



## 4<sup>th</sup> ESDN Workshop

### “New Drive for Sustainable Development Strategies – The Power of Smart Linkages”

Approaches for integrated governance at national level and their  
innovative potentials for the EU SDS

Brussels, 3-4 November 2009

*Hosted by the ESDN in cooperation with the Swedish EU Presidency*

### Agenda

#### Organisational issues

**Time:** 3 November 2009, 20:00 (reception) &  
4 November 2009, 10:00 – 17:30 (workshop)

**Workshop Venue:** Permanent Representation of the State of Baden-Wuerttemberg to the EU  
60-62, Rue Belliard, B-1040 Brussels

#### 3 November 2009, 20:00

***Evening Reception hosted by the Swedish EU Presidency  
at the Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU  
30, Square de Meeûs, B-1000 Brussels***

#### 4 November 2009, 10:00-13:00

#### Workshop Morning Session

09:30 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 10:10 **Welcome by the co-chairs of the ESDN Steering Group & a  
representative of the Swedish EU Presidency**  
Introduction to the workshop & relation to governance of the EU SDS

### **Topic 1: Inter-ministerial mechanisms at the political level**

*Chair: Anne-Cerise Nilsson, Ministry of Environment, Sweden*

**10:10 – 10:30**      **Germany: State Secretaries' Committee for Sustainable Development**  
*Stefan Bauernfeind, German Federal Chancellery*

**10:30 – 11:00**      **Panel discussion on inter-ministerial mechanisms**

- Stefan Bauernfeind, German Federal Chancellery
- Knut Thonstad, Norwegian Ministry of Finance, Norway – Inter-ministerial Committee of Sustainable Development & Climate
- Marcel Haag, Secretariat-General, European Commission

**11:00 – 11:30**      **Plenary discussion on inter-ministerial mechanisms**

### **Topic 2: Mechanisms that link legislative and executive arenas**

*Chair: Elisabeth Freytag, ESDN Co-chair*

**11:30 – 11:50**      **UK: Environmental Audit Committee in the UK Parliament**  
*Gordon Clarke, Clerk of the Environmental Audit Committee*

**11:50 – 12:20**      **Panel discussion on mechanisms that link legislative and executive arenas**

- Gordon Clarke, Environmental Audit Committee, UK Parliament
- Dominik Wehling, German Parliamentary Commission for Sustainable Development
- Derek Osborn, Sustainable Development Observatory, EESC

**12:20 – 13:00**      **Plenary discussion on mechanisms that link legislative and executive arenas**

*13:00 – 14:00*      *Lunch Break*

**4 November 2009, 14:00-17:30**

**Workshop Afternoon Session**

### **Topic 3: Auditing and evaluation schemes**

*Chair: Wolfram Tertschnig, ESDN Co-chair*

**14:00 – 14:20**      **Austria: Sustainability Auditing**  
*Heinrich Lang, Austrian Court of Auditors*

<b>14:20 – 14:50</b>	<b>Panel discussion on auditing and evaluation schemes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heinrich Lang, Austria</li> <li>• Nadine Gouzée, Belgian Federal Planning Bureau – Evaluation of policies for Sustainable Development</li> <li>• Hendrik Fehr, European Court of Auditors</li> </ul>
<b>14:50 – 15:30</b>	<b>Plenary discussion on auditing and evaluation schemes</b>
<i>15:30 – 16:00</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
<b>16:00 – 17:00</b>	<b>Implications for governance mechanisms of the EU SDS</b>
<b>17:00 – 17:30</b>	<b>Conclusions &amp; follow-up</b> ESDN co-chairs