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# **Towards an Economy compatible with Sustainable Development Principles: “Green” Strategies in the context of Sustainable Development**

**European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN)**

***ESDN Conference 2010***

**4 - 6 July 2010 in Ghent, Belgium**

**Conference Programme**

## **Venue:**

**Congress Center Het Pand  
Ghent University  
Onderbergen 1, 9000 Ghent**

## Sunday, 4 July 2010

14:00 – 17:00      Pre-Conference meeting of the ESDN Steering Group  
*Congress Center Het Pand*

20:00 – 22:00      **Welcome reception (Nemrodhuis, Goudstraat 37 – Willem de Beersteeg, Ghent)**

20:00                Welcome address  
by *Daniel Termont, Mayor of Ghent & the ESDN Co-chairs*  
Food & drinks

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### **Conference moderator:**

*Alan AtKisson, AtKisson Group, Stockholm*

## Monday, 5 July 2010

08:30                **Registration**

09:00                **Welcome address**  
*Paul Magnette, Belgian Federal Minister for Energy and Climate*

09:15 – 13:00      **Session 1: Linking economic growth and sustainable development – Addressing environmental and social challenges**

09:15                **Objectives of the Conference, recap of the 5<sup>th</sup> ESDN Workshop in Madrid & principles of a sustainable economy**  
*Elisabeth Freytag, ESDN Co-chair, Austrian Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management &*  
*André Martinuzzi, ESDN Office at the Research Institute for Managing Sustainability, WU Wien*

09:45                **Environmental opportunities in times of the triple crises**  
*David Gee, Senior Advisor, European Environment Agency*

10:10	<p><b>Addressing social challenges in strategies that link economic growth and sustainable development</b></p> <p><i>Leida Rijnhout, Executive Director, Northern Alliance for Sustainability (ANPED)</i></p>
10:30	<b>Plenary discussion</b>
10:50 – 11:15	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p> <p><b>Break-out event: Presentation of the Eurostat EU SDS Monitoring Report 2009</b></p>
11:15	<p><b>“Europe 2020” Strategy:</b></p> <p><b>How to ensure coherence between economic, environmental and social challenges &amp; next steps in implementation process</b></p> <p><i>Tonnie De Koster, Policy Coordinator, Secretariat-General of the European Commission</i></p>
11:30	<p><b>UNEP’s Green Economy Initiative &amp; UNCSD 2012:</b></p> <p><b>How to ensure coherence between economic, environmental and social challenges &amp; next steps in implementation process</b></p> <p><i>Christophe Bouvier, Director of the Regional Office for Europe, UNEP</i></p>
11:45	<p><b>OECD’s Green Growth Strategy:</b></p> <p><b>How to ensure coherence between economic, environmental and social challenges &amp; next steps in implementation process</b></p> <p><i>Robert Visser, Deputy-Director of the Environment Directorate, OECD</i></p>
12:00 – 13:00	<p><b>Panel discussion: Talk show format with all keynoters &amp; ESDN Steering Group representative</b></p> <p><i>Ensuring a coherence between economic, environmental and social issues in the three key strategies</i></p>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch break</b>
14:00 – 17:30	<b>Session 2: Parallel Working Groups – From green growth towards an economy compatible with SD principles</b>
14:00	<p><b>Introduction of working group format</b></p> <p><i>ESDN Office</i></p>
14:15 – 15:45	<p><b>Parallel working groups:</b></p> <p><i>Reflecting on how the strategies address economic, environmental and social challenges</i></p>

- Working group 1: “Europe 2020” Strategy  
(Red Room, “Rector Vermeylen”)
- Working group 2: UNEP’s Green Economy Initiative & UNCSD 2012  
(Green Room, “Priorzaal”)
- Working group 3: Green Growth Strategy of OECD  
(Blue Room, “Oude Infirmierie”)

**15:45 – 16:30**

***Coffee Break***

**Break-out event: Presentation of the activities of SDplanNet-Asia & Pacific**

**16:30**

**Presentation of results of the working groups**

**16:45 – 17:30**

**Plenary discussion**

**19:30**

**Evening Programme**

Social event and conference dinner in the Gravensteen Castle

## **Tuesday, 6 July 2010**

**09:00 – 13:00**

**Session 3: Moving towards a sustainable economy – Governance perspectives**

**09:00 – 09:15**

**Wrap-up of day 1**

*Conference moderator*

**09:15 – 09:45**

**Switching to a sustainable society and economy on the wake of the financial turbulence – governance perspectives**

*Tim O’Riordan, University of East Anglia, co-chair of the EEAC Sustainable Development Working Group & former Commissioner of the UK Sustainable Development Commission*

**09:45 – 09:50**

**Introduction of working group format**

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**09:50 – 11:00**

**Parallel working groups:**

*Formulating recommendations from a distinct sustainable development perspective*

- Working Group 1: “Europe 2020” Strategy  
(Red Room, “Rector Vermeylen”)

- Working Group 2: UNEP's Green Economy Initiative & UNCSD 2012 (Green Room, "Priorzaal")
- Working Group 3: Green Growth Strategy of OECD (Blue Room, "Oude Infirmerie")

**11:00 – 11:30**

***Coffee break***

**Break-out event: Presentation of new study on the developments on the way to sustainability for Finland and The Netherlands, 1975 - 2008**

**11:30**

**Presentation of working group results**

**11:45 – 12:30**

**Plenary discussion:**

*Moving towards a sustainable economy: lessons learned and requirements for implementation*

**12:30 – 13:00**

**Concluding remarks & further steps**

*ESDN Co-chairs & Steering Group*

**13:00 – 13:30**

**Knowledge brokerage in sustainable consumption – Fostering exchange between policy-makers and researchers**

**13:00 – 13:30**

**Presentation of RESPONDER and CORPUS projects (both funded under FP7 of European Commission) & link to ESDN**

*André Martinuzzi (ESDN Office at the Research Institute for Managing Sustainability, WU Wien) &*

*Gerd Scholl (Institute for Ecological Economy Research, Germany)*

**13:30**

**Conference Closure, followed by buffet lunch**

**15:00-17:00**

**Afternoon programme**

**15:00 – 17:00**

**Sustainable city walk/bicycle tour**

Both excursions will end at the main railway station (Ghent Sint Pieters) which is the departure point for trains to Brussels and/or Brussels Airport. A luggage service will enable participants to pick up their luggage at the train station.