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European Recovery and Resilience Mechanisms - Challenges in systemic approaches in SD

Draft Agenda

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Day 1: Tuesday, November 30 2021

09:00 - 10:00	<i>ESDN General Assembly Meeting</i>
10:00 – 10:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:15 – 13:00	<i>ESDN Advisory Board Meeting (internal)</i>

13:00 - 13:30	<i>Conference Registration and Log in</i>
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13:30 – 14:00	Welcome and Opening
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13:30 – 13:40	Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the European Union – Welcoming Address <i>Andrej Vizjak, Minister of the Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia</i>
13:40 – 13:50	ESDN Perspective <i>Annika Lindblom, ESDN President, Director for International and EU Affairs, Ministry for the Environment, Finland</i>
13:50 – 14:00	Introduction to the Topics and Goals of the Conference <i>Gerald Berger, ESDN Conference Moderator, Austria</i>

14:00 – 15:00	Session 1: Resilience and Building Forward Better – The European Perspective
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14:00 – 14:20	EU Resilience and Recovery / Building Forward Better Mechanisms for Sustainable Development - key note address <i>Florika Fink-Hooijer, Director General, DG for Environment, European Commission (TBC)</i>
14:20 – 14:40	Challenging Systemic Approaches – New Conceptual Framework for Change – key note address <i>Hans Bruyninckx, Executive Director, European Environment Agency, Denmark (TBC)</i>
14:40 – 15:00	Enhancing Resilience and Building a Coherent Response for a Sustainable Post-Covid-19 Recovery in Europe from a Global Perspective <i>Žiga Žarnič, OECD, France</i>

15:00 - 15:15	<i>ESDN Icebreaker</i> <i>Gerald Berger, ESDN Moderator, Austria</i>
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15:15 – 16:00

Session 2: Resilience for Sustainable Development

15:15 – 15:30

Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development – Practices in some Member States

Representatives of CONCORD, Belgium and SLOGA, Slovenia (TBA)

15:30 – 15:45

Integrating the SDGs into National Recovery and Resilience Plans

Ricardo Rio, Mayor of Braga, Portugal

15:45 – 16:00

ESDN Youth Workshop Manifesto

Youth Representative, (TBC)

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee Break and Virtual Networking

16:30 – 17:45

Session 3: Panel Discussion on Fostering Resilience in Sustainable Development Policy-Making - Integrating Perspectives

Experts shall be challenged not to speak of specific SD perspective (envi, soc, econ, finan., etc.) in isolated manner, but to discuss how systemic resilience can support SD and to add to such discussion perspective from their field of expertise.

The panel should start with short introductory statements of each panelist (5 minutes each 20 in total) and then to continue with moderated discussion on fostering systemic resilience for SDPM (1 hour). Each panelist should bring their own perspective into discussion and to consider interrelations with other perspectives as well, finally trying to contribute to a holistic, integrated approach for sustainability transitions.

Speakers from Session 1 are also invited to participate in this expert panel (5-6 panelists).

16:30 – 16:55

Introductory Statements from the Panelists

Environmental and Ecological Resilience

Julie M. Rosenkilde, European Environmental Bureau and Nyt Europa, Belgium

Societal Resilience

Heather Grabbe, Open Society Foundations, Belgium

Economic Resilience

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

Financial Resilience

Representative from the European Investment Bank, *Luxembourg (TBA)*

Policymaker Perspective

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

16:55 – 17:45

Panel Discussion

Feedback to Panel Discussion

Representatives from the European Commission and EEA, *(TBC)*

17:45 – 18:00

Closing of Day 1

17:45 – 17:55

Lessons Learned and Main Takeaway Messages

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

17:55 – 18:00

Instructions for Day 2

Gerald Berger, *ESDN Moderator, Austria*

18:00

End of Day 1

Day 2: Wednesday, 01 December 2021

09:00 - 09:30

Registration and Networking

09:30 – 09:40

Setting the Stage for Day 2

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

09:40 – 09:45

Overview of Day 2

Gerald Berger, ESDN Moderator, Austria

09:45 – 13:00

Session 4: Exchange Spaces on Resilience and National Level Good Practices on Recovery

10 Exchange Spaces: Spaces set up throughout the venue room with around 5-6 participants at each of the spaces. The 10 spaces will cover relevant topics in sustainable development that aid in resilience and recovery.

Exchange Spaces Topics:

1. Climate Adaptation

Angelika Tamásová, European Environment Agency, Denmark

2. Biodiversity Conservation – Systemic Approach

(TBA)

3. R&I for a Green Recovery

Representative from Romania (TBA)

4. Digitalization Supporting Transformations

(TBA)

5. Circular Economy

Marjana Dermelj, Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy, Slovenia

6. Governance for Sustainable Development

Annika Lindblom, ESDN President, Ministry of the Environment, Finland

7. Transformative Education for Sustainable Development (SLOGA)

Representative, Bridge 47 Network and Slovenian Global Action (SLOGA), Slovenia

8. Multistakeholder Cooperation and Policy Development

Alexandra Rosen, *CONCORD, Belgium*

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Albin Keuc, *SLOGA, Slovenia*

9. Wellbeing Economy/ Economy within Planetary boundaries

Mike Asquith, *European Environment Agency, Denmark*

10. Representative from the ESDN Youth Workshop

(TBA)

9:45 – 09:55

Explaining Exchange Spaces and how they work

Gerald Berger, *ESDN Moderator, Austria*

Moderator explains how the Exchange Spaces work:

1. *Participants should already have chosen their topics.*
2. *Exchange Space Round 1 begins*
3. *15 minute break*
4. *Exchange Space Round 2 begins*
5. *15 minute break*
6. *Exchange Space Round 3 begins*

09:55 - 10:00

5 Minute Break - Participants are sorted into their Exchange Space for Round 1

10:00 – 10:45

Exchange Space Round 1

10:45 - 11:00

15 Minute Break - Participants are sorted into their Exchange Space for Round 2

11:00 – 11:45

Exchange Space Round 2

11:45 - 12:00

15 Minute Break - Participants are sorted into their Exchange Space for Round 3

12:00 – 12:45

Exchange Space Round 3

12:45 – 13:15

Main Collective Learnings

In plenary with all participants. Collect and cluster the points that participants will be taking back home with them on resilience and building forward better when it comes to recovery and sustainable development.

- *What tools or ingredients are necessary in setting up effective recovery and resilience mechanisms?*

- *What concrete actions will participants take to make their countries more resilient?*

13:15 – 13:45

Closing of the ESDN Conference 2021

13:15 – 13:25

Host Perspective from the Last 2 Days

Representative from Slovenian Ministry of Environment, Slovenia (TBC)

13:25 – 13:45

ESDN 2022 and Beyond

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

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

13:45

End of the ESDN Conference 2021
