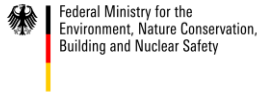


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12th ESDN Workshop

“Monitoring and reviewing sustainable development goals (SDGs) in Europe:
current debates in EU Member States and on the European level”

Brussels, 16 June 2015

Agenda

Organisational issues

Time: *Evening reception: 15 June (18:30-20:00)*
Workshop: 16 June (09:00-17:45)

Venue: Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the European Union in Brussels, 8-14 Rue Jacques de Lalaing, 1040 Brussels

Tuesday, 16 June 2015

08:30-09:00 *Registration*

Opening and orientation

09:00-09:15 **Welcome address by the ESDN co-chairs**
Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler & Wolfram Tertschnig, Federal Ministry of the Environment, Austria & ESDN co-chairs

09:15-09:30 **Overview of the workshop objectives**
Jörg Mayer-Ries, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany

09:30-09:45 **SDGs follow-up in the European Union: What is planned at the EU level?**
Sarah Nelen, Member of the Cabinet of Commissioner Timmermans, Sustainable Development Policy

Session 1 **Monitoring and review processes for SDGs**

09:45-09:55 **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Current work on objectives and indicator development**
Matthias Reister, UN Statistics Division (UNSD)

09:55-10:05 **Two ‘flash inputs’:**

- **Data revolution report of SDSN & input to SDGs development**
Maria Cortés Puch, Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN)
- **Eurostat’s contribution to the SDGs development and future work on SD monitoring in Europe**
Fritz Gebhard, Eurostat

10:05-10:20 **What is needed to set up an effective monitoring and reviewing system for SDGs?**
Derek Osborn, President of the Stakeholder Forum

Q&A

Session 2 **National experiences with SD monitoring and review: links to SDGs implementation**

10:20-10:50 **National SD monitoring and reviewing processes and their potential link to SDGs: Experiences and outlook from European countries**

- *Stefan Bauernfeind, Federal Chancellery, Germany*
- *Stéphane Bernaudon, Ministry for Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy, France*

10:50-11:00 **SDG-monitoring: relevance of concepts and systems worldwide, specific challenges for developing countries and approaches for cooperation and support**
Ingolf Dietrich, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany

11:00-11:15 **SD monitoring and reviewing in non-European countries: opportunities and challenges in the context of the SDGs**
François Fortier, Interregional Adviser on Sustainable Development Policy and Planning, Division for Sustainable Development, UN-DESA

11:15-11:45 **Coffee break**

11:45-12:30 **Interactive group work**
How to design an active and effective link between SDGs/SD objectives and monitoring/review work?

12:30-13:00 **Presentations of group work results in the plenary**
Incl. plenary discussion

13:00-14:00 **Lunch**

Session 3 *Linking SDGs monitoring and reviewing to European and National SD policy strategies*

14:00-14:15 **European Union's perspective: monitoring, accountability and review for the post-2015 agenda?**
Katja Weigelt, Policy Officer Post-2015 Team, Dir. A Policy and Coherence DG DEVCO, European Commission

14:15-15:00 **Three national perspectives: How can SDGs monitoring and reviewing influence National SD Strategies?**

- *Daniel Dubas, Federal Office for Spatial Development (ARE), Switzerland*
- *Cédric van de Walle, Federal Institute for Sustainable Development, Belgium*
- *Eili Lepik, Strategy Unit - Government Office, Estonia*

15:00-15:45 **Interactive group work:**
How can SDGs monitoring and review influence and improve SD policy strategy processes in Europe?

15:45-16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00-16:30 **Presentations of group work results in the plenary**

Session 4 *The role of policy actor networks for SDGs monitoring and reviewing*

16:30-17:30 **Impulse talk on multi-level and multi-regional reviewing**
Marianne Beisheim, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Germany

Panel Discussion: The potential role of policy actor networks (e.g. ESDN) in SDGs monitoring and reviewing in Europe

- *Jaime Reynolds, DG ENV, European Commission*
- *Stefan Bauernfeind, Federal Chancellery, Germany*
- *Staffan Nilsson, Former President of the European Economic and Social Committee*
- *Alexander Carius, Director, Adelphi, Germany*
- *Dionysia-Theodora Avgerinopoulou, Circle of the Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development, Greece*

Incl. discussions with workshop participants

17:30-17:45 **Conclusions and next steps**
Jörg Mayer-Ries, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany

Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler & Wolfram Tertschnig, Federal Ministry of the Environment, Austria & ESDN co-chairs

17:45 **End of the workshop**