

ESDN Conference

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30 Nov. – 01 Dec.

European Recovery and Resilience Mechanisms - Challenges in systemic approaches in SD Draft Agenda

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Day 1: Tuesday, November 30 2021

08:30 - 11:00	<i>ESDN Advisory Board Meeting (internal)</i>
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:30 – 12:30	<i>ESDN General Assembly</i>

13:00 - 13:30	<i>Conference Registration and Log in</i>
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13:30 – 14:00	Welcome and Opening
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13:30 – 13:40	Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the European Union – Welcoming Address <i>Andrej Vizjak, Minister of the Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia</i>
13:40 – 13:50	Introduction to the Topics and Goals of the ESDN Conference 2021 <i>Annika Lindblom, ESDN President, Director for International and EU Affairs, Ministry for the Environment, Finland</i>
13:50 – 14:00	Welcome, Orientation and Overview of Conference Day 1 <i>Gerald Berger, ESDN Conference Moderator</i>

14:00 – 15:00	Session 1: Resilience and Building Forward Better – The European Perspective
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14:00 – 14:20	EU Resilience and Recovery / Building Forward Better Mechanisms for Sustainable Development - key note address <i>Astrid Schomaker, Director of Global Sustainable Development, European Commission – Directorate General for Environment, Belgium (TBC)</i>
14:20 – 14:40	Challenging Systemic Approaches – New Conceptual Framework for Change – key note address <i>Hans Bruyninckx, Executive Director, European Environment Agency</i>
14:40 – 15:00	Enhancing Resilience and Building a Coherent Response for a Sustainable Post-Covid-19 Recovery in Europe from a Global Perspective <i>Žiga Žarnič, OECD, France</i>

15:00 - 15:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
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15:15 – 16:00

Session 2: Resilience for Sustainable Development

15:15 – 15:30

Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development – Practices in some Member States

Leida Rijnhout, *Consultant, SLOGA, Slovenia*

15:30 – 15:45

Integrating the SDGs into National Recovery and Resilience Plans

Ricardo Rio, *Mayer of Braga, Portugal*

15:45 – 16:00

ESDN Youth Workshop Manifesto

Lara Schummer, *UN Youth Delegate – Sustainable Development, Luxembourg*
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Daniel Samuelsson, *UN Youth Delegate – Sustainable Development, Sweden*

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee Break and Virtual Networking

16:30 – 17:45

Session 3: Panel Discussion on Fostering Resilience in Sustainable Development Policy-Making - Integrating Perspectives

Experts shall be challenged not to speak of specific SD perspective (envi, soc, econ, finan., etc.) in isolated manner, but to discuss how systemic resilience can support SD and to add to such discussion perspective from their field of expertise.

The panel should start with short introductory statements of each panelist (5 minutes each 20 in total) and then to continue with moderated discussion on fostering systemic resilience for SDPM (1 hour). Each panelist should bring their own perspective into discussion and to consider interrelations with other perspectives as well, finally trying to contribute to a holistic, integrated approach for sustainability transitions.

Speakers from Session 1 are also invited to participate in this expert panel (5-6 panelists).

16:30 – 17:00

Introductory Statements from the Panelists

Environmental and Ecological Resilience

Marie-Luise Abshagen, *German NGO Forum on Environment and Sustainable Development, Germany*

Societal Resilience

Heather Grabbe, *Open Society Foundations, Belgium*

Economic Resilience

Sami Pirkkala, *ESDN Vice President, Prime Minister's Office, Finland*

Financial Resilience

Simon Savsek, *European Investment Bank, Luxembourg*

Policy Resilience

László Borbély, *Prime Minister's Office - Department of Sustainable Development, Romania*

17:00 – 17:45

Panel Discussion

17:45 – 18:00

Closing of Day 1

17:45 – 17:55

Lessons Learned and Main Takeaway Messages

Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler, *ESDN Vice President, Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Austria*

17:55 – 18:00

Instructions for Day 2

Gerald Berger, *ESDN Conference Moderator*

18:00

End of Day 1

Day 2: Wednesday, 01 December 2021

09:00 – 09:30

Registration and Networking

09:30 – 09:40

Setting the Stage for the Topics of Day 2

Sami Pirkkala, ESDN Vice President, Secretary General of the Finnish National Commission on Sustainable Development, Finland

09:40 – 09:45

Overview of Conference Day 2

Gerald Berger, ESDN Conference Moderator

09:45 – 13:00

Session 4: Exchange Spaces on Resilience and National Level Good Practices on Recovery

10 Exchange Spaces: Spaces set up throughout the venue room with around 5-6 participants at each of the spaces. The 10 spaces will cover relevant topics in sustainable development that aid in resilience and recovery.

Exchange Spaces Topics:

1. Climate Adaptation

Angelika Tamásová, European Environment Agency, Denmark

2. Biodiversity Conservation – Systemic Approach

(TBA)

3. R&I for a Green Recovery

Ionuț Purică, Prime Minister's Office - Department of Sustainable Development, Romania

4. Digitalization Supporting Transformations

Wolfgang Ebner, Federal Ministry for Digital and Economic Affairs, Austria

5. Circular Economy

Marjana Dermelj, Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy, Slovenia

6. Governance for Sustainable Development

Annika Lindblom, ESDN President, Ministry of the Environment, Finland

7. Transformative Education for Sustainable Development

Natalia Kouhartsouk, Bridge 47 Network and Slovenian Global Action (SLOGA), Slovenia

8. Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development: Lessons learned
Leida Rijnhout, Consultant, SLOGA, Slovenia

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Albin Keuc, SLOGA, Slovenia

9. Wellbeing Economy/ Economy within Planetary boundaries
Mike Asquith, European Environment Agency, Denmark

**10. Technological Innovations for the Sustainability Transitions from COP26
Perspective**

Darja Piciga, Independent Expert in Sustainable Development, Slovenia

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Jernej Stritih, Stritih Sustainable Development, Slovenia

9:45 – 09:55

Explaining Exchange Spaces and how they work

Gerald Berger, ESDN Conference Moderator

Moderator explains how the Exchange Spaces work:

1. *Participants should already have chosen their topics.*
2. *Exchange Space Round 1 begins*
3. *15 minute break*
4. *Exchange Space Round 2 begins*
5. *15 minute break*
6. *Exchange Space Round 3 begins*

09:55 - 10:00

5 Minute Break - Participants are sorted into their Exchange Space for Round 1

10:00 – 10:50

Exchange Space Round 1

10:50 - 11:00

10 Minute Break - Participants are sorted into their Exchange Space for Round 2

11:00 – 11:50

Exchange Space Round 2

11:50 - 12:00

10 Minute Break - Participants are sorted into their Exchange Space for Round 3

12:00 – 12:50

Exchange Space Round 3

12:50 - 13:00

10 Minute Coffee Break

13:00 – 13:30

Main Collective Learnings

Exchange Space moderators share the highlights from the 3 rounds of discussions.

13:30 – 14:00

Closing of the ESDN Conference 2021

13:30 – 13:40

Host Perspective from the Last 2 Days

Representative from Slovenian Ministry of Environment, *Slovenia (TBC)*

13:40 – 13:50

ESDN Honorary Membership Awards

Annika Lindblom, *ESDN President, Director for International and EU Affairs, Ministry for the Environment, Finland*

13:50 – 14:00

ESDN 2022 and Beyond

Daniel Dubas, *ESDN Vice President, Delegate of the Federal Council for the 2030 Agenda, Federal Office for Spatial Development, Switzerland*

14:00

End of the ESDN Conference 2021
