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# ESDN Conference

# 2016

Vertical integration in the  
implementation of the 2030 Agenda for SD

*Addressing the role of sub-national and local levels*

## Agenda

10-11 November 2016, Bern, Switzerland

Fabrikhalle12, Fabrikstrasse 12, 3012 Bern

**European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN)**

*in cooperation with the*

Federal Office for Spatial Development ARE, Sustainable Development Section

## Wednesday, 9 November 2016

- 17:00-18:45 Internal meeting of the ESDN Steering Group
- 19:00-21:00 Evening reception for ESDN Conference participants with the Mayor of Bern (Erlacherhof, official seat of the mayor, Junkerngasse 47, Bern)
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## Thursday, 10 November 2016

- 08:15-09:00 **Registration**
- 09:00-09:30 **Opening and Orientation**
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- 09:00-09:15 **Welcome address by the Swiss host and overview of the conference objectives**  
*DANIEL DUBAS*, Head of the Sustainable Development Section, Federal Office for Spatial Development ARE, Switzerland
- 09:15-09:30 **Welcome address by the ESDN co-chairs**  
*ELISABETH FREYTAG-RIGLER & WOLFRAM TERTSCHNIG*, ESDN Co-chair, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria
- 09:30-10:30 **Session 1: Current status of 2030 Agenda and SDGs activities at the UN level**
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- 09:30-10:00 **Follow-up activities on the 2030 Agenda and High Level Political Forum on SD outcomes**  
*THOMAS GASS*, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, UNDESA
- 10:00-10:30 Q&A
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-12:45 **Session 2: National activities for implementing the 2030 Agenda and SDGs – update, future plans and vertical integration efforts**
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- 11:00-11:15 **Overview of SDG implementation and review activities at the regional level**  
*MONIKA LINN*, Principal Adviser & Chief, Sustainable Development and Gender Unit, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- 11:15-12:15 **Activities and plans on how to implement the 2030 Agenda at the national level, incl. role of sub-national levels in the implementation efforts**  
*VANESSA LORIOUX*, Ministry for Ecology, Energy and the Sea, France  
*ANNIKA LINDBLOM*, Finnish National Commission on Sustainable Development, Finland  
*JÖRG MAYER-RIES*, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Germany  
*ALESSANDRO GALLI*, Ministry for Sustainable Development and Tourism, Montenegro  
*TILL BERGER*, Federal Office for Spatial Development ARE, Switzerland  
*HERMAN BAVINCK*, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, The Netherlands
- 12:15-12:45 **Sharing experiences on national planning for 2030 Agenda/SDGs in European countries**  
*Interactive exchange with participants*
- 12:45 – 14:00 Lunch break

## 14:00-17:30 **Session 3: Role and activities of the sub-national levels in the 2030 Agenda and SDGs implementation**

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14:00-14:15 **How to move from Local Agenda 21 to the new 2030 Agenda for SD? Importance of the local level**

*WOLFGANG TEUBNER*, Director of ICLEI Europe

14:15-15:30 **ConverStations (round one & two): regional and local activities in the context of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs**

*Participants select 3 from 8 ConverStation topics. Each ConverStation lasts 30 minutes, including a presentation and discussion*

**(1) Activities in North Rhine-Westphalia to implement the 2030 Agenda**

*MARC-OLIVER PAHL*, Unit VIII-4 Sustainable Development, Ministry for Climate Protection, Environment, Agriculture, Nature Conservation and Consumer Protection of North-Rhine Westphalia, Germany

**(2) The 2030 Agenda: transforming Catalonia, improving the world**

*ARNAU QUERALT-BASSA*, Director of the Advisory Council for the Sustainable Development of Catalonia, Spain

**(3) Transitioning to SDGs in Gironde**

*BÉNÉDICTE PACHOD*, Ministry for Ecology, Energy and the Sea, France

**(4) Welsh Government – legislating for sustainable development**

*MATTHEW QUINN*, Environment and Sustainable Development, Department for the Environment and Rural Affairs of Wales, United Kingdom

**(5) The SD Initiatives in Tyrol**

*SUSANNE FENKART*, Sustainability Coordinator, Department Regional Development and Sustainable Strategy of Tyrol, Austria

**(6) The new Walloon SD Strategy**

*MICHEL AMAND*, Director of the Sustainable Development Strategies Unit of Wallonia, Belgium

**(7) Localizing the SDGs: the case of the Basque Country**

*LEYRE MADARIAGA*, Basque Government, Spain

**(8) Regional hubs for SD strategies in Germany: fostering vertical integration and a multi-stakeholder approach**

*SABINE GERHARDT*, German Council for Sustainable Development (RNE), Germany

**15:30 – 16:00** *Coffee break*

16:00-16:45 **ConverStations (round three): regional and local activities in the context of the 2030 Agenda and SDGs (continue)**

16:45-17:30 **Panel Discussion: reflections on activities to implement the 2030 Agenda for SD**

*LUTZ RIBBE*, Vice-President of the EESC's Sustainable Development Observatory

*ANNA BOMBONATO*, Ministry of the Environment and Protection of Land and Sea, Italy & ESDN Steering Group

*MONIKA LINN*, Principal Adviser & Chief, Sustainable Development and Gender Unit, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

18:30 **Evening Program: City walk** (starting at 18:30 in front of 'Zytglogge', the clock tower; leaving from venue at 17:45)

19:30 **Joint dinner** (*Restaurant Kornhauskeller - Kornhausplatz 18, Bern*)

## 09:00-10:30 **Session 4: Vertical integration and cooperation between different political levels**

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09:00-09:40 **Practical examples of vertical integration, cooperation and interaction between political levels in selected SD policy sectors**

**Austria: Sustainable Event Management**

*WOLFRAM TERTSCHNIG*, ESDN Co-chair, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria

**Germany: Sustainable Procurement**

*ILSE BENEKE*, Federal Ministry for Internal Affairs, Germany

09:40-10:00 Q&A

10:00-10:30 **Sharing experiences on vertical integration between national and sub-national level for the 2030 Agenda/SDG implementation process**

*Including interactive exchange with participants*

10:30-11:00 *Coffee Break*

## 11:00-13:00 **Session 5: Fostering vertical integration in the 2030 Agenda/SDGs implementation in different contexts**

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11:00-12:00 **Developing practical insights and “recipes” for successful vertical integration**

*Including interactive exchange with participants*

12:00-12:45 **Panel Discussion on how to make vertical integration successful for the 2030 Agenda**

*ERNESTO SORIA MORALES*, Policy Coherence for SD Unit, OECD

*MICHAEL GERBER*, Special Envoy for global SD, Switzerland

*WOLFGANG TEUBNER*, Director of ICLEI Europe

12:45-13:00 **Conference closure and next steps**

*DANIEL DUBAS*, Head of the Sustainable Development Section, Federal Office for Spatial Development ARE, Switzerland

*ELISABETH FREYTAG-RIGLER & WOLFRAM TERTSCHNIG*, ESDN Co-chair, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria

13:00 *Conference closure*