

## 10<sup>th</sup> ESDN Workshop

### “Fostering Urban Sustainable Development: Potentials and Challenges for National and European Policy”

Brussels, 28 January 2014

## Agenda

### Organisational issues

- Time:** 28 January (09:00-16:30)
- Venue:** Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the European Union Brussels, 8-14 Rue Jacques de Lalaing, 1040 Brussels
- Moderator:** Peter Woodward (Quest Associates, UK)

### 28 January 2014

**08:30-09:00**

***Registration***

**09:00**

***Opening and orientation***

**Welcome address by the German Permanent Representation to the EU**

GUIDO PERUZZO, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Germany to the EU in Brussels

**Welcome address by the ESDN co-chairs**

ELISABETH FREYTAG & WOLFRAM TERTSCHNIG, Federal Ministry of the Environment, Austria & ESDN co-chairs

**Overview of the workshop objectives**

JÖRG MAYER-RIES, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany

**Urban sustainable development: important policy topics, visions of sustainable cities, and multi-level governance challenges**

JANETTE WEBB, Professor at the Institute of Governance, School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh

**Q&A**

09:45

**Urban sustainable development – city networks and their approaches, structures and governance needs**

**Covenant of Mayors – local implementation of sustainable energy policies**

*ADAM SZOLYAK, Policy Officer - Local Energy Actions and Retail Energy Markets Development, Unit Internal Market III, DG Energy, European Commission*

**Council of European Municipalities and Cities (CEMR) – sustainable development in five thematic areas**

*ANGELIKA POTH-MÖGELE, Director of Policy at the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)*

**Eurocities – integrated approaches on the economy, environment and society axis**

*MICHAEL KLINKENBERG, Policy Advisor on Environment Policy, Energy and Climate, Eurocities*

**ICLEI Europe – local governments’ action for sustainability**

*STEFAN KUHN, Deputy Regional Director, ICLEI*

**Dialogue “Sustainable City” in Germany – strategic cornerstones for sustainable development in municipalities**

*TERESA DORFNER, German Council for Sustainable Development, facilitator of Dialogue “Sustainable City”*

*Discussions with workshop participants*

11:15

***Coffee break***

11:30

**Group work: urban sustainable development and its governance needs**

**Group work to discuss:**

“What are important insights and drivers for successful governance on urban SD/sustainable cities”

**Incl. presentation of group work results**

12:45

***Lunch***

13:45

**Global and European frameworks for urban sustainable development**

**Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments for post-2015 development agenda towards Habitat III**

*FRÉDÉRIC VALLIER, Secretary General of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR), member of Global Taskforce*

**European Innovation Partnership Smart Cities and Communities: priority areas and governance set-up**

*PAUL TIMMERS, Director, Sustainable and Secure Society, DG Communications Networks, Content and Technology, European Commission*

**Policy strategies and support for cities by DG Environment**

*ROBERT DONKERS, Coordinator Urban Environment Policy, Unit 'Knowledge, Risks & Urban Environment', DG Environment, European Commission*

**Cohesion policy and urban development activities of DG Regional and Urban Policy**

*CORINNE HERMANT-DE CALLATAY, Policy Analyst, Unit Competence Centre Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development DG Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission*

**Reference Framework for European Sustainable Cities (RFSC) – a toolkit for an integrated approach**

*DELPHINE GAUDART, EU Coordinator for Urban Planning, Ministry of Territorial Equality and Housing, France*

***Discussions with workshop participants***

15:15

***Coffee break***

15:30

**Plenary discussion: How to improve multi-level governance arrangements for urban sustainable development?**

*Group work on tables and discussion*

16:15

**Workshop closure**

**Conclusions and next steps**

*JÖRG MAYER-RIES, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany*

*ELISABETH FREYTAG & WOLFRAM TERTSCHNIG, Federal Ministry of the Environment, Austria & ESDN co-chairs*

16:30

***End of the workshop***