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# ESDN Conference

## 2025

25 - 26 Nov.

### Post-2030 Agenda: 10 Years of SDG Implementation and Ideas for a Future Agenda

What has worked well, what has not worked well, and  
what is next?

## Draft Agenda

25 - 26 November 2025

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# Day 1: Tuesday, 25 November 2025

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12:00 – 13:00 CET      Conference Registration and Lunch

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13:00 – 13:30 CET      **Welcome and Opening**

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13:00 – 13:10      **ESDN Opening**

**László Borbély**, ESDN President, State Counsellor, and National SDG Coordinator, Prime Minister's Office – Department of Sustainable Development, Romania

13:10 – 13:20      **Host Welcome**

**Karen Ellemann**, Secretary General, Nordic Council of Ministers, Denmark (TBC)

13:20 – 13:30      **Danish Perspective on the Post-2030 Agenda**

**Simon Kjær Hansen**, Chair, Danish 2030 Panel, Denmark (TBC)

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13:30 – 15:00 CET      **Session 1: Lessons Learned from the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs**

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13:30 – 13:45      **Youth Viewpoint on the Post-2030 Agenda**

Youth Representatives from the Nordics, (TBC)

13:45 – 14:00      **Global Perspective – What has the world done well, and where do we need to see improvement for any post-2030 Agenda?**

**Åsa Persson**, Research Director and Deputy Director, Stockholm Environment Institute and Chair of the Swedish Climate Policy Council, Sweden

14:00 – 14:15      **Financing Sustainable Development in Europe and Beyond**

**Andrija Erac**, Global Head of Networks, Sustainable Development Solutions Network, France (TBC)

14:15 – 14:30      **Governance Mechanisms needed for a Post-2030 Agenda**

**Tatyana Teplova**, Head of Division, Global Partnerships, Inclusion and Justice, OECD, France (TBC)

or

**Elsa Pilichowski**, Director, GOV's Policy Coherence for the Sustainable Development Goals Division (PCSDG), France (TBC)

14:30 – 15:00      **Panel Discussion**

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15:00 – 15:30 CET      **Coffee Break**

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15:30 – 17:30 CET

## Exchange Space 1: 10 Years of SDG Implementation – Good practices from government (national, subnational, local, and urban)

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15:30 – 16:15

### Round 1

#### Table 1: Finland

**Taru Savolainen**, ESDN Vice President, Deputy Secretary General of the Finnish National Commission for Sustainable Development, Prime Minister's Office, Finland

#### Table 2: Austria

Representative of the Austrian Government (TBC)

#### Table 3: National Level Example (TBC)

#### Table 4: Wales

**Rae Cornish**, Deputy Director - Sustainable Futures, Government of Wales, Wales

#### Table 5: Åland Islands and Visionary Messaging and Narrative Building

**Micke Larsson**, Secretary General, Development and Sustainability Council – Government of the Åland Islands, Finland

#### Table 6: Trends in Nordic Municipalities towards the Post-2030 Agenda

Representative from Nordregio, Sweden (TBC)

#### Table 7: SDG46-Network

**Eveliina Kiema-Majanen**, Senior advisor on SDGs and Project Manager, Association of Finnish Cities and Municipalities, Finland

#### Table 8: ICLEI-Europe City Example

Representative from ICLEI-Europe (TBC)

16:15 – 17:00

### Round 2

Speakers remain at their tables and everyone else switches tables for round 2.

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17:00 – 17:30 CET

## Reporting Back from Exchange Space 1

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17:30 – 17:45 CET

## End of Day 1

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17:30 – 17:35

## Main Takeaways from Day 1

**Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler**, ESDN Vice President, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environmental Protection, Regions and Water Management, Austria

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**Taru Savolainen**, ESDN Vice President, Deputy Secretary General of the Finnish National Commission on Sustainable Development, Prime Minister's Office, Finland

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**Jeannette Muller**, ESDN Vice President, Team Lead for Sustainable Development, Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Biodiversity, Luxembourg

**17:35 – 17:40**

### **Host Impressions**

**Anna Berlina**, Research Consultant, Nordregio, Sweden

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**Fanny Ejder**, Senior Adviser in Sustainability, Nordic Council of Ministers, Denmark

**17:40 – 17:45**

### **Information on Day 2**

**Gerald Berger**, Moderator

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**18:00 – 21:00 CET**

**Dinner**

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## Day 2: Wednesday, 26 November 2025

08:30 – 09:00 CET      **Networking Morning Coffee**

09:00 – 09:15 CET      **Welcome and Opening**

09:00 – 09:10      **Welcome and Recap of Day 1**

**László Borbély**, ESDN President, State Counsellor, and National SDG Coordinator, Prime Minister's Office – Department of Sustainable Development, Romania

09:10 – 09:15      **Day 2 Opening**

**Gerald Berger**, Moderator

09:15 – 09:45 CET      **Session 2: Visions for the Post-2030 Global Goals**

09:15 – 09:30      **Extending the SDGs to 2050**

09:30 – 09:45      **Discussions on the Post-2030 Agenda within the UN System**

**Henrik Fredborg Larsen**, Director, UNDP Nordic Representation Office, Denmark (TBC)

09:45 – 12:15 CET      **Exchange Space 2: Post-2030 Agenda – Stakeholder Visions, Reflections and Proposals for the Next Global Goals**

09:45 – 10:30      **Round 1**

**Table 1: Civil Society**

**Helene Gjerding**, Director, Danish 92-Group, Denmark (TBC)

**Table 2: Research**

**Table 3: Youth – Views and Visions on the Post-2030 Agenda**

Representatives from the ESDN Youth Network (TBC)

**Table 4: Advisory Councils on Sustainability – Criteria for Re-Baselining the Post-2030 Agenda**

**Wolfgang Lucht**, German Advisory Council on the Environment (SRU) & Member of the European Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils Network (EEAC Network), Germany

**Table 5: Business**

**Sara Krüger Falk**, Executive Director of the Global Compact Network Denmark, Denmark (TBC)

**Table 6: European Environment Bureau**

Representative of the EEB (TBC)

## Table 7: European Economic and Social Committee

**Maria Nikolopoulou**, Incoming Sustainable Development Observatory President, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), Spain

10:30 – 11:15

### Round 2

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11:15 – 11:45 CET

Coffee Break

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11:45 – 12:15 CET

### Reporting Back from Exchange Space 2

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12:15 – 12:45 CET

### Session 3: Moderated Reflection on the Post-2030 Agenda

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12:45 – 13:00 CET

### ESDN Conference 2025 Closing

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12:45 – 12:50

#### Host Farewell

**Anna Berlina**, Research Consultant, Nordregio, Sweden

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**Fanny Ejder**, Senior Adviser in Sustainability, Nordic Council of Ministers, Denmark

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12:50 – 13:00

#### ESDN Close and Next Steps

**László Borbély**, ESDN President, State Counsellor, and National SDG Coordinator, Prime Minister's Office – Department of Sustainable Development, Romania

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13:00 – 14:00 CET

Light Lunch

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14:00 CET

### End of ESDN Conference 2025

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