



DEPARTMENT OF
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



24 June 2020

18th ESDN Workshop

**Achieving the SDGs through a
Sustainable and Just Transition:
Challenges and responses to COVID-19**

Agenda

24 June 2020

(9:30 – 13:15 CET)

Hosted Virtually

European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN)
in cooperation with the
**Romanian Government – Department of Sustainable
Development**

09:00 – 09:30

Workshop Registration

09:30 – 09:55

Welcome

09:30 – 09:35

Welcome of Participants
Gerald Berger, *ESDN Office*

09:35 – 09:45

Welcome and Keynote Address
Ionel Dancă, *Head of the Chancellery of the Prime Minister, Romania*

09:45 – 09:50

ESDN Welcome and Goals of the Workshop
Annika Lindblom, *ESDN President and Secretary General of the National Commission on SD, Ministry of the Environment, Finland*

09:50 – 09:55

SDG Policy in Romania: Host perspective
László Borbély, *Prime Minister's Office – Department of Sustainable Development, Romania*

09:55 – 11:30

Session 1: COVID-19's Foreseen Impact on Sustainable Development and the European Green Deal

09:55 – 10:15

Contribution of Sustainable Finance and the Renewed Sustainable Finance Strategy to the EU's green, equitable and resilient economic recovery following the COVID-19 outbreak
Emmanuel Buttin, *Expert on Sustainable Finance at the European Commission (DG FISMA), Belgium, incl. Q&A*

10:15 – 10:35

Building a Coherent Response for a Sustainable Post-COVID-19 Recovery: Evidence from a recent OECD survey
Tatyana Teplova, *OECD- Head of Division for Policy Coherence for SDGs, France, Incl. Q&A*

10:35 – 10:55

COVID-19 and the European Green Deal
Adina Vălean, *European Commission - Commissioner for Transport, Belgium, incl. Q&A*

10:55 – 11:15

COVID-19's Effect on SDG Implementation
Olga Algayerova, *UNECE Executive Secretary and Under-Secretary-General, Switzerland, Incl. Q&A*

11:15 – 11:30

Plenary Discussion: Creating a more sustainable world after COVID-19 – What is needed to strengthen SD policy?

11:30 – 11:40

Break

11:40 – 13:05

Session 2: COVID-19 recovery and its effects on national implementation of the SDGs

11:40 – 11:55

Romania

Luminița Bălălaşu, *Prime Minister's Office – Department of Sustainable Development, Romania, Incl. Q&A*

11:55 – 12:10

Germany

Marie-Louise von Münchhausen, *Federal Chancellery, Germany, Incl. Q&A*

12:10 – 12:25

France

Stéphane Bernaudon, *Ministry for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition, France, Incl. Q&A*

12:25– 12:40

Austria

Erika Bernhard, *Federal Ministry of European and International Affairs, Austria, Incl. Q&A*

12:40 – 13:05

Discussions, Questions, and Comments

13:05 – 13:15

Workshop Closure

13:05 – 13:15

ESDN Concluding Remarks: Looking towards the future

Sami Pirkkala, *ESDN Vice President, Prime Minister's Office, Finland*

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

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End of the 18th ESDN Workshop
