

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.

ESB07 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. ESB07 is restricted to an audience of up to 160 participants.

¹ As from May 24th, 2007.

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Sunday, June 3

		10:00	Coffee
14.30	Meetings of the ESDN Steering Group and EEAC WG SD (separately)	10.30	1 st Workshop Breakout ²
18.00	Conference Registration		SD strategy mechanisms I: Linking politics and administration. Discussion of the ESDN input paper, introduced by Sauli Rauhinen
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)	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
21.00	Informal Get together	14.15	2 nd Workshop Breakout
			SD strategy mechanisms II: Stimulating informed debate in society. Discussion of the EEAC input paper, introduced by Dr. Günther Bachmann

Monday, June 4

		16.00	Coffee
08.30	Registration continued Opening Plenary. Chair: Dr. Volker Hauff, RNE	16.30	Twofold Panel Discussion: Innovating governance in the EU SDS (Chair and Moderator: Elisabeth Freytag. ESDN)
09.00	Welcome by Dr. Peter Rösger, Federal Chancellery		(1) Peer reviewing. With Inge Lardinois, The Netherlands, Dr. Albert Statz, Germany, Lars Lundberg, Sweden; Anne Kristin Foslie, Norway; Robin Miège, EC, DG Environment
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		(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.

	toph Müller, Austria; Igor Strmsnik, Slovenia; Marcel Haag, EC, Secretariat-General	
18.00	Snapshot European Sustainability	12.30
	Closing remarks of the first conference day by Astrid Klug, Parliamentary Secretary of State, German Environment Ministry	
19.00	Boat trip on the river Spree: Sightseeing and Conference Dinner	
	Dinner Speech: Björn Stigson, President of the WBCSD	

13.00

13.45

Tuesday, June 5

09.00	Plenary; Chair: Berthold Goeke, Federal Chancellery Georg Boomgaarden, Secretary of State, Federal Foreign Office: Keynote and Discussion	
10.00	Coffee	
10.30	Final Plenary: Mainstreaming SD in Europe Reporting back from the Workshops. Moderated by ESDN Sounding Panel: Anders Wijkman, European Parliament; Winfried Hermann, German Bundestag; Frans Evers, EEAC; Dr. Wolfram Tertschnig, ESDN.	15.00
12.00	ESDN discussion: Review and outlook of ESDN	16.00

Practising continuity: Member States and the progress of the EU SDS

Concluding Remarks – German Presidency

Concluding Remarks – incoming Portuguese Presidency

Concluding Remarks – ESDN Steering Group

Moderated by RNE

Lunch

Change of venue: Transfer by bus to *Schloss Bellevue*, residence of the President of the Federal Republic of Germany

Exhibition and activity center on environmentalism, jointly hosted by the Federal President and the Deutsche Bundestiftung Umwelt: www.wochederumwelt.de.

A site visit will be offered by the President's office.

Presentation of "Mission Sustainability", see www.mission-sustainability.org

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

Departure