

# ESDN Conference

## 2023

15 - 16 March

Halfway to 2030 – Where does  
Europe stand and how does it  
move forward?

### Agenda

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Old National Archives of Sweden  
Birger Jarls Torg 2a, 111 28 Stockholm Sweden

Organized by the  
European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN)  
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Nordic Council of Ministers  
&  
Nordregio

## Day 1: Wednesday, 15 March 2023

18:30 – 23:00 CET

### ESDN 20-Year Anniversary Celebration

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18:30 – 19:30 CET

### Conference Registration & Pre-Conference Networking

*Live music with the Leo Krepper Duo, drinks, canapés, and networking with colleagues*

19:30 – 20:15 CET

### Celebration Speeches and Conference Kickoff

19:30 – 19:35 CET

#### Conference Welcome

**Daniel Dubas**, ESDN President, Delegate of the Federal Council for the 2030 Agenda, Federal Office for Spatial Development, Switzerland

19:35 – 19:45 CET

#### Kicking off the Conference - Topics and Goals for Tomorrow

**Rolf Elmér**, Director of Nordregio, Sweden

&

**Åsa Hildestrand**, Nordregio, Sweden

19:45 – 19:55 CET

#### European Council Working Party on the 2030 Agenda – Guiding Europe to 2030

**Parasto Nosrati**, Ministry of Climate and Enterprise, Sweden

&

**Viggo Barmen**, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sweden

19:55 – 20:15 CET

#### 20-Year ESDN Anniversary and Ambitions of the ESDN until 2030

**Marguy Kohnen**, ESDN Vice President, Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Sustainable Development, Luxembourg

&

**Annika Lindblom**, ESDN Advisory Board Member, Ministry for the Environment, Finland

20:15 – 23:00 CET

### Networking Dinner and Live Music

*Live music with the Leo Krepper Duo, catch up with old friends and colleagues, make new friends, and chat about sustainable development, the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs*

23:00 CET

### End of Networking Dinner

## Day 2: Thursday, 16 March 2023

08:30 – 09:00 CET *Registration and Networking Coffee*

09:00 – 09:30 CET **Welcome and Opening**

09:00 – 09:05 CET **Moderator Welcome and Program Overview**

**Gabriel Wikström**, *Conference Moderator and National 2030 Agenda Coordinator, Sweden*

09:05 – 09:15 CET **ESDN Welcome and Conference Framing**

**Daniel Dubas**, *ESDN President, Delegate of the Federal Council for the 2030 Agenda, Federal Office for Spatial Development, Switzerland*

09:15 – 09:30 CET **Global Framing – Halfway to 2030**

**Helen Eduards**, *Director-General for International Development Cooperation, Sweden*

09:30 – 12:00 CET **Session 1: Europe and the 2030 Agenda – Where do we stand and what do we need until 2030?**

09:30 – 09:50 CET **Global Sustainable Development Report - Using the science-policy interface for the SDGs**

**Åsa Persson**, *Stockholm Environment Institute, Sweden*

09:50 – 10:10 CET **European Union Voluntary Review 2023**

**Carlos Berrozpe**, *European Commission – Directorate-General for International Partnerships, Belgium*

10:10 – 10:30 CET **Highlighting Europe's SDG Challenges until 2030**

**Guillaume Lafortune**, *Sustainable Development Solutions Network, France*

10:30 – 11:00 CET *Coffee Break*

11:00 – 11:15 CET **"Everyone can Flourish: Sustainability beyond the 2030 Agenda" – Initiative of the Åland Islands**

**Micke Larsson**, *Government of the Åland Islands, Finland*

11:15 – 11:30 CET **Local Level Perspectives on Agenda 2030 Progress**

**Jasmin Miah**, *ICLEI-Europe, Germany*

11:30 – 11:45 CET **Civil Society Perspectives – Relaunching the 2030 Agenda**

**Peter Schmidt**, *President of the Agriculture, Rural Development and the Environment (NAT) Section, European Economic and Social Committee, Belgium*

11:45 – 12:00 CET

### **Youth Perspectives on the Pathway to 2030**

**Dana Novacescu**, *ESDN Youth Representative, Romania*

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**Marvin Huber**, *ESDN Youth Representative, Austria*

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**Domokos Peter Kovács**, *ESDN Youth Representative, Hungary*

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12:00 – 13:00 CET

*Explaining Sessions 2 & 3, Lunch*

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13:00 – 16:30 CET

### **Exchange Spaces - Practical SDG solutions and experiences from the national, subnational, and local levels**

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13:00 – 14:30 CET

### **Exchange Space 1**

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13:00 – 13:45 CET

### **Round 1**

#### **Table 1: Czech Republic – Communication campaign of SDGs**

**Pavla Cvachovcová**, *Ministry for the Environment*

#### **Table 2: Finland – Government policy sustainability assessment**

**Eeva Furman**, *Prime Minister's Office*

#### **Table 3: Iceland – Sustainable Iceland**

**Áslaug Karen Jóhannsdóttir**, *Ministry for Foreign Affairs – Directorate for International Affairs and Policy*

#### **Table 4: Ireland – National stakeholder engagement to advance the principle of *Leaving No One Behind***

**Justina Corcoran**, *Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment*

#### **Table 5: Slovenia – Annual Development Report and the 2030 Agenda**

**Špela Rotar**, *Ministry of Cohesion and Regional Development*

#### **Table 6: Spain – The Spanish SD Strategy for 2030: Process and Challenges**

**Gabriel Castaños Hernández**, *Ministry of Social Rights and 2030 Agenda*

**Table 7: Åland Islands – “Everyone can Flourish – Sustainability beyond the 2030 Agenda”**

**Micke Larsson**, *Government of the Åland Islands, Finland*

&

**Martha Hannus**, *Development and Sustainability Council of Åland, Finland*

**Table 8: Catalonia – Catalonia Alliance 2030**

**Arnau Queralt Bassa**, *Director of the Advisory Council for the Sustainable Development of Catalonia, Spain*

**Table 9: Tallinn EU Green Capital 2023 - Localizing SDGs**

**Krista Kampus**, *Tallinn City Office, Estonia*

**Table 10: Värmland County – Political leadership and agency drive from a regional perspective**

**Georg Andrén**, *Governor of Värmland County, Sweden*

**Table 11: Council of the Baltic Sea States – Handbook for Local Climate Change Adaptation Planning in the Baltic Sea Region**

**Ugis Zanders**, *Council of the Baltic Sea States, Sweden*

13:45 – 14:30 CET

**Round 2**

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

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14:30 – 15:00 CET

*Coffee Break*

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15:00 – 16:30 CET

**Exchange Space 2**

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15:00 – 15:45 CET

**Round 3**

**Table 1: Cyprus – Active citizenship for the SDGs**

**Lefteris Eleftheriou**, *Ministry of Finance*

**Table 2: Estonia – Public sector innovation plans**

**Eili Lepik**, *Government Office*

&

**Laura Viilup**, *Government Office*

**Table 3: Italy – Enabling the NSDS - Policy Coherence for Sustainable Development**

**Francesca De Crescenzo**, *Ministry of Environment and Energy Security*

**Table 4: Latvia – LEAN: Getting the most out of your VNR under conditions of limited resources**

*Mara Simane, State Chancellery*

**Table 5: Netherlands – Integrating themes of wellbeing with the SDGs**

*Sandra Pellegrom, Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

**Table 6: Norway – Executive Forum on the Sustainable Development Goals**

*Jesper Tangenes Bæverfjord, Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development*

**Table 7: Poland – Capacity Building Program for the Public Administration and examples of putting knowledge into practice**

*Agnieszka Jabłońska, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology*

**Table 8: Sweden – At the heart of the 2030 Agenda: Policy coherence for sustainable development**

*Cristina Mattsson Lundberg, Ministry of Climate and Enterprise*  
&

*Måns Fellesson, Ministry for Foreign Affairs*

**Table 9: Flanders – Integrating the SDGs into existing local policy processes**

*Heleen Voeten, Association of Flemish Cities and Municipalities, Belgium*

**Table 10: Ljusdal – Sweden's first internationally certified sustainable tourism destination Järvsö**

*Linnéa Van Wagenen, Ljusdal Government - Unit for Strategic and Sustainable Development, Sweden*

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**Round 4**

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16:30 – 17:00 CET

**ESDN Conference 2023 Closing**

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16:30 – 16:40 CET

**Sharing Participant Experiences from the Exchange Spaces**

*Gabriel Wikström, Conference Moderator and National 2030 Agenda Coordinator, Sweden*

16:40 – 16:50 CET	<b>Take Home Messages</b> <b>László Borbély</b> , <i>ESDN Vice President, Prime Minister's Office – Department of Sustainable Development, Romania</i>
16:50 – 17:00 CET	<b>ESDN 2023 – Next Steps</b> <b>Daniel Dubas</b> , <i>ESDN President, Delegate of the Federal Council for the 2030 Agenda, Federal Office for Spatial Development, Switzerland</i>
17:00 CET	<b>End of ESDN Conference 2023</b>
18:00 CET	<b>Evening Reception</b> <i>Residence of the Swiss Ambassador to Sweden</i>