

# ESDN Conference

# 2021

30 Nov. – 01 Dec.

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

### Agenda

**30 November – 01 December 2021**

Virtual

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## Day 1: Tuesday, November 30 2021

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08:30 - 11:00	<i>ESDN Advisory Board Meeting (internal)</i>
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:30 – 12:30	<i>ESDN General Assembly</i>

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13:00 - 13:30	<i>Conference Registration and Log in</i>
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13:30 – 14:00	<b>Welcome and Opening</b>
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13:30 – 13:40	<b>Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the European Union – Welcoming Address</b> <i>Andrej Vizjak, Minister of the Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia</i>
13:40 – 13:50	<b>Introduction to the Topics and Goals of the ESDN Conference 2021</b> <i>Annika Lindblom, ESDN President, Director for International and EU Affairs, Ministry for the Environment, Finland</i>
13:50 – 14:00	<b>Welcome, Orientation and Overview of Conference Day 1</b> <i>Gerald Berger, ESDN Conference Moderator</i>

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14:00 – 15:00	<b>Session 1: Resilience and Building Forward Better – The European Perspective</b>
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14:00 – 14:15	<b>EU Resilience and Recovery / Building Forward Better Mechanisms for Sustainable Development - keynote address</b> <i>Magdalena Morgese Borys, Head of Unit in SG.RECOVER.A1, European Commission, Belgium</i>
14:15 – 14:30	<b>Resilience in the process of the Conference on the Future of Europe</b> <i>Jure Vršnak, Deputy Director-General, Directorate for EU Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia</i>
14:30 – 14:45	<b>Putting the European Green Deal to work: the governance challenge in systemic transitions - keynote address</b> <i>Hans Bruyninckx, Executive Director, European Environment Agency, Denmark</i>

14:45 – 15:00 **Enhancing Resilience and Building a Coherent Response for a Sustainable Post-Covid-19 Recovery in Europe from a Global Perspective**  
*Žiga Žarnič, OECD, France*

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15:00 - 15:15 *Coffee Break*

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15:15 – 16:00 **Session 2: Aspects of Resilience for Sustainable Development in practice**

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15:15 – 15:30 **Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development – Practices in some Member States**

*Leida Rijnhout, Consultant, SLOGA, Slovenia*

*With a short contribution from*

*Louis Meuleman, Public Strategy for Sustainable Development, Belgium*

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**

*Lara Schummer, UN Youth Delegate for Luxembourg, Luxembourg*

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*Daniel Samuelsson, UN Youth Delegate for the High Level Political Forum, Sweden*

16:00 – 16:30 *Coffee Break*

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16:30 – 17:45 **Session 3: Panel Discussion on Fostering Resilience in Sustainable Development Policy-Making - Integrating Perspectives**

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16:30 – 17:00 **Introductory Statements from the Panelists**

**Environmental and Ecological Resilience**

*Marie-Luise Abshagen, German NGO Forum on Environment and Sustainable Development, Germany*

**Societal Resilience**

*Heather Grabbe, Open Society Foundations, Belgium*

**Economic Resilience**

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

### **Financial Resilience**

**Simon Savsek**, *European Investment Bank, Luxembourg*

### **Policy Resilience**

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

**17:00 – 17:45**

### **Panel Discussion**

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**17:45 – 18:00**

### **Closing of Day 1**

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**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 Conference Moderator*

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**18:00**

### **End of Day 1**

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## Day 2: Wednesday, 01 December 2021

09:00 – 09:30

*Registration*

09:30 – 09:40

### Setting the Stage for the Topics of Day 2

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

09:40 – 09:45

### Overview of Conference Day 2

*Gerald Berger, ESDN Conference Moderator*

09:45 – 13:00

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

*9 Exchange Spaces: Spaces set up throughout the venue room with around 8-10 participants at each of the spaces. The 9 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. R&I for a Green Recovery

*Ionuț Purică, Prime Minister's Office - Department of Sustainable Development, Romania*

#### 3. Digitalization Supporting Transformations

*Wolfgang Ebner, Federal Ministry for Digital and Economic Affairs, Austria*

#### 4. Circular Economy

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

#### 5. Governance for Sustainable Development

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

#### 6. Transformative Education for Sustainable Development

*Natalia Kouhartsouk, Bridge 47 Network and Slovenian Global Action (SLOGA), Slovenia*

#### 7. Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development: Lessons learned

*Leida Rijnhout, Consultant, SLOGA, Slovenia*

&  
Albin Keuc, SLOGA, Slovenia

**8. Wellbeing Economy/ Economy within Planetary boundaries**  
Mike Asquith, European Environment Agency, Denmark

&  
Pantelis Marinakis, European Environment Agency, Denmark

**9. Technological Innovations for the Sustainability Transitions from COP26 Perspective**  
Darja Piciga, Independent Expert in Sustainable Development, Slovenia

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Jernej Stritih, Stritih Sustainable Development, Slovenia

9:45 – 09:55 **Explaining Exchange Spaces and how they work**  
Gerald Berger, ESDN Conference Moderator

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09:55 - 10:00 *5 Minute Break - Participants are sorted into their Exchange Space for Round 1*

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10:00 – 10:50 **Exchange Space Round 1**

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10:50 - 11:00 *10 Minute Break - Participants are sorted into their Exchange Space for Round 2*

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11:00 – 11:50 **Exchange Space Round 2**

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11:50 - 12:00 *10 Minute Break - Participants are sorted into their Exchange Space for Round 3*

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12:00 – 12:50 **Exchange Space Round 3**

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12:50 - 13:00 *10 Minute Coffee Break*

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13:00 – 13:30 **Main Collective Learnings**  
*Exchange Space moderators share the highlights from the 3 rounds of discussions.*

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13:30 – 14:00 **Closing of the ESDN Conference 2021**

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13:30 – 13:40 **Host Perspective from the Last 2 Days**  
Jasmina Karba, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia

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13:40 – 13:50 **ESDN Honorary Membership Awards**

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

**13:50 – 14:00**

### **ESDN 2022 and Beyond**

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

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**14:00**

### **End of the ESDN Conference 2021**

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