Towards an Economy compatible with Sustainable Development Principles: “Green” Strategies in the context of Sustainable Development

European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN)

ESDN Conference 2010

4 - 6 July 2010 in Ghent, Belgium

Conference Programme

Venue:
Congress Center Het Pand
Ghent University
Onderbergen 1, 9000 Ghent
Sunday, 4 July 2010

14:00 – 17:00 Pre-Conference meeting of the ESDN Steering Group

Congress Center Het Pand

20:00 – 22:00 Welcome reception (Nemrodhuis, Goudstraat 37 – Willem de Beersteeg, Ghent)

20:00 Welcome address
by Daniel Termont, Mayor of Ghent & the ESDN Co-chairs
Food & drinks

Conference moderator:
Alan AtKisson, AtKisson Group, Stockholm

Monday, 5 July 2010

08:30 Registration

09:00 Welcome address
Paul Magnette, Belgian Federal Minister for Energy and Climate

09:15 – 13:00 Session 1: Linking economic growth and sustainable development – Addressing environmental and social challenges

09:15 Objectives of the Conference, recap of the 5th ESDN Workshop in Madrid & principles of a sustainable economy
Elisabeth Freytag, ESDN Co-chair, Austrian Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management &
André Martinuzzi, ESDN Office at the Research Institute for Managing Sustainability, WU Wien

09:45 Environmental opportunities in times of the triple crises
David Gee, Senior Advisor, European Environment Agency
10:10  Addressing social challenges in strategies that link economic growth and sustainable development  
Leida Rijnhout, Executive Director, Northern Alliance for Sustainability (ANPED)

10:30  Plenary discussion

10:50 – 11:15  **Coffee Break**  
Break-out event: Presentation of the Eurostat EU SDS Monitoring Report 2009

11:15  “Europe 2020” Strategy:  
How to ensure coherence between economic, environmental and social challenges & next steps in implementation process  
Tonnie De Koster, Policy Coordinator, Secretariat-General of the European Commission

11:30  UNEP’s Green Economy Initiative & UNCSD 2012:  
How to ensure coherence between economic, environmental and social challenges & next steps in implementation process  
Christophe Bouvier, Director of the Regional Office for Europe, UNEP

11:45  OECD’s Green Growth Strategy:  
How to ensure coherence between economic, environmental and social challenges & next steps in implementation process  
Robert Visser, Deputy-Director of the Environment Directorate, OECD

12:00 – 13:00  Panel discussion: Talk show format with all keynoters & ESDN Steering Group representative  
Ensuring a coherence between economic, environmental and social issues in the three key strategies

13:00 – 14:00  Lunch break

14:00 – 17:30  **Session 2:** Parallel Working Groups – From green growth towards an economy compatible with SD principles

14:00  Introduction of working group format  
ESDN Office

14:15 – 15:45  Parallel working groups:  
Reflecting on how the strategies address economic, environmental and social challenges
• Working group 1: “Europe 2020” Strategy  
  (Red Room, “Rector Vermeylen”)
• Working group 2: UNEP’s Green Economy Initiative & UNCSD 2012  
  (Green Room, “Priorzaal”)
• Working group 3: Green Growth Strategy of OECD  
  (Blue Room, “Oude Infirmerie”)

15:45 – 16:30  
Coffee Break
Break-out event: Presentation of the activities of SDplanNet-Asia & Pacific

16:30  
Presentation of results of the working groups

16:45 – 17:30  
Plenary discussion

19:30  
Evening Programme
Social event and conference dinner in the Gravensteen Castle

Tuesday, 6 July 2010

09:00 – 13:00  
Session 3: Moving towards a sustainable economy – Governance perspectives

09:00 – 09:15  
Wrap-up of day 1  
Conference moderator

09:15 – 09:45  
Switching to a sustainable society and economy on the wake of the financial turbulence – governance perspectives  
Tim O’Riordan, University of East Anglia, co-chair of the EEAC Sustainable Development Working Group & former Commissioner of the UK Sustainable Development Commission

09:45 – 09:50  
Introduction of working group format  
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09:50 – 11:00  
Parallel working groups:  
Formulating recommendations from a distinct sustainable development perspective
  • Working Group 1: “Europe 2020” Strategy  
    (Red Room, “Rector Vermeylen”)
• Working Group 2: UNEP’s Green Economy Initiative & UNCSD 2012 (Green Room, “Priorzaal”)
• Working Group 3: Green Growth Strategy of OECD (Blue Room, “Oude Infirmérie”)

11:00 – 11:30  Coffee break
Break-out event: Presentation of new study on the developments on the way to sustainability for Finland and The Netherlands, 1975 - 2008

11:30  Presentation of working group results

11:45 – 12:30  Plenary discussion:
Moving towards a sustainable economy: lessons learned and requirements for implementation

12:30 – 13:00  Concluding remarks & further steps
ESDN Co-chairs & Steering Group

13:00 – 13:30  Knowledge brokerage in sustainable consumption – Fostering exchange between policy-makers and researchers

13:00 – 13:30  Presentation of RESPONDER and CORPUS projects (both funded under FP7 of European Commission) & link to ESDN
André Martinuzzi (ESDN Office at the Research Institute for Managing Sustainability, WU Wien) &
Gerd Scholl (Institute for Ecological Economy Research, Germany)

13:30  Conference Closure, followed by buffet lunch

15:00-17:00  Afternoon programme

15:00 – 17:00  Sustainable city walk/bicycle tour
Both excursions will end at the main railway station (Ghent Sint Pieters) which is the departure point for trains to Brussels and/or Brussels Airport. A luggage service will enable participants to pick up their luggage at the train station.