10th 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)

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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
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
**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