





Programme¹

European Sustainability Berlin 07 – ESB07 Linking Policies, Implementation, and Civil Society Action.

Berlin, June 3-5, 2007

Hosted by the Council for Sustainable Development on behalf of the German Federal Government in the context of the German EU Presidency Supported by the European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN)

Objective

The ESB07 conference is expected to stimulate the informed debate about ways and means towards a sustainable development in Europe. It will discuss the state-of-the-art in preparation, implementation and reviewing national SD strategies, keeping in mind that the renewed EU SD Strategy provides a framework for the collective activities throughout Europe that needs further shaping and creative implementation.

Dialogues and sharing experience on sustainable development are key to increase the output and effectiveness of political and administrative activities.

Therefore, the German Federal Government asked the Council for Sustainable Development to host ESB07 in the context of the German EU Presidency. ESB07

continues the line of Conferences on Sustainable Development initiated by the European Member States in The Hague and Vienna in 2002 and 2003, respectively, and linked to the EU Presidencies in Kinsale, Windsor and Salzburg the years after.

ESB07 is supported by the recently established European Sustainable Development Network, ESDN. The Conference will also continue the involvement of the network of the European Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils, EEAC.

For empowering stakeholder participation and creating ownership it is an essential issue to clearly link policy making and implementation of SD measures. On national as well as on the EU and international level to better link policies and implementation is a crucial key that will be addressed by ESB07. ESB07 will be rethinking ways and means to

- link policy making to administrating sustainable development solutions,
- raise the level of political awareness while implementing SD Strategies,
- take up on new political challenges and issues.

For participants this opens opportunities to introduce and compare new policy items in national SD Strategies. It offers opportunities to networking experiences, share ideas and communication tools, and foster contacts by mutually learning from best practise experience.

ESBO7 invites SD politicians, experts from EU Member State administrations, representatives of the European Commission and other European Institutions, and National Sustainable Development Advisory Councils. A limited number of other SD policy related key players will also be invited. ESBO7 is restricted to an audience of up to 160 participants.





¹ As from May 24th, 2007.





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Sunday	<i>/</i>	Jun	e 3
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14.30	Meetings of the ESDN Steering Group and EEAC WG SD (separately)
18.00	Conference Registration
19.00	Dinner buffet
20.30	Official Welcome by Dr. Volker Hauff Dinner Speech: Linking Policies and Implementation: Making SD Strategies a case for Parliamentary activities. (Dr. Günter Krings, Chair of the Parliamentary Board for SD, Deutscher Bundestag)
21.00	Informal Get together

Monday, June 4

08.30	Registration continued			
	Opening Plenary. Chair: Dr. Volker Hauff, RNE			
09.00	Welcome by Dr. Peter Rösgen, Federal Chancellery			
09.10	Meeting global challenges: The contribution of SD Strategies			
	Keynote by Prof. Dr. Klaus Töpfer, Executive Director UNEP ret., Fed. Minister ret., Member German RNE			

10:00	Coffee
10.30	1 st Workshop Breakout ²
	SD strategy mechanisms I: Linking politics and administration. Discussion of the ESDN input paper, introduced by Sauli Rou-

12.15	Lunch			
13.30	Brundtland Report: A 20 years update			
	Keynote by Dr. Volker Hauff, Chair of German RNE, former member of the Brundland Commission			
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2nd Workshop Breakout SD strategy mechanisms II: Stimulating informed debate in so-

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ciety. Discussion of the EEAC input paper, introduced by Dr. Günther Bachmann

16.30	Twofold Panel	Discussion:	Innovating	governance	in	the	EU

SDS (Chair and Moderator: Elisabeth Freytag. ESDN)

(1) Peer reviewing. With Inge Lardinois, The Netherlands, Dr. Albert Statz, Germany, Lars Lundberg, Sweden; Anne Kristin Foslie, Norway; Robin Miège, EC, DG Environment

(2) EU SDS progress reporting. With Onno van Sandick, The Netherlands; António Gonçalves Henriques, Portugal; Chris-

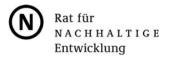
² Workshops breakouts will feature a participatory method. Group discussion will be organised in parallel groups (tables) all supported by a network and online decision making tool that allows for full dialogue and enables participants to respond to findings on other tables.



ESDN discussion: Review and outlook of ESDN

12.00





	toph Müller, Austria; Igor Strmsnik, Slovenia; Marcel Haag, EC, Secretariat-General	12.30	Practising continuity: Member States and the progress of the		
18.00	Snapshot European Sustainability		EU SDS		
	Closing remarks of the first conference day by Astrid Klug,		Concluding Remarks – German Presidency		
	Parliamentary Secretary of State, German Environment Ministry		Concluding Remarks – incoming Portuguese Presidency		
19.00	Boat trip on the river Spree: Sightseeing and Conference Dinner		Concluding Remarks – ESDN Steering Group		
	Dinner Speech: Björn Stigson, President of the WBCSD		Moderated by RNE		
		13.00	Lunch		
Tuesday, June 5		13.45 Change of venue: Transfer by bus to Schloss Bello dence of the President of the Federal Republic of Ger			
09.00	Plenary; Chair: Berthold Goeke, Federal Chancellery		Exhibition and activity center on environmentalism, jointly hosted by the Federal President and the Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt: www.wochederumwelt.de.		
	Georg Boomgaarden, Secretary of State, Federal Foreign Of-				
	fice: Keynote and Discussion		A site visit will be offered by the President's office.		
10.00	Coffee		Presentation of "Mission Sustainability", see www.mission-		
10.30	Final Plenary: Mainstreaming SD in Europe		sustainability.org		
	Reporting back from the Workshops. Moderated by ESDN	15.00	Forum debate: 20 years of the Brundtland report: stocktaking and perspectives (in German). Frans Evers, Dr. Volker Hauff, Dr. Wolfram Tertschnig. Moderated by Henning Banthien, IFOK		
	Sounding Panel: Anders Wijkman, European Parliament; Winfried Hermann, German Bundestag; Frans Evers, EEAC; Dr.				
	Wolfram Tertschnig, ESDN.	16.00	Departure		