

14 – 15 June

19th ESDN

Workshop

Parliamentary Mechanisms in the
Implementation of the 2030 Agenda

Draft Agenda

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European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN)

in cooperation with the

**Austrian Federal Ministry for Climate Action,
the Austrian Federal Chancellery,**

and

SDG Watch Europe

12:30 – 13:15

Workshop Registration, Networking, (Welcome to Vienna Video)

13:15 – 13:55

Opening and Words of Welcome

13:15 – 13:20

Welcome of Participants

Wolfram Tertschnig, *Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Austria*

&

Ursula Kopp, *Moderator, ESDN Office, Austria*

13:20 – 13:30

Words of Welcome

Harald Dossi, *Secretary General of the Austrian Parliament, Austria*

13:30 – 13:50

Keynote Addresses

Leonore Gewessler, *Minister for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology, Austria*

&

Karoline Edtstadler, *Minister for the EU and Constitution, Federal Chancellery, Austria*

13:50 – 13:55

ESDN Goals of the Workshop

Annika Lindblom, *ESDN President and Director for International and EU Affairs, Ministry of the Environment, Finland*

13:55 – 15:20

Session 1: National Parliamentary Mechanisms in 2030 Agenda Implementation – How do they work?

13:55 – 14:10

Denmark: 2030 Panel

Clara Halvorsen, *Vice-Chair of the 2030 Panel, Denmark*

14:10 – 14:25

Hungary: National Council for Sustainable Development

Erzsébet Schmuck, *Member of the National Assembly (MP), President of the Committee on Sustainable Development of the Hungarian Parliament, Hungary*

14:25 – 14:40

SDG Watch Europe's 'MEPs for SDGs' Initiative

Julie M. Rosenkilde, *Director of Nyt Europa and Steering Committee member of SDG Watch Europe, Belgium*

14:40 – 14:50

Romania: Importance of Parliament in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda

Rozália-Ibolya Biró, *President of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Romanian Parliament, Romania*

14:50 – 15:20

Q&A Panel

15:20 – 15:50

Coffee Break

15:50 – 17:10

Session 2: Strategies and methods on how to implement the SDGs by parliamentary means

15:50 – 16:05

Finland: “Committee for the Future”

Joakim Strand, *Member of Finnish Parliament and Chair of the Committee for the Future of the Finnish Parliament, Finland*

16:05 – 16:25

Austria: National Parliamentary Representatives

Carmen Jeitler-Cincelli, *Member of Austrian Parliament, ÖVP (Austrian People’s Party), Austria*

Petra Bayr, *Member of Austrian Parliament, SPÖ (Social Democratic Party of Austria), Austria*

Astrid Rössler, *Member of Austrian Parliament, Die Grünen (Greens), Austria*

Michael Bernhard, *Member of Austrian Parliament, NEOS (The New Austria and Liberal Forum), Austria*

16:25 – 16:40

Germany: Parliamentary Advisory Council on Sustainable Development

Michael Thews, *Member of German Federal Parliament, Member of the Parliamentary Advisory Council on Sustainable Development, SPD (Social Democratic Party of Germany), Germany (TBC)*

16:40 – 17:10

Q&A Panel

17:10 – 17:30

Coffee Break

17:30 – 17:40

Video Interlude (Parliament or Virtual Vienna Tour)

17:40 – 17:45

Lessons Learned and Take Away Messages from Day 1

Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler, *ESDN Vice President, Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Austria*

17:45 – 18:15

ESDNetworking

(Personal talks with Parliamentarians and ESDN Members or a couple prepared topics)

18:15

End of Workshop Day 1

09:00 – 09:30

Workshop Registration and Networking

09:30 – 09:40

Setting the Stage for Day 2: Participation and the CSO/NGO – Parliament interface

Sami Pirkkala, ESDN Vice President, Secretary General of the Finnish National Commission on Sustainable Development, Finland

09:40 – 11:10

Session 3: NGO – Parliamentary mechanisms in 2030 Agenda implementation

09:40 – 09:55

The Netherlands: Policy Coherence for SD and “Adopt an SDG” Campaign

Rosa van Driel, Building Change Project Manager, The Netherlands

09:55 – 10:10

European Economic and Social Committee

Peter Schmidt, President of the EESC Section for Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment, Belgium

10:10 – 10:25

Austria: SDG Watch Austria

Bernhard Zlanabitnig, SDG Watch Austria, Austria

10:25 – 10:40

Mobilizing Parliamentarians and Multi-stakeholder Engagement

Kirsten Brosbøl, CEO & Founder of 2030beyond and Founder of Parliamentarians for the Global Goals, Denmark

10:40 – 11:10

Q&A Panel

11:10 – 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:45

Session 4: Breakout Groups

Moderation from ESDN Advisory Board Members and SDG Watch Europe?

Breakout Groups 1A and 1B: Strengthening parliamentary mechanisms in 2030 Agenda implementation

Participants should discuss (in 3-4 interactive breakout groups) how civil servants and parliamentarians can create, build up, or improve Parliamentary mechanisms for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, including how to ensure sustained political will and drive for sustainable development.

- Establish Parliament’s role in Agenda 2030 implementation
- Debate and exchange the tools needed for improving or advancing parliamentary mechanisms
- Discuss and exchange on the strengths such mechanisms provide
- Discuss the potential challenges, pitfalls, and barriers associated with establishing parliamentary mechanisms

Breakout Groups 2A and 2B: NGO-Parliament Interface

How does the NGO-parliament interface works, as well as answer questions from participants.

- Discuss and debate tools and resources needed to set up such mechanisms.
- What have been the successes, challenges, and experiences that have been made regarding parliament and working with parliamentarians?
- What are some concrete impacts?

12:45 – 13:15 Session 5: Collective learnings – What have we learned?

Breakout sessions or a large discussion with everyone participating and sharing ideas based on the presentations and breakout groups.

13:15 – 13:30 Closing of Day 2

13:15 – 13:25 Host Perspective over the last two days

Wolfram Tertschnig, *Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Austria*
&

Sabine Schneeberger, *Federal Chancellery, Austria*

13:25 – 13:30 Takeaway Messages from the ESDN

Daniel Dubas, *ESDN Vice President, Delegate of the Federal Council for the 2030 Agenda, Federal Office for Spatial Development, Switzerland*

13:30 End of the 19th ESDN Workshop
