

ESDN Strategic Workshop

2019

Sustainability & Sustainability Policy as Opportunity and Answer to Democratic Challenges of EU Policy and Politics

Agenda

12 November 2019, Brussels, Belgium

Permanent Representation of Lower Saxony in Brussels
Rue Montoyer 61
Brussels, Belgium

The European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN)
in cooperation with

The German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety &
Open Society European Policy Institute

Tuesday, 12 November 2019

9:30 - 10:00

Registration and Coffee

10:00 - 10:20

Welcome and Opening

10:00 – 10:10

Welcome Address and Objectives of the Workshop

ELISABETH FREYTAG-RIGLER, ESDN Vice-President, Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism, Austria

10:10 – 10:20

Linking Sustainability Policy to Current Democratic and Participatory Development in Europe

JÖRG MAYER-RIES, Head of the Division on Sustainable Development, Citizen Participation, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany

10:20 – 12:15

Session 1: Reality Check – The Current State of Democracy in Europe as Risk for (Global Responsible) SD

10:20 – 10:45

Checkpoint Public Space:

Fake News as challenge to Democracy and Journalism in Europe

CRISTINA HELBERG, Correctiv, Germany

10:45 – 11:10

Checkpoint Policy Space:

How to sustain positive politics around the just transition in the face of climate denial

HEATHER GRABBE, Director, Open Society European Policy Institute, Belgium

11:10 – 12:15

Plenary Discussion with Members of Parliament, SD Policymakers & Think Tank Experts

- *HEIDI HAUTALA*, Member of European Parliament, Finland
 - *PETER SCHMIDT*, President of the EESC Sustainable Development Observatory, Belgium
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12:15 – 13:15

Lunch Break

13:15 – 15:00	Session 2: Discourse Check – The current state of intellectual and conceptual grounding/consulting policy at EU level
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13:15 – 13:45	<p>Sustainability Governance in Europe: Governance Principles and Democratic Achievements: a practitioner's view</p> <p><i>LOUIS MEULEMAN</i>, DG Environment, UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration, Belgium</p>
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13:45 – 14:15	<p>Sustainability Policy & Transformative Change: Experiences in 2030 Agenda and SDG Implementation</p> <p><i>UDO BULLMANN</i>, Member of European Parliament, Germany</p>
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14:15-15:00	<p>Plenary Discussion with Members of Parliament, SD Policymakers & Think Tank Experts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>SAÏD EL KHADRAOUI</i>, European Political Strategy Center, European Commission, Belgium
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15:00 – 16:30	Session 3: Ways to Positively Transform European Policy and Politics
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15:00 – 15:45	<p>Interactive Exchange among Workshop Participants</p> <p>Table Group discussions on how to use transformative policy towards Sustainable Development as a vision and mission to future democratic, open, global responsible and integrative European policy.</p>
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15:45 – 16:15	Presentation of Results from the Table Group Discussions
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16:15 – 16:30	<p>Lessons Learned from the Strategic Workshop</p> <p><i>JÖRG MAYER-RIES</i>, Head of the Division on Sustainable Development, Citizen Participation, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany</p>
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16:30	End of the Workshop
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