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## ESDN YOUTH EVENT 2024 Workshop Outline & Agenda

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**How will Europe reach the target of being climate neutral by 2050? Which scenario will enable the transition to a sustainable future? What do policies need to focus on? How will our society function and look like? What can we as Youth contribute to it and what shall we demand from European institutions and policy makers?**

These and related questions will guide a group of UN Youth Delegates and National Representatives on sustainable development (SD) from across Europe during the ESDN Youth Workshop 2024 in Berlin taking place on September 5-6 (with additional youth activities on September 4 and 7). The discussion will focus on the future role and potential of politicians/policy makers and other key stakeholders in driving the transition towards sustainability in Europe.

We will begin with expert presentations on foresight work and scenario development, designed to provide both scientific insights and diverse perspectives on the topic. Participants will engage with **four foresight scenarios**<sup>1</sup> developed by the Joint Research Centre (JRC), the European Commission's science and knowledge service, to better envision what a sustainable and climate-neutral could look in 2050. The overarching goal of our workshop is to explore the future of our topic "Europe's sustainability and climate-neutrality in 2050", focusing on policy issues.

During the Workshop we invite ESDN members there to engage with the youth participants, either from the outset or during discussions on their findings, to explore policy implications and develop future oriented policy recommendations (day 2). As a final outcome of the Workshop, we aim for the youth to collaboratively create a joint publication, such as manifesto, summarizing their perspectives on the most realistic future scenario and its implications for politicians/policy makers. Additionally, we will encourage them to formulate their requests to the new European Commission.

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<sup>1</sup> Matti, C., Jensen, K., Bontoux, L., Goran, P., Pistocchi, A. and Salvi, M., Towards a fair and sustainable Europe 2050: Social and economic choices in sustainability transitions, Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg, 2023, doi:10.2760/561899, JRC133716.



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## Program

### Youth arrival: Wednesday, 04 September 2024

15:00 – 19:00 CEST *Arrival of Youth and hotel check-in at Little&Big Hotel Lindemann's*

19:00 – 21:00 CEST *Welcome by Youth Support Team (Ursula, Mariia) & workshop registration  
Informal get-together with drinks and snacks*

### Day 1: Thursday, 05 September 2024

09:00 – 09:30 CEST **Welcome and Opening for Youth**

09:00 – 09:10 CEST **Host Welcome**

**Dr. Franziska Wolff**, & ESDN Advisory Board Member, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Germany

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**Frank Hönerbach**, ESDN Advisory Board Member, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Germany

09:10 – 09:20 CEST **ESDN Opening**

**László Borbély**, ESDN President, Prime Minister's Office – Department of Sustainable Development, Romania

09:20 – 09:30 CEST **Topics and Goals of the ESDN Youth Workshop 2024**

**Ursula Kopp**, ESDN Youth Support Team, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria

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**Mariia Kostetckaia**, ESDN Youth Support Team, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria





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| 09:30 – 10:30 CEST | <b>Keynotes on Foresight Work &amp; SD Scenarios</b>  |
| 09:30 – 09:45 CEST | <b>What is Strategic Foresight? Why Scenarios?</b><br>Sylvia Veenhoff, German Environment Agency, Germany   |
| 09:45 – 10:00 CEST | <b>Q&amp;A</b>  |
| 10:00 – 10:15 CEST | <b>Navigating multi-level challenges in Europa's climate policy futures</b><br>Dr. Miranda Böttcher, Research Cluster Climate Policy, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Germany  |
| 10:15 – 10:30 CEST | <b>Q&amp;A</b>  |
| 10:30 – 11:00 CEST | Coffee break  |
| 11:00 – 14:30 CEST | <b>Towards a Sustainable, Just, and Climate Neutral Europe by 2050 – Scenarios I</b>  |
| 11:00 – 11:15 CEST | <b>JRC Climate Neutrality Scenarios</b><br>Yannick Dujardin, Joint Research Centre (JRC), EU Policy Lab: Foresight, Design and Behavioural Insights, European Commission, Belgium   |
| 11:15 – 12:00 CEST | <b>Four Scenarios `World Café`</b><br>Yannick Dujardin, JRC (main moderator)<br>Ursula Kopp, ESDN Youth Support Team, Austria<br>Mariia Kostetckaia, ESDN Youth Support Team, Austria<br>Eric Mulholland, ESDN Executive Coordinator, Austria |
| 12:00 – 13:00 CEST | Lunch break (buffet)  |
| 13:00 – 13:50 CEST | <b>Incasing – Create Scenarios on the Future of Youth</b><br>In 4 groups  |
| 13:50 – 14:30 CEST | <b>Presentation of the scenarios</b>  |



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14:30 – 15:00 CEST	Coffee break
15:00 – 15:30 CEST	<b>Chances, Challenges and Perspectives of Environmental Policy for Youth</b> Dr. Christiane Rohleder, State Secretary, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Germany
15:30 – 16:00 CEST	<b>Q&amp;A, Group photo</b>
16:00 – 16:15 CEST	Short break
16:15 – 17:30 CEST	<b>Towards a Sustainable, Just, and Climate Neutral Europe by 2050 – Scenarios II</b>
16:15 – 16:45 CEST	<b>Visioning – create the ideal narrative</b> In 4 groups
16:45 – 17:15 CEST	<b>Reconcile Visions</b> In a 'bingo style' plenary
17:15 – 17:20 CEST	<b>Round up of Scenario work</b> Yannick Dujardin, JRC
17:20 – 17:30 CEST	<b>Round up of Day 1</b> Ursula Kopp, WU Vienna
18:00 – 21:00 CEST	<b>Get to know each other</b>
18:00 – 19:00 CEST	<b>Networking Activity</b> Photo competition
19:00 – 21:00 CEST	Dinner: WEILAND's Restaurant, Eichhornstrasse 3, 10785 Berlin

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## Day 2: Friday, 06 September 2024

09:00 – 14:30 CEST	<b>Reflections &amp; further Discussions</b>
09:00 – 09:15 CEST	<b>ESDN Welcome</b> <b>Ursula Kopp</b> , ESDN Youth Support Team, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria <i>introduce and hand over to</i> <b>External Moderator: Dr. Tanja Busse</b> , SD Journalist, Germany
09:15 – 10:15 CEST	<b>Stocktaking and Reflections of Day 1</b> Add important topics and aspects (whole group)
10:15 – 10:45 CEST	Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:00 CEST	<b>Group work on four main issues</b> Mindset Shift & Cultural Behaviour Power and Trust Strong Institutions Financing a Sustainable Future
12:00 – 13:00 CEST	Lunch break (buffet)
13:00 – 13:45 CEST	<b>Group work on four main issues</b> (continued)
13:45 – 14:30 CEST	<b>Presentation &amp; Plenary discussion</b> Plenary discussion
14:30 – 14:15 CEST	<b>Reflection &amp; Input</b> <b>Serafin Groebner</b> , ESDN Advisory Board Member, Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology, Austria
14:45 – 15:15 CEST	Coffee Break
15:15 – 16:00 CEST	<b>Youth within the ESDN / Memorandum of Understanding</b>





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**History and status of the MoU**  
**Experiences of ESDN Youth Network Members**  
**Selection Process of new ESDN Youth Networks Representatives**

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**16:00 – 16:20 CEST**    **Closing**

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**16:00 – 16:10 CEST**    **ESDN Future Activities**  
**ESDN Events: Peer Learning Platform, Bucharest**  
**EESC Youth Test**  
**Ursula Kopp**, ESDN Youth Support Team, Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria

**16:10 – 16:20 CEST**    **Workshop Reflections and Hopes for the Future**  
**Dr. Franziska Wolff**, ESDN Advisory Board Member, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection, Germany

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**16:20 – 18:00 CEST**    **Networking Café with Snacks at BMUV**



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## After WS: Saturday, 07 September 2024

10:00 – 13:00 CEST

### Youth's Voice

Meeting at Hotel Lobby

10:00 – 10:30 CEST

### Exchange experiences of the past 2 days & Farewell

Ursula Kopp, ESDN Youth Support Team, WU Vienna, Austria  
&

Eric Mulholland, ESDN Executive Coordinator, Austria

10:30 – 12:00 CEST

### Make Your Voice Heard

Put together a Youth paper

12:00 CEST

End



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### Who can participate?

You can apply if you are a UN Delegate for SD, or a representative of a national youth organisation or a youth council from a European country. Former UN Delegates are very welcome to apply as well, although if we receive more applications than available spots, priority will be given to new participants and to ensuring diversity among represented countries.

### Purpose & Benefits

The ESDN wants to foster exchange on the topic throughout Europe amongst young people and between policy makers, young professionals and youth delegates.

At the ESDN Youth Workshop 2024 you will

- learn about scenarios and foresight work
- get the current European view onto policy making concerning Europe's responsibility
- get into deep discussions with your colleagues
- get to know and network with policy makers from Europe
- learn about what the ESDN can offer you as part of the [ESDN Youth Network](#)
- bring in your ideas, argue and discuss
- get a chance to create your common view and distribute it (as a paper, manifesto, or similar)
- inspire others and get inspired by this European high-level exchange

### Venue

The event will take place at the German Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety, and Consumer Protection (BMUV), Stresemannstraße 128 – 130, 10117 Berlin. This is an on-site event, there will be no live streaming and no full recording.

### Sustainability

We encourage all participants to choose transportation methods with minimal CO2 emissions or to offset their emissions. If feasible, please adhere to the 12-hour rule (use train for trips shorter than 12 hours). The accommodation and the venue we select in Berlin are easily accessible by public transport, and sustainability criteria guide our choices for catering and dinner locations.

### Application before July 22, 2024

The application is open until July 22, 2024, 24:00 CET. Please, apply via the [application form](#) with short information about your interest and your special area of work as well as some travel information. The event aims at representing the whole of Europe (not just EU). As the number of seats is limited, we will seek to invite persons from as many different European countries as possible.







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## Costs & Funding

Participation in the event is free of charge; meals are provided during the event.

Travel and accommodation costs can be funded. Your minimum participation is from September 4, around 7 pm, until September 6 in the evening. However, we strongly encourage you to stay until noon on September 7. To receive reimbursement, please complete the reimbursement form (which you will receive from the support team after the event) and submit copies of all invoices, tickets, boarding passes, etc. The funding also includes CO2 compensation upon receipt. This funding is provided by the German Federal Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety, and Consumer Protection (BMUV) via the ESDN. Please send your **reimbursement documents before September 30, 2024**, to [mariia.kostetckaia@wu.ac.at](mailto:mariia.kostetckaia@wu.ac.at).

## Contact & Questions

For any questions you might have please do not hesitate to contact the **ESDN Youth Network support team**

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We are



looking forward to seeing you in Berlin!



*The **European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN)** is a non-profit, pan-European peer-learning, networking, knowledge, and advocacy platform for sustainability professionals in the public sector working in collaboration with other organisations and institutions dealing with sustainable development issues. It is based on the transparent and trustful cooperation of these actors. It collects, compiles and shares information on sustainability policies, strategies and practises, and provides expertise to political decision-makers at European, national and sub-national levels. The ESDN also fosters sustainable development through active communication and continued cooperation with other stakeholders and civil society.*

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