



ESDN Conference

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12-13 October 2020

The European Green Deal: Our Pact for the Future

Draft Agenda

12 – 13 October 2020, Berlin, Germany

Virtual Conference

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

Please note:

We have hoped to be able to welcome all of you here in Berlin, however, with the COVID-19 pandemic still being active all over Europe and globally, and with several countries declared a risk zone and ensuing travel restrictions, we have chosen to organize the ESDN conference 2020 as virtual conference.

Please also note that this agenda may still be subject to changes.

Back-to-back Event **Virtual European Youth Camp (11-12 October 2020)**
(Closed group of youth delegates from EU Member States)

Monday, 12 October 2020

09:00 - 11:00 *ESDN Advisory Board Meeting*
(internal meeting, by invitation only)

11:30 – 12:30 *ESDN Association General Assembly Meeting*
(only for members of the ESDN Association, by invitation only)

12:30 – 13:30 **Registration**
The Landing page is at your disposal, as well as the additional features – please use the time to have a look around and feel free to use the Pin board, virtual coffee breaks etc.!

13:30 – 13:45 **Welcome**

13:30 – 13:40 **Introduction/ Getting to Know my Conference Colleagues**
Peter Woodward, *ESDN Conference Moderator Quest Associates, United Kingdom*
Tanja Busse, *ESDN Conference Co-Moderator, Germany*
Jörg Mayer-Ries, *ESDN Conference Co-Moderator, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany*

13:40 – 13:45 **ESDN Welcome Address**
Annika Lindblom, *ESDN President and Secretary General of the National Commission on Sustainable Development, Ministry of the Environment, Finland*

13:45 – 15:30 **Session 1: Our Pact for the Future - Inspiration and Intent**

13:45 – 14:00 **Voices of the future: Messages of the European Youth Camp**
Youth Camp Representatives (TBA)

14:00 – 14:10 **The European Green Deal: Our Pact for a Sustainable Future**
Svenja Schulze, *Minister, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany*

14:10 – 14:25 **First Round of Discussion with Youth Camp Representatives**

14:25 – 14:45 **A History of Change**
Ian Mortimer, *Historian and Bestselling author, United Kingdom*

14:45 – 15:30 **Moderated Discussion and Feedback by Parliaments, National and Subnational Level, i.a. with statements by**
1. Frédéric Vallier, *Secretary General of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions, Belgium*
2. Stefan Liebich, *Member of Parliament, Germany*

15:30-16:00

Break

16:00 – 18:15

Session 2: The Future of Sustainable Development and how to Address Challenges

16:00 – 16:15

The Global Perspective

Achim Steiner, Administrator, United Nations Development Program, New York, USA

16:15 – 16:45

Panel Discussion: The Challenge of assuring an integrated view

1. *Achim Steiner, Administrator, United Nations Development Program, New York, USA*
2. *Patrick Gaspard, President of the Open Society Foundations, USA*
3. *Christopher Hurst, Director General, European Investment Bank, Luxemburg*

16:45 – 17:15

Moderated Discussion

17:15 – 18:15

Broadening the Discussion: the Development Perspective and the Global South

Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana, Member of European Parliament, Vice-Chair of the Development Committee, Vice-Chair of the Delegation for Relations with the Pan-African Parliament, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance, Germany

Panel Discussion

1. *Maria Flachsbarth, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany*
 2. *Imme Scholz, Deputy Chair of the German Council for Sustainable Development, Vice Director of the German Development Institute, Germany*
 3. *Manish Bapna, Executive Vice President, World Resources Institute, USA*
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Closing of Day one

Peter Woodward, ESDN Conference Moderator, Quest Associates, United Kingdom

Tanja Busse, ESDN Conference Co-Moderator, Germany

Tuesday, 13 October 2020

08:30 - 09:30 *Registration/ Re-Connection*
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09:30 – 11:00 **Session 3: Transformation towards a Sustainable Future**

09:30 – 09:45 **Recap of Day 1: Setting the Scene for the Future**
Daniel Dubas, ESDN Association Vice President, Delegate of the Federal Council for the 2030 Agenda, Federal Office for Spatial Development, Switzerland

09:45 – 10:00 **Introduction to the Breakout Groups (Session 4)**
Jörg Mayer-Ries, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, and Nuclear Safety, Germany

10:00 – 10:15 **The Future of a sustainable Europe in Light of the EU Green Deal**
Angela Merkel, Chancellor, Germany

10:15 – 10:30 **The European Green Deal**
Frans Timmermans, Executive Vice President, European Commission, Belgium

10:30 – 11:00 *Break*

11:00 – 12:45 **Session 4: Breakout Groups – Repercussions of the Green Deal and European Commission Priorities**

11:00 – 12:45 **Breakout Groups**

1. **Sustainable Growth: Ending the Dogma of Endless Growth**

Moderated by: André Martinuzzi, ESDN Office at the Institute for Managing Sustainability, Austria

- **James Gomme**, Director of SDGs at the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, Switzerland
- **Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler**, ESDN Vice President, Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology, Austria, together with **Fred Luks**, author, Germany

2. **Sustainable Food: Farm to Fork Strategy**

Moderated by: Peter Woodward, Quest Associates, United Kingdom

- **Gijs Schilthuis**, Head of Unit European Commission, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, Belgium
- **Pierre-Marie Aubert**, Senior Research Fellow and Lead European Agriculture Initiative, IDDRI, France
- **Stephanie Wunder**, Senior Fellow and Coordinator Food Systems, Ecologic Institute, Germany
- **Lieta Goethijn**, City of Ghent, Belgium

3. **A New Push for Democracy**

Moderated by Heather Grabbe, Open Society European Policy Institute, Belgium

- **Robert Gampfer**, *European Commission Representation in Germany*
- **Dominik Hierlemann**, *Bertelsmann Foundation, Programme „Future of Democracy”, Germany*
- **Jan Osenberg**, *Coordinator of the “European HomeParliaments” Project, Pulse of Europe and member of the board of Polis 180, Germany*
- **Heather Grabbe**, *Director of the Open Society European Policy Institute, Belgium*

4. **Sustainable Finance: Integration of SDGs into National Budgets**

Moderated by Sami Pirkkala, Prime Minister’s Office, Finland

- **Alexander Bassen**, *Member of the German Council for Sustainable Development, Professor of Economics at the University of Hamburg, Germany*
- **Kristina Jeromin**, *Head of Group Sustainability, Deutsche Börse, Germany*
- **Ahmed Demir**, *Federal Court of Auditors, Germany*

5. **Resilience and SD: Lessons Still Being Learned from COVID-19**

Moderated by Gerald Berger, ESDN Office at the Institute for Managing Sustainability, Austria

- **Holger Robrecht**, *Deputy Regional Director, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, Germany*
- **Lilian Bernhardt-Senft**, *University of Cottbus-Senftenberg, Germany*
- **Marie-Valentine Florin**, *Executive Director International Risk Governance Center, Switzerland*
- **Marco Steinberg**, *CEO of Snowcone, Finland*

6. **Future Mobility: Mobility of the Future**

Moderated by Ursula Kopp, ESDN Office at the Institute for Managing Sustainability, Austria

- **Günter Hörmandinger**, *Vice-Director, Agora Verkehrswende, Germany*
- **Annika Stienen**, *Deputy Director European Department, International Association of Public Transport UITP, Belgium*
- **José Besselink**, *City Planning Rotterdam, Netherlands*

7. **Missing links: Elements from the 2030 Agenda not yet included in the EGD**

Moderated by Simon Callewaert, Federal Institute for Sustainable Development, Belgium

- **Stephan Krieger**, *German Federation of Energy and Water Management (BDEW), Germany*
- **Berthold Welling**, *Executive Director Legal Affairs, Taxes, Sustainability, German Chemical Industry Association, Germany*
- **Ludovic Voet**, *Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation, Belgium*

12:45 – 13:45

Break

13:45 – 14:30

Report back from Breakout Groups in Plenary
Rapporteurs/ Moderators of Groups

14:30 – 15:30 **Session 5: European Futures - Strategic Foresight**

14:30 – 15:00 **Panel Discussion**

1. **Daniela Jacob**, *Co-Chair of the Science Platform Sustainability 2030, Germany*
2. **Jock Martin**, *Head of Integrated Assessments for Sustainability (IAS), European Environmental Agency, Denmark*
3. **Manfred Rosenstock**, *Deputy Head of Unit, Unit on Environmental Knowledge, Eco-Innovation & SMEs, DG ENVI EU Commission, Belgium*
4. **Ivan Krastev**, *Political Scientist and Writer, Chairman of the Centre for Liberal Strategies in Sofia, Bulgaria, Permanent Fellow at the Institute of Human Sciences in Vienna, Austria*

15:00 – 15:30 **Discussion**

15:30 – 16:15 **Conference Closure**

15:30 – 16:00 **Conference Highlights & Main Takeaways in Final Plenary**
Ideas for the implementation of the Green Deal in Europe
Introduced by **Marco Steinberg**, *CEO of Snowcone, Finland*

16:00 – 16:15 **Updates by the ESDN Association & Goodbye**
Sami Pirkkala, *ESDN Association Vice President, Prime Minister's Office, Finland*
Jörg Mayer-Ries, *Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany*

16:15 **End of the ESDN Conference 2020**

16:15 – 17:00 *Taking time to say goodbye*
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