

1st ESDN Peer Learning Platform

2016

Policy coherence and cooperation for
the 2030 Agenda and SDGs implementation

Agenda

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Thursday, 13 October 2016

08:30-09:00 *Registration*

09:00-09:45 **Welcome and orientation**

Welcome and overview of the 1st ESDN Peer Learning Platform

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DIETER VANDER BEKE, Federal Institute for Sustainable Development, Belgium

GILLES GANTELET, Sustainable Development Goals Strategy - EU Commission, Belgium

09:45-11:00 **Space for Exchange 1: Experiences and lessons learned from the 2016 HLPF National Voluntary Reviews**

09:45-10:30 **INSIGHTS from the European 2016 HLPF voluntary review countries**

EILI LEPIK, Strategy Unit, Government Office, Estonia

ANNIKA LINDBLOM, Finnish National Commission on Sustainable Development, Finland

STÉPHANE BERNAUDON, Ministry for Ecology, Energy and the Sea, France

JÖRG MAYER-RIES, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety, Germany

ANDREA RIES, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland

Talk-show format with 3 main topics

1) Experiences in the preparation for HLPF 2016

2) Experiences at the HLPF 2016 in NY

3) Follow-up to HLPF and next steps in 2030 Agenda implementation

10:30-11:00 **Interactive exchange and conversation with participants**

11:00-11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30-13:15 **Space for Exchange 2: Policy coherence – How to overcome ‘silo’ thinking when implementing the 2030 Agenda and SDGs?**

11:30-12:45 **Interactive dialogue among participants on**

Practical examples, opportunities and challenges to improve policy coherence in European countries

(Incl. assigning responsibilities at the national level; cooperation between ministries and cross-sectoral coordination mechanisms; and moving from policy coherence for development to policy coherence for SD)

12:45-13:15 **Plenary discussion: Reflection on practical examples and lessons learnt**

13:15 – 14:15 *Networking lunch break*

14:15-15:45 **Space for Exchange 3: How to design good cooperation between the different policy levels (EU, Member States, sub-national levels)?**

14:15-15:15 **Interactive dialogue among participants on**

Necessary initiatives and institutional arrangements to foster cooperation between the EU, Member States, and sub-national levels

(Incl. sharing of competencies between EU and MS level; using existing forums, mechanisms, and institutions at EU level to support the 2030 Agenda implementation; new cooperation mechanisms between EU and MS)

15:15-15:45 **Plenary discussion: Reflection on necessary initiatives and ways forward**

15:45-16:15 *Coffee Break*

16:15-17:30 **Space for Exchange 4: How to bring these ideas back home?**

16:15-17:00 **Interactive dialogue:**

Suggestions on how to spur change in practice

(Individuals write down 1-2 issues they want to do at home as follow-up actions of this Platform event; followed by exchange in sets of three participants)

17:00-17:30 **Plenary discussion: Reflection on changes in practice**

17:30 *Platform closure*