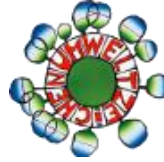


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# ESDN Conference | 2018

**Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation in  
the Age of the SDGs:  
What new approaches are required  
to be successful?**

## Agenda

**1-2 October 2018, Vienna, Austria**

**Austria Center Vienna,  
Room G1 (brown level, floor -2)  
Bruno-Kreisky-Platz 1, 1220 Vienna**

**European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN)**  
*in cooperation with the*  
**Austrian Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism**  
**Official event of the Austrian EU Presidency 2018**

## 09:00-09:30 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

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### **Welcome Address by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism**

*Josef Plank, Secretary General, Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism, Austria*

### **Welcome Address by ESDN Steering Group Co-Chairs**

*Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler & Wolfram Tertschnig, ESDN co-chairs, Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism, Austria*

## 09:30-10:50 **Session 1: Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation – What has changed with the SDGs?**

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### **Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation for SD: Past Experiences and New Requirements in the Age of the SDGs – Where do we come from and where are we going?**

*Monika Linn, Principal Adviser & Chief, Sustainable Development and Gender Unit, Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)*

### **Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation in the Age of the SDGs: Experiences, Practical Examples, and Impulses for Future Success**

*Günther Bachmann, Secretary General, German Council for SD, Germany*

### **Plenary Discussion on Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation in the Age of the SDGs**

## 10:50-11:20 **Coffee Break**

## 11:20-12:45 **Session 2: Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation on SDG Implementation in the European Union**

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### **Multi-Stakeholder Platform on SDGs: Purpose, Functionality, and SDG Implementation Activities**

*Marcel Haag, Chair of the Management Committee of the Multi-Stakeholder Platform on SDGs, Director Policy Coordination, Secretariat-General, European Commission*

### **European Economic and Social Committee (EESC): Representing Stakeholders in EU Policy-Making**

*Brenda King, Member of the EESC, UK*

## Plenary Discussion on Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation on SDG Implementation at the EU Level

### 12:45-13:00 Teaser Presentations from the Project Exhibition

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**Short overview presentations of the institutions and projects displaying their work at the Project Exhibition**

**Localizing the SDGs: How it can be done - practical examples from Flanders**

*Hanne Albers, Association of Flemish Cities and Municipalities, Belgium*

**Making SDGs count: data and indicators shaping policies**

*Ioannis Dimitrakopoulos, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), Austria*

**Growth in Transition**

*Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler, Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism, Austria*

**From Governance to Leadership for the SDGs**

*Joachim Monkelbaan, University of Geneva, Switzerland*

**Responsible Consumption and Production (SDG 12) – a common Nordic challenge and priority**

*Trine Schmidt, Nordic Council of Ministers, Denmark*

**The SDGs in Education: The FORUM Umweltbildung and its didactic suggestions to convey the importance of the 17 UN Global Goals**

*Rebecca Zeilinger, FORUM Umweltbildung (Environmental Education FORUM), Austria*

### 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

### 14:00-15:20 Session 3: Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation for the SDGs – Perspectives of Governance

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**Panel Discussion with representatives of national government ministries and stakeholders on governance issues**

- *Eili Lepik, Strategy Unit, Government Office of Estonia*
- *Sigrid Solnik, Coordinator of the Estonian Coalition for SD*
- *Annika Lindblom, Secretary General of the National Commission on SD, Ministry of the Environment, Finland*
- *Jussi Kanner, NGO Platform KEHYS, Finland*

**15:20-15:45**      **Coffee Break**

**15:45-17:15**      **Session 4: Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation for the  
SDGs – Effectively Tapping into Stakeholder Energy**

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**Panel Discussion with representatives of national government ministries  
and stakeholders on effectively tapping into stakeholder energy**

- *Simon Callewaert, Federal Institute for Sustainable Development, Belgium*
- *Wiske Jult, 11.11.11 (the coalition of NGOs, unions, movements and various solidarity groups in Flanders), Belgium*
  
- *Stéphane Bernaudon, Ministry for an Ecological and Solidary Transition, France*
- *Sarah Schönfeld, Comité 21, France*
  
- *Anna Bombonato, Technical Assistance Unit Sogesid S.p.A - Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea, Italy*
- *Giulio Lo Iacono, Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development (ASviS)*

**17:15-17:30**      **Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation – Main Insights  
from Day 1**

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**Important insights from the presentations and discussions of Day 1**  
*André Martinuzzi, Head of the Institute for Managing Sustainability, Vienna  
University of Economics and Business & Coordinator of the ESDN Office*

**17:30**      **End of Day 1**

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- Overview on Day 2
  - Information on the Conference Dinner
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**19:30**      **Dinner Invitation from the Austrian Minister for  
Sustainability and Tourism, Elisabeth Köstinger, at  
Palais Pallavicini**  
Josefsplatz 5, 1010, Vienna

09:00-10:30 **Session 5 (part 1): ConverStations - Stakeholder activities and initiatives for the SDG implementation (Rounds 1+2)**

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## 12 ConverStations, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> round

- (1) Global Reporting Initiative and their SDG Work**  
*Pietro Bertazzi, Head of SD, Global Reporting Initiative-GRI*
- (2) Engaging CSO stakeholders in SDG Activities**  
*Wiske Jult, 11.11.11 (the coalition of NGOs, unions, movements and various solidarity groups in Flanders), Belgium*
- (3) Experiences with stakeholder activities/initiatives for the 2030 Agenda Implementation in the context of the UN Environment Assembly**  
*Alexander Juras, Chief, Civil Society Unit at the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)*
- (4) Transnational Multi-Stakeholder partnership on Agenda 2030 Implementation – the Baltic Sea Region example**  
*Krista Kampus, Head of Baltic 2030 Unit*
- (5) Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development: Better and more coherent policies through stronger civil society involvement**  
*Jussi Kanner, NGO Platform KEHYS, Finland*
- (6) European Youth Forum and the 2030 Agenda**  
*Jan Mayrhofer, Policy Officer on Sustainable Development, European Youth Forum*
- (7) Activities of the Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development (ASviS) & the Italian SD Festival**  
*Giulio Lo Iacono, Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development (ASviS)*
- (8) SDG Watch activities on the European and national level**  
*Leida Rijnhout, SDG Watch Europe Steering Group*
- (9) SDGs "Tour de France"**  
*Sarah Schönfeld, Comité 21, France*
- (10) Estonian Coalition for Sustainable Development: Heightened Integration of Stakeholders and Policymakers**  
*Sigrid Solnik, Coordinator of the Estonian Coalition for SD*
- (11) UK Multi-Stakeholder Project on 2030 Agenda Implementation**  
*Farooq Ullah, Co-Chair of UK Stakeholder for Sustainable Development (UKSSD)*
- (12) Activities of the sub-national level for the 2030 Agenda, SDG implementation and the cooperation with stakeholders**  
*Frédéric Vallier, Secretary General, Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)*

**10:30-11:00**      **Coffee Break**

11:00-11:30      **Session 5 (part 2): ConverStations - Stakeholder activities and initiatives for the SDG implementation (Round 3)**

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**12 ConverStations, 3<sup>rd</sup> round**

11:30-12:45      **Session 6: Developing the Ingredients for Successful Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation in SDG Implementation**

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**Interactive Group Work: Developing the most important elements for a successful stakeholder-policy cooperation**

12:45-13:00      **Conference Closure**

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- Conclusions
- Next ESDN activities

**13:00**              **End of the Conference and Buffet Lunch**

14:00-16:00      *ESDN Steering Group Meeting (internal meeting)*