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## 2<sup>nd</sup> ESDN Workshop on

### Experiences with Participatory Tools and Mechanisms

Hosted by the ESDN in cooperation with the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety & the German Federal Environment Agency (UBA)

**Berlin, 9-10 April 2008**

## Agenda

### Organisational issues

**Time:** 9 April 2008, 13:30 – 18:30 (followed by dinner) & 10 April 2008, 09:00 – 13:00

**Venue:** German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Alexanderstrasse 3, 10178 Berlin  
Room 3135

### 9 April 2008, 13:30 – 18:30

**13:30 – 14:00**      **Welcome by the German hosts and the ESDN**

**14:00 – 16:00**      **Topic I: Participatory mechanisms in the context of NSDS processes**

14:00 – 14:20      Introduction by Gerald Berger (ESDN Office) & Anneke von Raggamby (Ecologic): “Participation in the context of NSDS processes”

14:20 – 15:30      Collecting experiences, ideas and questions regarding four topics in interactive “Crea”-format:

- Linking top-down and bottom-up dynamics by participatory mechanisms
- Fostering decentralised mechanisms
- Achieving broad effects in society by using participatory mechanisms
- Applying results of participatory mechanism in further development/implementation of NSDS

15:30 – 16:00      Presentation and discussion of group results in the plenary

16:00 – 16:30      Coffee break

**16:30 – 18:30**      **Topic II: Participatory mechanisms used in the preparation of new and revised NSDS**

16:30 – 17:00

Presentation of case studies in interview format

- *Finland: “Sustainable Development Strategy Group”*  
Sauli Rouhinen, Ministry of the Environment
- *UK: Participatory processes in the development of NSDS 2005*  
Arik Dondi, DEFRA

17:00 – 18:30

3 parallel working groups moderated by the ESDN Office and Ecologic –  
General discussion of participatory processes and mechanisms in the preparation of new and revised NSDS

**19:30**

**Dinner**

**10 April 2008, 09:00 – 13:00**

**9:00 – 11:00**

**Topic III: Participatory mechanisms used in the implementation and review of NSDS**

9:00 – 09:30

Presentation of case studies in interview format:

- *Austria: Participatory development of SD indicators set*  
Ingeborg Fiala, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management
- *Switzerland: Forum for Sustainable Development*  
Doris Angst, Federal Office for Spatial Development

09:30 – 11:00

3 parallel working groups moderated by the ESDN Office and Ecologic –  
General discussion of participatory processes and mechanisms in the implementation and review of NSDS

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee break

**11:30 – 13:00**

**Presentation and discussion of key findings of the working groups**