



# ESDN Conference

# 2020

12-13 October 2020

## The European Green Deal: Our Pact for the Future

### Draft Agenda

12 – 13 October 2020, Berlin, Germany

#### **EUREF Campus**

EUREF-Campus 1-25, 10829 Berlin, Germany

#### **European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN)**

*in cooperation with the*

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

*Please note:*

*As COVID-19 is still a major concern across Europe, we will make sure different options are at hand should the situation not be under control by October. The nature of the location in Berlin, with vast, open spaces, would e.g. allow us to follow public health protocols regarding social distancing and we will also strictly follow hygiene protocols. However, should the health authorities recommend it, the conference or individual parts of it can also be held virtually thanks to "hybrid" planning.*

## Sunday, 11 October 2020

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<i>Back-to-back</i>	<i>European Youth Camp (10-11 October) (Closed group of youth delegates from EU Member States)</i>
<i>16:30 – 18:30</i>	<i>ESDN Advisory Board Meeting</i>
<i>19:00</i>	<i>Buffet Dinner for Conference Participants and Youth Camp Delegates (Meet &amp; Greet)</i>

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## Monday, 12 October 2020

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<i>09:00 – 12:00</i>	<i>Excursions (A, B, C, more details will follow)</i>
<i>11:30 – 12:45</i>	<i>ESDN Association General Assembly Meeting</i>
<i>12:45 – 13:30</i>	<i>Registration and Buffet Lunch</i>
<b>13:30 – 13:45</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
<b>13:30 – 13:40</b>	<b>ESDN Welcome Address</b> <i>Annika Lindblom, ESDN President and Secretary General of the National Commission on SD, Ministry of the Environment, Finland</i>
<b>13:40 – 13:45</b>	<b>Getting to Know my Conference Colleagues</b> <i>Peter Woodward, ESDN Conference Moderator</i>
<b>13:45 – 16:00</b>	<b>Session 1: Our Pact for the Future - Inspiration and Intent</b>
<b>13:45 – 14:00</b>	<b>Results and Messages of the European Youth Camp (10 – 11 October)</b> <i>Youth Camp Representatives (TBA)</i>
<b>14:00 – 14:15</b>	<b>Introduction and Welcome</b> <i>Svenja Schulze, Minister, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany</i>
<b>14:15 – 15:00</b>	<b>Moderated Interactive Discussion</b>
<b>15:00 – 15:20</b>	<b>European Green Deal</b> <i>Frans Timmermans, Executive Vice President, European Commission, Belgium (TBC)</i>
<b>15:20 – 16:00</b>	<b>Feedback and Discussion by Parliaments, National and Subnational Level</b>
<i>16:00 – 16:30</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>

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16:30 – 18:00

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

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16:30 – 17:30

### Statements & Panel Discussion

1. **Achim Steiner**, Administrator of the United Nations Development Program, USA (TBC)
2. **Patrick Gaspard**, President of the Open Society Foundation, USA
3. **Anne Hidalgo**, Mayor of Paris, France (TBC)
4. **NN**, Representative of the Economic or Financial Sector (TBA)

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, Member of the Development Committee, 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

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18:30

### *Dinner – with Dinner Speech*

**Achim Steiner**, Administrator United Nations Development Program, USA (TBC)

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## 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

#### Introduction to the Breakout Groups

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

09:45 – 10:00

#### A History of Change

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

10:00 – 10:15

#### The Future of Europe in Light of the EU Green Deal

**Angela Merkel**, *Chancellor, Germany*

10:15 – 10:45

#### Moderated Interactive Discussion

10:45 – 11:00

*Coffee 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

- **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*

##### 2. Sustainable Food: Farm to Fork Strategy

- **NN**, *Representative of the European Commission, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (TBA)*
- **Pierre-Marie Aubert**, *Senior Research Fellow and Lead European Agriculture Initiative, IDDRI, France (TBC)*
- **Katrien Verbeke**, *Coordinator food policy, City of Ghent, Belgium (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*
- **NN**, *Representative of Pulse of Europe, Germany (TBC)*

4. **Sustainable Finance: Integration of Environmental Concerns 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 (TBC)*
5. **Resilience and SD: Lessons Still Being Learned from COVID-19**
  - **Matthieu Orphelin**, *Member of the Assemblée Nationale, France (TBC)*
  - **Holger Robrecht**, *Deputy Regional Director, ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, Germany (TBC)*
  - **Matthias Koziol**, *Universität Cottbus-Senftenberg, Germany (TBC)*
6. **Future Mobility: Mobility of the Future**
  - **Stefan Tidow**, *Permanent Secretary for the Environment and Climate Protection with the Senator for the Environment, Transport and Climate Protection, Berlin, Germany (TBC)*
  - **NN**, *Representative of the European Commission, Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport (TBA)*
7. **Missing links: Elements from the 2030 Agenda not yet included in the EGD**
  - **Ludovic Voet**, *Confederal Secretary, European Trade Union Confederation, Belgium*
  - **NN**

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12:30 – 13:45      **Lunch**

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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.)*

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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**

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15:30 – 16:15

## Conference Closure

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15:30 – 15:50

### Main Takeaways in Final Plenary

*(10-20 ideas for the implementation of the Green Deal in Europe)*

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*

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16:00

## End of the ESDN Conference 2020

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