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**Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation in
the Age of the SDGs:
What new approaches are required
to be successful?**

Draft Agenda

1-2 October 2018, Vienna, Austria

**Austria Center Vienna
Bruno-Kreisky-Platz 1, 1220 Wien**

European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN)
in cooperation with the
Austrian Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism
Official event of the Austrian EU Presidency 2018

08:30-09:00 **Registration**

09:00-09:30 **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Welcome Address by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism

Elisabeth Köstinger, Federal Minister for Sustainability and Tourism, Austria (TBC)

Welcome Address by ESDN Steering Group Co-Chairs

Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler & Wolfram Tertschnig, ESDN co-chairs, Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism, Austria

09:30-10:30 **Session 1: Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation – What has changed with the SDGs?**

Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation for SD: Past experiences and new requirements in the age of the SDGs – Where do we come from and where are we going?

Monika Linn, Principal Adviser & Chief, Sustainable Development and Gender Unit, Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) (TBC)

Plenary Discussion on Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation in the Age of the SDGs

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:45 **Session 2: Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation on SDG implementation in the European Union**

Multi-Stakeholder Platform on SDGs: Purpose, Functionality, and SDG Implementation Activities

Marcel Haag, Chair of the Management Committee of the Multi-Stakeholder Platform on SDGs, Director Policy Coordination, Secretariat-General, European Commission (TBC)

European Parliament: How to Involve and Engage with Stakeholders in the Policy-Making Process

Gerben-Jan Gerbrandy, Member of the European Parliament, Netherlands (TBC)

European Economic and Social Committee (EESC): Representing Stakeholders in EU Policy-Making

Brenda King, Member of the EESC, UK (TBC)

Plenary Discussion on Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation on SDG Implementation at the EU Level

12:45-13:00 Teaser Presentations of the Poster Exhibition

Short overview presentations of the institutions and projects displaying their work at the Poster Exhibition

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:15 Session 3: Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation for the SDGs – Exploring National Approaches and Practical Experiences

Panel Discussion with representatives of national government ministries

- *Simon Callewaert, Federal Institute for Sustainable Development, Belgium (TBC)*
- *Eili Lepik, Strategy Unit, Government Office of Estonia*
- *Annika Lindblom, Secretary General of the National Commission on SD, Ministry of the Environment, Finland (TBC)*
- *Stefan Bauernfeind, Head of Unit for SD, Federal Chancellery, Germany*
- *Dorine Wytéma, Coordinating Policy Officer at Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, The Netherlands (TBC)*

15:15-16:15 Coffee Break

16:15-17:45 Session 4: Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation for the SDGs – Stakeholder Activities in different European countries

Belgian SDG Voices: Engaging Stakeholders in SDG Activities

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Finnish Multi-stakeholder Co-creation and Stakeholder Engagement for the SDGs

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German Council for SD: Sustainability in Society and Support for Policy Implementation

Günther Bachmann, Secretary General, German Council for SD, Germany (TBC)

Estonian Coalition for Sustainable Development: Heightened Integration of Stakeholders and Policymakers

Sigrid Solnik, Coordinator of the Estonian Coalition for SD (TBC)

Dutch SDG Charter: Creating Synergies between Stakeholders and Policymakers

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Q&A

17:45-18:00 End of Day 1

- Overview on Day 2
- Information on the Conference Dinner

19:00

Conference Dinner at Palais Pallavicini

Josefsplatz 5, 1010 Wien

Tuesday, 2 October 2018

09:00-09:15 **Opening: Stakeholder-Policy Cooperation – Insights from Day 1**

Important insights from the presentations and discussions of Day 1
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09:15-10:45 **Session 5: Stakeholder activities and initiatives for the SDG implementation**

SDG Watch activities on the European and national level
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UK Multi-Stakeholder Project on 2030 Agenda Implementation
Farooq Ullah (TBC)

European Youth Forum and the 2030 Agenda
Stephanie Beecroft, Team Leader Sustainable Development, European Youth Forum (TBC)

Global Reporting Initiative and their SDG Work
Pietro Bertazzi, Head of SD, Global Reporting Initiative (TBC)

Q&A

10:45-11:15 *Coffee Break*

11:15-12:45 **Session 6: Designing the future of stakeholder-policy cooperation in SDG implementation – What do we need to be successful?**

Interactive Group Work: Designing the most important elements for a successful stakeholder-policy cooperation

12:45-13:00 **Conference Closure**

- Conclusions
- Next ESDN activities

13:00 *End of the Conference*

13:30-15:30 *ESDN Steering Group Meeting (internal meeting)*