

2030 Agenda Stakeholder Forum

How to make Regulation, Competitiveness and Sustainability Work Together

*Building bridges for sustainable,
competitive growth: business,
public administration,
and stakeholders in action
to reduce administrative burden*

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CEST

09:00 – 09:30

Registration and Networking

09:30 – 10:00

Welcome and Opening

Host Welcome

Krzysztof Paszyk, Minister of Economic Development and Technology, Poland

ESDN Opening

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

Warsaw Stock Exchange Welcome

Dominika Niewiadomska-Siniecka, Member of the Management Board of the Warsaw Stock Exchange

Guiding the Forum

Gerald Berger, Moderator

10:00 – 11:30

Session 1: Balancing Reduction of Regulatory Burden Demands with EU Climate Ambitions: Finding Common Ground

10:00 – 10:15

Keynote Speech

Amanda Koefoed Simonsen, Partner and ESG Practice Lead in Copenhagen Changery, Denmark

10:15 – 11:30

Panel Discussion on Balancing Regulatory Burden and the EU's Climate Ambitions – Introducing different perspectives

Moderator

- ▶ **Witold Strzelecki**, Managing Director, Business & Science Poland

Panellists

- ▶ **Antonina Maria Wozna**, Directorate-General for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union, European Commission
- ▶ **Piotr Biernacki**, Chair of Sustainability Committee of the Polish Association of Listed Companies, Member of EFRAG Sustainability Reporting TEG, ESG Reporting Partner at MATERIALITY Poland
- ▶ **Kamil Wyszowski**, Executive Director, UN Global Compact Network Poland, Poland
- ▶ **Corina Murafa Benga**, European Economic and Social Committee, Romania

11:30 – 12:00

Coffee Break

12:00 – 13:00

ESDN Exchange Spaces on Good Practices between Government and the Private Sector fostering Competitiveness and Sustainability

Everyone will have the opportunity to visit 3 out of the 12 Exchange Space tables. In order to help you decide which tables are most interesting for you, see the options below, as well as the questions table leads will be addressing. More information on the individual table topics and presentations by table leads can be found in the Discussion Paper, which will be made available shortly before the event. The results from all the tables will be summarised after the third round.

12:00 – 12:15

Introduction

12:15 – 13:00

Round 1

Table 1: Aligning EU Regulations with Market Competitiveness and Sustainability

Amanda Koefoed Simonsen, Partner and ESG Practice Lead in Copenhagen Changery, Denmark

How can policymakers design regulations that drive innovation while maintaining sustainable development and supporting economic growth?

Table 2: Addressing Barriers to Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) in Sustainability – European perspective

Corina Murafa Benga, European Economic and Social Committee, Romania

How can SMEs be better supported by adopting sustainable practices while avoiding excessive regulatory burden? How can boosting European competitiveness go hand in hand with sustainability and social cohesion, and not compromising environmental and social commitments? How can reporting requirements be streamlined while ensuring accountability and data quality?

Table 3: Addressing Barriers to Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) in Sustainability – stakeholder perspective

Agnieszka Ozimkowska, Sustainability advisor for SMEs in Enterprise Europe Network Łukasiewicz – WIT, Poland

Marcin Olszewski, Internalization advisor in Enterprise Europe Network Łukasiewicz – WIT, Poland

What does sustainable reporting mean for SME businesses? What tools are needed and what initiatives can be helpful to support SMEs in meeting sustainable criteria?

Table 4: Leveraging Digital Transformation for Sustainable Development: ESG Standard – digital tool supporting companies report

Karolina Opielewicz, Polish Chamber of Commerce, Poland

How can digital tools reduce administrative burdens while enabling effective monitoring and enforcement of sustainability goals?

Table 5: Sustainable Public Reporting: Opportunities and Challenges

Sydney van der Post, ESDN Advisory Board Member and Policy Officer – Sustainable Development Goals, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands

How can annual public reports facilitate dialogue between public administration, businesses, and the House of Representatives?

Table 6: Basque's SDG and Agenda 2030 Strategy focuses on sustainability and competitiveness

Mikel Hidalgo Bordegarai, Advisor to the General Secretariat of Communication, Social Innovation, Basque Country

How do the Basque public authorities put in place transformative ways to support local business in acting more sustainably, involving different stakeholders and socio-economic agents, and align the regional budget with the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs supporting?

Table 7: Economic Initiative – Sustainable Styria – Supporting SMEs in being more sustainable

Gernot Vorraber, Member of the Specialist Team for Sustainability Coordination in Department 14, Water management, Resources and Sustainability at the Office of the Regional Government of Styria, Austria

How can regional governments support companies, municipalities and other organizations in implementing the SDGs through subsidized consulting services and balance economic development with environmental and social responsibility? How can the results of such programs be used in evaluations?

Table 8: Digital Tools to reduce Administrative Effort in Sustainability Reporting

Victoria Diekkamp-Reimann, Head of German Sustainability Code, Germany

How can digital tools support sustainable business practices? How does the German Sustainability Code support companies in sustainability reporting and with the implementation of CSRD that reduces time and effort?

Table 9: Education and Capacity Building for Sustainable Transition

Luminita Bălălaşu, Director, Department of Sustainable Development Strategies, Programs and Projects, Government of Romania

What is the role of a Sustainable Development Expert in shaping policies and strategies that address environmental, economic, and social challenges?

Table 10: Speeding up - Implementation of Acceleration Zones for renewable energy sources in Czechia

Anna Pasková, Director – Department of Environmental Policy and Sustainable Development, Ministry of the Environment, Czechia

How can public administration reduce administrative burden and speed-up the permitting process for sustainable development, economic growth and energy security? What are the lessons learnt?

Table 11: Synergy for Sustainable Development – Joint Actions of Business and Administration

Eric Mulholland, European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN) Executive Coordinator, Austria

Agnieszka Jabłońska, Senior Expert, Sustainable Economy Department, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology, Poland

What are ideas for strengthening collaboration between the business sector and public administration in the context of achieving SDGs? How to identify challenges, barriers, and best practices that can foster synergy in actions?

Table 12: Impacts of Sustainability Reporting on Young Entrepreneurs – Entrepreneurship as a form of activism

Isaac Jyväsjarvi, ESDN Youth Network Member and Member of the Finnish National Youth Council, Finland

How can entrepreneurship be considered a powerful form of activism in challenging norms, driving inclusion, and advances sustainability? How can young entrepreneurs build value added businesses that create lasting social and environmental impact beyond traditional advocacy?

13:00 – 14:00

Lunch

14:00 – 16:00

Exchange Spaces Continued

14:00 – 14:45

Round 2

14:45 – 15:30

Round 3

15:30 – 16:00

Summary from the Exchange Spaces

1. What were the top 3 topics that you discussed at your table?
2. What were the 2 most interesting or most surprising highlights during your discussion?
3. Which main recommendation would you like to share that has the potential to improve the current situation?

16:00 – 16:30

Closing 2030 Agenda Stakeholder Forum

László Borbély, ESDN President, Prime Minister's Office, Coordinator of Department of Sustainable Development, Romania

&

Aneta Piątkowska, Director, Department of Sustainable Economy, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology, Poland

16:30

End of the 2030 Agenda Stakeholder Forum
