



ESDN Conference

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12-13 October 2020

The European Green Deal: Our Pact for the Future

Draft Agenda

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EUREF Campus

EUREF-Campus 1-25, 10829 Berlin, Germany
& virtual conference

European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN)

in cooperation with the

**German Federal Ministry for the Environment,
Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety**

Please note:

We have hoped to be able to welcome all of you here in Berlin, however, with the COVID-19 pandemic still being active all over Europe and globally, and with several countries declared a risk zone and ensuing travel restrictions, we have chosen to organise the ESDN conference 2020 as hybrid conference.

This means that we will have a core of participants here in Berlin and complement this with an online platform and webstreaming as well as videoconferencing.

Please also note that this agenda may still be subject to changes.

Sunday, 11 October 2020

<i>Back-to-back</i>	<i>Virtual European Youth Camp (10-11 October) (Closed group of youth delegates from EU Member States)</i>
16:30 – 18:30	ESDN Advisory Board Meeting
19:00	Meet & Greet for Conference Participants and Youth Camp Delegates <i>(with input by and participation of members of the Berlin Club Commission, network of Berlin Club Culture)</i>

Monday, 12 October 2020

11:30 – 12:45	ESDN Association General Assembly Meeting
12:45 – 13:30	Registration and Lunch
13:30 – 13:45	Welcome
13:30 – 13:40	ESDN Welcome Address <i>Annika Lindblom, ESDN President and Secretary General of the National Commission on SD, Ministry of the Environment, Finland</i>
13:40 – 13:45	Getting to Know my Conference Colleagues <i>Peter Woodward, ESDN Conference Moderator</i>
13:45 – 16:00	Session 1: Our Pact for the Future - Inspiration and Intent
13:45 – 14:00	Results and Messages of the European Youth Camp (10 – 11 October) <i>Youth Camp Representatives (TBA)</i>
14:00 – 14:15	Introduction and Welcome <i>Svenja Schulze, Minister, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany</i>
14:15 – 15:00	Moderated Interactive Discussion
15:00 – 15:20	European Green Deal <i>Frans Timmermans, Executive Vice President, European Commission, Belgium (TBC)</i>
15:20 – 16:00	Feedback and Discussion by Parliaments, National and Subnational Level <i>(i.a. Stefan Liebig, Member of Parliament, Germany, Frédéric Vallier, Secretary General of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions, Belgium).</i>

16:00 – 16:30

Break

16:30 – 18:00

Session 2: The Future of Sustainable Development and how to Address Challenges

16:30 – 17:30

Statements & Panel Discussion

1. **Achim Steiner**, *Administrator, United Nations Development Program, USA*
2. **Patrick Gaspard**, *President of the Open Society Foundation, USA*
3. **Anne Hidalgo**, *Mayor of Paris, France (TBC)*
4. **Burkhard Jung**, *Mayor of Leipzig, President of the German association of cities, Germany (TBC)*
5. **Christopher Hurst**, *Director General, European Investment Bank, United Kingdom/Luxemburg*

17:30 – 18:15

Broadening the Discussion: the Development Perspective/ the Global South

1. **Maria Flachsbarth**, *Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany*
2. **Pierrette Herzberger-Fofana**, *Member of European Parliament, Vice-Chair of the Development Committee, Vice-Chair of the Delegation for Relations with the Pan-African Parliament, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance, Germany*
3. **Imme Scholz**, *Deputy Chair of the German Council for Sustainable Development, Vice Director of the German Development Institute, Germany*
4. **Manish Bapna**, *Executive Vice President, World Resources Institute, USA*

18:30

Dinner Speech

Achim Steiner, *Administrator United Nations Development Program, USA*

Tuesday, 13 October 2020

09:00 – 09:15

Morning Coffee

09:15 – 11:00

Session 3: Sustainable Future in Concrete Terms

09:15 – 09:30

Recap of Day 1: Setting the Scene for the Future

Daniel Dubas, *ESDN Association Vice President, Delegate of the Federal Council for the 2030 Agenda, Federal Office for Spatial Development, Switzerland*

09:30 – 09:45

A History of Change

Ian Mortimer, *Historian and bestselling author, United Kingdom*

09:45 - 10:15

Moderated Interactive Discussion

10:15 – 10:30

The Future of a sustainable Europe in Light of the EU Green Deal

Angela Merkel, *Chancellor, Germany*

10:30 – 10:45

Introduction to the Breakout Groups

Jörg Mayer-Ries, *Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, and Nuclear Safety, Germany*

10:45 – 11:00

Break

11:00 – 12:30

Session 4: Breakout Groups – Repercussions of the Green Deal and European Commission Priorities

11:00 – 12:30

Breakout Groups

1. Sustainable Growth: Ending the Dogma of Endless Growth

- **Mariana Mazzucato**, *Professor in the Economics of Innovation and Public Value at University College London (UCL), Founding Director of the UCL Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose, United Kingdom (TBC)*
- **James Gomme**, *Director of SDGs at the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, Switzerland (TBC)*
- **Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler**, *ESDN Vice President, Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology, Austria & Fred Luks*, *author, Germany*
- **Antje von Dewitz**, *CEO of VAUDE, Germany (TBC)*

2. Sustainable Food: Farm to Fork Strategy

- **Gijs Schilthuis**, *Head of Unit European Commission, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development, Belgium*

- **Pierre-Marie Aubert**, *Senior Research Fellow and Lead European Agriculture Initiative, IDDRI, France*
 - **Lieta Goethijn**, *City of Ghent, Belgium*
 - **Stephanie Wunder**, *Senior Fellow and Coordinator Food Systems, Ecologic Institute, Germany (TBC)*
3. **A New Push for Democracy**
- **Heather Grabbe**, *Director of the Open Society European Policy Institute and director of EU affairs for the Open Society Foundations, Belgium*
 - **Sabine Amirdschanjan**, *European Commission Representation in Germany (TBC)*
 - **Jan Osenberg**, *Coordinator of the “House Parliament” Project, of Pulse of Europe and member of the board of Polis 180, Germany*
 - **Dominik Hierlemann**, *Bertelsmann Foundation, Programme „Future of Democracy”, Germany*
4. **Sustainable Finance: Integration of SDGs into National Budgets**
- **Alexander Bassen**, *Member of the German Council for Sustainable Development, Professor of economics at the University of Hamburg, Germany*
 - **Kay Scheller**, *President of the Federal Court of Auditors, Germany*
 - **Kristina Jeromin**, *Head of Group Sustainability, Deutsche Börse, Germany*
5. **Resilience and SD: Lessons Still Being Learned from COVID-19**
- **Holger Robrecht**, *Deputy Regional Director, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, Germany (TBC)*
 - **Marie-Valentine Florin**, *Executive Director International Risk Governance Center, Switzerland (TBC)*
 - **Matthias Koziol**, *Universität Cottbus-Senftenberg, Germany (TBC)*
 - **Marco Steinberg**, *CEO of Snowcone, Finland*
 - **Matthieu Orphelin**, *Member of the Assemblée Nationale, France (TBC)*
6. **Future Mobility: Mobility of the Future**
- **NN**, *Representative of the European Commission, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (TBA)*
 - **José Besselink**, *City Planning Rotterdam, Netherlands (TBC)*
 - **Mohamed Mezghani**, *Secretary General, UITP, Belgium*
 - **Christian Hochfeld**, *Director, Agora Verkehrswende, Germany (TBC)*
7. **Missing links: Elements from the 2030 Agenda not yet included in the EGD**
- **Ludovic Voet**, *Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation, Belgium*
 - **Berthold Welling**, *Executive Director Legal Affairs, Taxes, Sustainability, German chemical industry association, Germany*

- **Veronika Grimm**, *Member of the German Council of Economic Experts, Head of the Chair of Economic Theory at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany (TBC)*

12:30 – 13:45 *Lunch*

13:45 – 14:30 **Report back from Breakout Groups in Plenary**
(All groups will be asked to answer 2-3 questions, rapporteurs will report back.)

14:30 – 15:30 **Session 5: European Futures - Strategic Foresight**

14:30 – 15:10 **Panel Discussion with Sustainable Development Representatives**

1. **Daniela Jacob**, *Co-Chair of the Science Platform Sustainability 2030, Germany*
2. **Jock Martin**, *Head of Integrated Assessments for Sustainability (IAS), European Environmental Agency, Denmark*
3. **Manfred Rosenstock**, *Deputy Head of Unit, Unit on Environmental Knowledge, Eco-Innovation & SMEs, DG ENVI EU Commission (TBC)*
4. **Ivan Krastev**, *political scientist and writer, Chairman of the Centre for Liberal Strategies in Sofia, Bulgaria, Permanent Fellow at the Institute of Human Sciences in Vienna, Austria*

15:10 – 15:30 **Discussion**

15:30 – 16:15 **Conference Closure**

15:30 – 15:50 **Main Takeaways in Final Plenary**
(10-20 ideas for the implementation of the Green Deal in Europe)
Introduced by Marco Steinberg, CEO of Snowcone, Finland

15:50 – 16:00 **Conference Highlights & some Updates by the ESDN Association**
Jörg Mayer-Ries, *Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany*

Sami Pirkkala, *ESDN Association Vice President, Prime Minister's Office, Finland*

16:00 **End of the ESDN Conference 2020**
