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PROGRAMME

Wednesday   May 31, 2006

14:00-20:00   Afternoon pre-opening

14:00 – 20:00 Registration
15:00 – 18:00 Pre-Conference meeting of the ESDN Steering Group
20:00 – 22:00 Welcome reception at the conference hotel (informal, drinks served)

Thursday   June 1, 2006

8:30 –12:30   Morning session: The renewed EU SD Strategy

8:30   Morning registration

9:00   Welcome address by the Conference Chairs, **Elisabeth Freytag** and **Wolfram Tertschnig**

9:15   Opening speeches by **Gabi Burgstaller**, the Governor of Salzburg and **Josef Pröll**, Minister for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management

9:45   **Keynote presentations on the renewed (draft) EU-SDS by**

           Rita Trattnigg, Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management and **Christoph Mueller,** Austrian Federal Chancellery

           Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker, University of California, Santa Barbara

10:45   Coffee Break

11:15   **Break-out session on the EU SDS** in nine small working groups

           WG 1-5:   What do the possible changes of the EU SDS imply for the SD strategy of your country/your region?

           WG 6 & 7: How could the relationship between the EU SDS and national SD strategies be developed further?

           WG 8 & 9: The link between the previous EU SDS and the Lisbon Process was often criticized as weak. How should we tackle this issue in the implementation of the EU SDS?

12:30   Lunch Break

14:00 – 17:00   Afternoon session: Exchange of experiences on good practices

14:00   **Summary of** the EU SDS **working group discussion**

14:30   Strengthening the ESDN: **Network theory and practice**

Overview of recent developments in the ESDN by the Steering Group

The ESDN Office introduces itself as new network support mechanism for exchanging experiences with SD strategies across Europe

Keynote on policy learning in networks and networking success factors by **André Martinuzzi & Reinhard Steurer** from the ESDN Office

15:30   **Guided tour through the poster exhibition of good practices:**

Posters provided by conference participants will describe good or interesting practice cases in the context of SD strategy processes. The guided tour will be followed by an open session during which participants have the chance to discuss selected good practice cases with the case presenters more in-depth.

Coffee break

17:00   Evening programme: Guided tour and concert

17:00   Guided tour through the City of Salzburg (leaving from the venue)

At the "Stiftskeller St. Peter"

18:30   Cocktail

19:00   Evening concert

20:00   Conference dinner

Friday   June 2, 2006

9:00 –12:30   Morning session: Evaluation, reviewing and monitoring SD strategy processes

9:00   **Keynote presentation by Johanne Gélinas**, Canada's Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development on "Reviewing and monitoring SD policies in Canada and possible lessons for Europe"

9:45   **Short interventions ("word rap")** on the experiences made and the lessons learned with different approaches of evaluating and reviewing SD strategy processes by

Ingeborg Fiala (Austria), **Nadine Gouzée** (Belgium),

Daniel Wachter (Switzerland), **Andréan Guérin** (France)

9:00 –12:30   *Morning session continued*

10:30   **Keynote presentation by Christian Averous** (OECD) on "Experiences with peer reviews at the OCED and possible lessons for peer reviewing in the context of SD strategies"

11:00   **Breakout-session with working groups discussing four themes:**

WG 1: How to make effective use of evaluations/reviews in improving SD policies?

WG 2: How to make effective use of headline indicators and aggregated measures (such as the "ecological footprint") in communicating SD policies?

WG 3: What are the advantages and limitations of scientific evaluations in the context of SD strategy processes?

WG 4: What are the advantages and limitations of peer reviewing national SD strategy processes?

12:30   Lunch Break

13:30 –15:00   *Conference closing session: Developing the ESDN further*

13:30   Based on a note prepared by the ESDN Office Team and the Steering Group and circulated on the first day of the conference, participants are invited to **discuss the further development of the ESDN**. The issues and desired results of this plenary debate are:
- A mission statement for the ESDN
- Guidance on ESDN membership issues
- A mission statement, a profile and an extended mandate for the ESDN Steering Group
- A mission statement and a profile for the ESDN Office

14:45   **Conference summary and outlook**

15:00   End of Conference

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