

17th ESDN Workshop | 2019

Transformation towards Sustainability in Times of Rising Populism

Agenda

23-24 May 2019, Berlin

Hotel Aquino
Hannoversche Straße 5b
10115 Berlin

The European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN)
in cooperation with
The German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety

Thursday, 23 May 2019

10:00 – 12:00 *ESDN Steering Group Meeting Part 1 (internal)*

12:00 – 13:30 *Space to Network*
Registration and Light Lunch

13:30 – 14:00 **Welcome and Opening**

13:30 – 13:45 **Welcome address by the Germany hosts & reflection on the effects of rising populism on sustainability policy**

DIRK MEYER, Head of Department, Central Department, Administration, Budget, Research and Digitalization, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany

13:45 – 14:00 **Welcome address by the ESDN Co-Chairs and overview of the workshop objectives**

ELISABETH FREYTAG-RIGLER AND WOLFRAM TERTSCHNIG, ESDN Co-Chairs, Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism, Austria

14:00 – 15:30 **Session 1: Setting the Scene of Populism and Sustainability**

14:00 – 14:30 **Populism and Sustainability Policies: Frames, Causes and Effects**

KLAUS JACOB, Environmental Policy Research Centre at Free University Berlin, Germany

Including Q&A

14:30 – 15:00 **The Dark Side of Sustainability: Eco-Populism and the Deception of Simple Solutions**

FRED LUKS, Sustainable Development Expert, Austria

Including Q&A

15:00-15:30

Plenary Discussion

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee Break

16:00 – 18:15

Session 2: The Rise of Populism in Europe

16:00 – 16:30

Populism: Causes and Counter Strategies

KARL AIGINGER, Querdenkerplattform, Austria

Including Q&A

16:30 – 17:00

Comparative Analysis of Populism in the Nordic Countries

BJÖRN FRYKLUND, Professor of Sociology, Malmö University, Sweden

Including Q&A

17:00 – 18:15

Interactive Exchange & Plenary Debate

Table Group discussions and Plenary Debate with speakers on populism and SD from evidence and practice.

18:30

Dinner with Special Dinner Speech

Sustainable Development: Part of the problem or rather part of the solution when it comes to populism?

HEATHER GRABBE, Director, Open Society European Policy Institute, Belgium

Friday, 24 May 2019

09:00 – 09:15

Opening of Day 2

What was learned from Day 1 and what does that mean for the ESDN's work?

JÖRG MAYER-RIES, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany

09:15 – 12:00

Session 3: Reactions of Sustainability Policy to Rising Populism

09:15 – 09:45

Populism and Sustainable Development Policy in Europe

STELLA SCHALLER AND ALEXANDER CARIUS, Adelphi, Germany

Including Q&A

09:45 – 10:15

Plenary Discussion

10:15 – 10:45

Coffee Break

10:45 – 11:30

Interactive Table Discussions

Participants discuss tools and strategies to deal with sustainable development in the context of rising populism

11:30 – 12:00

Feedback from the Table Discussions and Plenary Debate

12:00 – 12:15

Workshop Closure

13:00 – 16:00

ESDN Steering Group Meeting Part 2 (internal)
