental Attaché, Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU*

**Informal discussions and networking opportunities**

**20:00** **End of the evening reception**

09:00 – 09:30

*Registration*

09:30

**Opening and orientation**

**Welcome and introduction**

*ELISABETH FREYTAG & WOLFRAM TERTSCHNIG, Federal Ministry of the Environment, Austria & ESDN co-chairs*

09:45

**The Rio+20 follow-up**

**Rio+20 outcome document, objective and targets, and the particular role of the Europe**

*IRENE GARCIA, Programme Adviser, UN/UNDP Brussels Office*

**Rio+20 outcome document: Key outputs that inform the SD agenda at the EU level**

*JAKUB WEJCHERT, Policy Officer for multilateral environmental processes (United Nations), DG Environment, European Commission*

**Rio+20 results and their implementation in Europe – the CSOs view**

*PIETER DE POUS, Policy Director, European Environmental Bureau*

*Q&A, discussions among workshop participants*

11:00

*Coffee break*

11:15

**The review of the EU SDS**

**Review of the EU SDS in 2014 – update and background information**

*JOHN WATSON, Head of Unit, Internal Market and Sustainability, Secretariat-General, European Commission*

**Review of the EU SDS – Importance from a sustainable development perspective**

*ANDREAS VERSMANN, SD Observatory, European Economic and Social Committee*

**Rio+20 follow-up and the review of the EU SDS: Important topics and governance challenges from the Member States' perspective**

*SYLVIE DELMOTTE, Federal Foreign Office, Germany*

*Q&A, discussions among workshop participants*

12:30

*Lunch*

**13:15**

**Rio+20 results and their consequences for the EU SDS review**

**Group and plenary work to address:**

- 1) Important Rio+20 topics/objectives and how to address them in the EU SDS review?
- 2) Governance structure for the EU SDS: Ideas and options for the EU SDS review

**Reports from the working groups & plenary discussion**

**15:00**

*Coffee break*

**15:15**

**Potential role and services of the ESDN for the EU SDS**

**First ideas for the role and services of the ESDN**

WOLFRAM TERTSCHNIG, *Federal Ministry of the Environment, Austria & ESDN co-chair*

**Group and plenary work to address:**

- 1) The role and services of the ESDN in the EU SDS review
- 2) The services of the ESDN in the post-review EU SDS process

**Reports from the working groups & plenary discussion**

**16:30**

**Conclusions and next steps**

**Plenary discussion**

**17:00**

*End of the workshop*