

# ESDN Conference | 2019

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## Towards a Sustainable Europe 2030 – From Reflection to Action

### Draft Agenda

**30-31 October 2019, Helsinki, Finland**

**Finlandia Hall**

Room A

Mannerheimintie 13 e, FI-00100 Helsinki

**European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN)**

*in cooperation with the*

**Finnish Prime Minister's Office & the Finnish Ministry of the Environment**

**Official event of the Finnish EU Presidency 2019**

## Wednesday, 30 October 2019

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08:15-09:00	<i>Registration and Coffee</i>
09:00-09:30	<b>Welcome and Overview of Conference Objectives</b>
09:00-09:10	<b>Antti Rinne</b> , <i>Prime Minister of Finland &amp; Chair of the National Commission on Sustainable Development, Finland</i>
09:10-09:20	<b>Wolfram Tertschnig &amp; Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler</b> , <i>Co-chairs of the ESDN Steering Group, Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism, Austria</i>
09:20-09:30	<b>Annika Lindblom</b> , <i>Secretary General, National Commission on Sustainable Development, Ministry of the Environment, Finland</i>
09:30-10:45	<b>Session 1: Taking stock on the implementation at the global, European and national level: 4 years after adoption of the 2030 Agenda</b>
09:30-09:35	<b>Video Address on the Global 2030 Agenda Process</b> <b>Amina J. Mohammed</b> , <i>United Nations Deputy Secretary General</i>
09:35-09:55	<b>Global Sustainable Development Report (GSDR): Paving the way for global transformation to sustainable development by 2030</b> <b>Peter Messerli</b> , <i>Chair of the GSDR Group of scientists (TBC)</i>
09:55-10:15	<b>EU's strategy and approach to achieve sustainable development by 2030</b> <b>(New) Commissioner responsible for sustainable development</b> <i>European Commission (TBC)</i>
10:15-10:35	<b>Overview of the state of implementation of the 2030 Agenda on the national level in Europe</b> <b>ESDN Office</b>
10:35-10:45	<b>Q&amp;A in the Plenary</b>
10:45-11:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>

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11:15-13:15

**Session 1 (continued)**

**Experiences in the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda & Reflection of Progress at the National and Regional Level: Key Successes and Challenges**

11:15-12:30

**ConverStations with 3 rounds (25 min per round)**

Providing the opportunity to discuss the experiences with the following European countries (countries in the list already confirmed):

<b>Austria</b>	<b>Belgium</b>
<b>Estonia</b>	<b>Finland</b>
<b>Åland Island (Finland)</b>	<b>France</b>
<b>Iceland</b>	<b>Italy</b>
<b>Luxembourg</b>	<b>Poland</b>
<b>Romania</b>	<b>Spain</b>
<b>Switzerland</b>	

12:30-13:15

**Stakeholder Panel Discussion: Taking stock on the 2030 Agenda implementation at the different policy levels**

- Eeva Furman, Member of the GSDR Group of Scientists*
- Ingeborg Niestroy, Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS)*
- Representative of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) Sustainable Development Observatory (TBA)**
- James Gomme, World Business Council for Sustainable Development, Switzerland*
- Member of the European Parliament (TBA)**
- Jasmin Miah, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, Germany*
- Including questions and comments from the audience, using Twitter Wall*

13:15-14:30

*Lunch*

14:30-17:30

**Session 2: Transformative rather than incremental changes for sustainable development – What does it mean in terms of economics and governance for SD?**

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<b>14:30-14:50</b>	<b>Linking SD and the 2030 Agenda to Economic Reality</b> <b>Representative of the European Investment Bank (TBA)</b>
<b>14:50-15:10</b>	<b>Meta-governance for Sustainability: The full toolbox in implementing the SDGs</b> <b>Louis Meuleman, UN Committee of Experts on Public Administration, Universities of Leuven, Wageningen and Massachusetts Boston, Belgium</b>
<b>15:10-15:20</b>	<b>Q&amp;A</b>

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<b>15:10-16:00</b>	<b>Stakeholder Sounding Board</b>  <b>Tarja Halonen, Former President of Finland (TBC)</b>  <b>Stefan Crets, Executive Director, CSR Europe, Belgium</b>  <b>Rilli Lappalainen, Director, FINGO (Finnish NGO Platform for global development), Finland</b>  <b>Member of a national parliament (TBA)</b>
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<b>16:00-16:30</b>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
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<b>16:30-17:00</b>	<b>Participant Table Discussions</b>  <b>Experiences in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda/SDGs and their links to economic reality and governance issues – identifying important messages and highlights of Day 1</b>
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<b>17:00-17:15</b>	<b>Results Presented in Plenary and Twitter Wall</b>
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<b>17:15-17:30</b>	<b>Summary of Day 1, Outlook on Day 2</b> <b>ESDN Office</b>
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<b>19:00</b>	<i>Conference Dinner at Helsinki Music Centre</i>  <i>Mannerheimintie 13 A, Helsinki</i>
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08:30-09:00

*Coffee*

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09:00-12:45

## Session 3: Key challenges for Europe in reaching the SDGs and 2030 Agenda

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09:00-09:20

### SDG Index 2019 and Key Challenges for Europe

**Guillaume Lafortune**, *Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), France*

09:20-09:30

Q&A

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09:30-10:30

## Key Themes for Europe in the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda/SDGs

Introductory Presentations to 5 Key Themes and related topics

### 1. Circular Economy

**Leena-Kaisa Piekkari**, *Specialist on Circular Economy, Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra*

### 2. Citizens' Europe

**Stephanie Beecroft**, *European Youth Forum, Belgium (TBC)*

### 3. Economy of Wellbeing

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### 4. Sustainable Finance

**Yvonne Zwick**, *German Council for Sustainable Development, Germany*

### 5. Global Responsibility

**Kali Taylor**, *International Institute for Sustainable Development, Switzerland*

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10:30-11:00

*Coffee Break*

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11:00-12:00

## Parallel Break-out Groups on the 5 Key Themes

### 1. Circular Economy

### 2. Citizens' Europe

### 3. Economy of Wellbeing

### 4. Sustainable Finance

### 5. Global Responsibility

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12:00-12:30

## Key Messages from the Break-out Group Discussions to the EU Presidency and beyond

Lead discussants present on each theme

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**12:30-12:45**

**The Way Forward**

**Sami Pirkkala**, *Chair of the EU Council Working Party on 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Prime Minister's Office, Finland*

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**12:45-13:00**

**Conference Closure and ESDN Updates**

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**Annika Lindblom**, *Secretary General, National Commission on Sustainable Development, Ministry of the Environment, Finland*

**Wolfram Tertschnig & Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler**, *Co-chairs of the ESDN Steering Group, Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism, Austria*

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**13:00**

*Lunch*

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