

ESDN CONFERENCE 2019

Towards a Sustainable Europe 2030 – From Reflection to Action

30-31 October 2019, Helsinki, Finland

- Finish Prime Minister, Antti Rinne, will give the opening address
- Official Finnish EU Presidency Event
- Many speakers are already confirmed

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Dear colleagues,

It is our great pleasure to extend to you our invitation to attend the **ESDN Conference 2019**, which will take place in **Helsinki, Finland from 30-31 October 2019!** It is being organized by the ESDN in cooperation with the Finnish Prime Minister's Office. The conference will be a 1.5-day event (30 October is a full day and 31 October is half-day that runs until 13:00) and will be organized as an official event of the **incoming Finnish EU Presidency**. The conference will bring together sustainable development policymakers and experts from different stakeholder groups from all over Europe.

The title of this year's Conference is "**Towards a Sustainable Europe 2030 – From Reflection to Action**". The Conference will focus on many topics relating to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs in Europe and take stock of where Europe stands after four years of implementation, which will feature the experiences that European countries have had in that regard. Other Conference topics will include the linking of the 2030 Agenda to economic reality and looking at meta-governance for sustainability. In addition, the Conference will focus on various challenges for Europe in reaching the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs and will delve deeper into 5 key themes: Circular Economy; Citizens' Europe; Economy of Well-Being; Sustainable Finance; and Global Responsibility. Please find the **updated Conference Draft Agenda** in the attachment to this invitation.

Many speakers have already confirmed, including the Prime Minister of Finland, Antti Rinne!

The Conference will be comprised of three sessions:

Session 1: Taking stock on the implementation at the global, European and national level: 4 years after adoption of the 2030 Agenda

- Focus on the global level regarding the implementation of the 2030 Agenda
- Focus on the EU level with the new European Commission
- Focus on European national level experiences in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the assessment of progress by looking at key successes and challenges
- Focus on how other stakeholder groups are addressing implementation

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

- Linking the 2030 Agenda to economic realities
- Meta-governance for Sustainability: The full toolbox in implementing the SDGs

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

- Key Themes for Europe in the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda/SDGs
- Parallel discussion streams on the key themes

Conference registration is already open and will **be open until Wednesday, October 16th, 2019**. Please **register** here: conference-registration@sd-network.eu. Please note that registration for the ESDN Conference is free of charge.

We very much look forward to welcoming you at the ESDN Conference 2019!

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Speakers include ...



Antti Rinne is the Prime Minister of Finland (2019 – present) and the Chair of the Finnish National Commission on Sustainable Development.



Stefan Crets is Executive Director at CSR Europe.



Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler is one of the ESDN Co-Chairs and works in the Austrian Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism.



Eeva Furman is a member of the GSDR Group of Scientists.



Guillaume Lafortune is a project manager at Sustainable Development Solutions Network.



Rilli Lappalainen is the Director of the Finnish NGO Platform for Global Development (FINGO).



Annika Lindblom is the Secretary General of the Finnish National Commission on Sustainable Development.



Jasmin Miah is an Officer of Governance and Social Innovation in ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability.



Inge Niestroy is a senior fellow at the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies.



Sami Pirkkala is the Chair of the EU Council Working Party on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and a counselor on sustainable development within the Prime Minister's Office of Finland.



Wolfram Tertschnig is one of the ESDN Co-Chairs and works in the Austrian Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism.



Yvonne Zwick is Head of the Sustainability Code Office at the German Council for Sustainable Development.

Back-to-back event with the ESDN Conference 2019:

„Beyond Growth – Indicators and politics for people and planet”, Helsinki, 28-29 October 2019”

An international knowledge co-creation event Beyond Growth – Indicators and politics for people and planet will be organized just before the ESDN Conference 2019. The objective of the event is to push the discussion on the beyond GDP measures into action in the EU policies. The event is organized by Finnish Development NGOs Fingo in collaboration with the Finnish National Commission on Sustainable Development. In case you are interested in participating in this event, please contact senja.vaatainen@fingo.fi