

ESDN Conference

2023

15 - 16 March

**Halfway to 2030 – Where does
Europe stand and how does it
move forward?**

Draft Agenda

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Day 1: Wednesday, 15 March 2023

18:30 – 23:00 CET

ESDN 20-Year Anniversary Celebration

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18:30 – 19:30 CET

Conference Registration & Pre-Conference Networking

Drinks, Canapés, and networking with colleagues

19:30 – 20:15 CET

Keynote Speeches

19:30 – 19:35 CET

Conference Welcome

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

19:35 – 19:45 CET

Kicking off the Conference - Topics and Goals for Tomorrow

Åsa Hildestrand, Nordregio, Sweden

19:45 – 19:55 CET

European Council Working Party on the 2030 Agenda – Guiding Europe to 2030

Parasto Nosrati, Ministry of Climate and Enterprise, Sweden

&

Viggo Barmen, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden

19:55 – 20:15 CET

20-Year ESDN Anniversary and Ambitions of the ESDN until 2030

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

&

Marguy Kohlen, ESDN Vice President, Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development, Luxembourg

20:15 – 23:00 CET

Networking Dinner

Catch up with old friends and colleagues, make new friends, and chat about sustainable development, the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs

23:00 CET

End of Networking Dinner

Day 2: Thursday, 16 March 2023

08:30 – 09:00 CET *Registration and Networking Coffee*

09:00 – 09:30 CET **Welcome and Opening**

09:00 – 09:05 CET **Moderator Welcome and Program Overview**

Gabriel Wikström, *Conference Moderator and National 2030 Agenda Coordinator, Sweden*

09:05 – 09:15 CET **ESDN Welcome**

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

09:15 – 09:30 CET **Nordic Framing**

Jessika Roswall, *Minister for EU and Nordic Affairs, Sweden (TBC)*

09:30 – 12:00 CET **Session 1: Europe and the 2030 Agenda – Where do we stand and what do we need until 2030?**

09:30 – 09:50 CET **UN Perspective of Europe**

Olga Algayerová, *Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Switzerland (TBC)*

09:50 – 10:10 CET **European Union Voluntary Review 2023**

Carlos Berrozpe, *European Commission – Directorate-General for International Partnerships, Belgium, (TBC)*

10:10 – 10:30 CET **Highlighting Europe's SDG Challenges until 2030**

Guillaume Lafortune, *Sustainable Development Solutions Network, France*

10:30 – 11:00 CET *Coffee Break*

11:00 – 11:15 CET **“Everyone can Flourish – Sustainability beyond the 2030 Agenda”**

Micke Larsson, *Government of the Åland Islands, Finland*

11:15 – 11:30 CET **Local Level Perspectives**

Jasmin Miah, *ICLEI-Europe, Germany*

11:30 – 11:45 CET **Civil Society Perspectives – Relaunching the 2030 Agenda**

Peter Schmidt, *President of the Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment (NAT) Section, European Economic and Social Committee, Belgium*

11:45 – 12:00 CET

Youth Perspectives on the Pathway to 2030

ESDN Youth Representative, (TBA)

&

Noura Berrouba, *Chair of the National Council for Swedish Youth Organisations (LSU), Sweden (TBA)*

Or

Lovisa Roos, *Spokesperson Sustainable Development at the National Council for Swedish Youth Organisations (LSU), Sweden (TBA)*

12:00 – 13:00 CET

Explaining Sessions 2 & 3, Lunch

13:00 – 14:30 CET

Session 2: Exchange Space 1 - Practical SDG Solutions from the National, Subnational, and Local Levels

13:00 – 13:45 CET

Round 1 of Exchange Space 1

Table 1: Czech Republic – Communication campaign of SDGs
Representative from the Ministry for the Environment, (TBA)

Table 2: Finland – Government policy sustainability assessment
Eeva Furman, *Prime Minister's Office*

Table 3: Iceland – Sustainable Iceland
Áslaug Karen Jóhannsdóttir, *Ministry for Foreign Affairs – Directorate for International Affairs and Policy*

Table 4: Ireland –
Anna-Marie Gaines, *Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment*, (TBC)

Table 5: Netherlands – Integrating themes of wellbeing with the SDGs
Sandra Pellegrom, *Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

Table 6: Slovenia – Annual Development Report and the 2030 Agenda
Špela Rotar, *Ministry of Cohesion and Regional Development*

Table 7: Spain – The Spanish SD Strategy for 2030: Process and Challenges

Gabriel Castañares Hernández, Ministry of Social Rights and 2030 Agenda

Table 8: Åland Islands – “Everyone can Flourish – Sustainability beyond the 2030 Agenda”

Micke Larsson, Government of the Åland Islands, Finland

Table 9: Catalonia – Catalonia Alliance 2030

Arnau Queralt Bassa, Director of the Advisory Council for the Sustainable Development of Catalonia, Spain

Table 10: Stockholm -

Representative from the Government of Stockholm, (TBC)

13:45 – 14:30 CET

Round 2 of Exchange Space 1

Speakers remain at their tables and everyone else switches tables for round 2.

14:30 – 15:00 CET

Coffee Break

15:00 – 16:30 CET

Session 3: Exchange Space 2 - Practical SDG Solutions from the National, Subnational, and Local Levels

15:00 – 15:45 CET

Round 1 of Exchange Space 2

Table 1: Cyprus –

Lefteris Eleftheriou, Ministry of Finance, (TBC)

Table 2: Estonia – Tallinn EU Green Capital of the Year

Eili Lepik, Government Office, (TBC)

Table 3: Italy –

*Andrea Innamorati, Ministry of Environment and Energy Security
&/or*

Francesca De Crescenzo, Ministry of Environment and Energy Security

Table 4: Latvia – Getting the most out of your VNR under conditions of limited resources

Mara Simane, State Chancellery

Table 5: Norway -

Jesper Tangenes Bæverfjord, *Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, (TBC)*

Table 6: Poland –

Agnieszka Jabłońska, *Ministry of Economic Development and Technology*

Table 7: Sweden –

Cristina Mattsson Lundberg, *Ministry of Climate and Enterprise, (TBC)*

Table 8: Flanders – Integrating the SDGs into existing local policy processes

Heleen Voeten, *Association of Flemish Cities and Municipalities, Belgium*

Table 9: Värmland County –

Georg Andrén, *Governor of Värmland County, Sweden, (TBC)*

Table 10: Ljusdal – Sweden’s first internationally certified sustainable tourism destination Järvsö

Linnéa Van Wagenen, *Ljusdal Government - Unit for Strategic and Sustainable Development, Sweden*

15:45 – 16:30 CET

Round 2 of Exchange Space 2

Speakers remain at their tables and everyone else switches tables for round 2.

16:30 – 17:00 CET

ESDN Conference 2023 Closing

16:30 – 16:40 CET

Conference Summary

Gabriel Wikström, *Conference Moderator and National 2030 Agenda Coordinator, Sweden*

16:40 – 16:50 CET

Take Home Messages

László Borbély, *ESDN Vice President, Prime Minister’s Office – Department of Sustainable Development, Romania*

16:50 – 17:00 CET

ESDN 2023 – Next Steps

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

17:00 CET

End of ESDN Conference 2023

18:00 CET

Evening Reception

Residence of the Swiss Ambassador to Sweden
