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# 2<sup>nd</sup> ESDN Peer Learning Platform

# 2017

**Voluntary National Reviews at the UN High Level Political  
Forum: Experience Exchange and Learning**

## **Agenda**

**20 April 2017**

**Helsinki, Finland**

*Ministry of the Environment, Aleksanterinkatu 7, Helsinki  
Room Pankkisali (ground floor)*

**European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN)**  
*in cooperation with the*  
Finnish National Commission for Sustainable Development

08:30-09:00 *Registration*

09:00-09:15 **Welcome and orientation**

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**Welcome and overview of the 2<sup>nd</sup> ESDN Peer Learning Platform**

**WOLFRAM TERTSCHNIG**, ESDN Co-chair, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria

**ANNIKA LINDBLOM**, Secretary General, National Commission for SD, Finland

09:15-10:30 **Space for Exchange 1: Experiences from the Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) of the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2016**

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**Experiences and learning points from the European 2016 HLPF voluntary review countries:**

Invited countries: Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Montenegro, Norway, and Switzerland

**Presentations on**

- 1) What were the main learning points from preparing and presenting the VNRs 2016?
- 2) How did the VNR 2016 help in the 2030 Agenda implementation process?

**Confirmed Presentations by**

- 1) **ANNIKA LINDBLOM**, Secretary General, National Commission for SD, Finland
- 2) **STÉPHANE BERNAUDON**, Ministry of Ecology and Sustainable Development, France
- 3) **DANIEL DUBAS**, Federal Office for Spatial Development (ARE), Switzerland
- 4) **EILI LEPIK**, The State Chancellery of Estonia, Strategy Office, Estonia
- 5) **SOPHIE STÜTZEL**, German Federal Chancellery, Germany

10:30-11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:00:-12:30 **Space for Exchange 2: Preparation of the VNRs for the HLPF 2017**

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**Update and needs from the European 2017 HLPF voluntary review countries:**

Invited countries: Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, and Sweden

**Presentations on**

- 1) What is the current status of your country in its preparation of the VNR 2017?
- 2) What has been going well and what has your country been struggling with?
- 3) What pieces of advice would your country need for their VNR 2017?

**Confirmed Presentations by**

- 1) **SIMON CALLEWAERT**, Federal Institute of Sustainable Development, Belgium
- 2) **ANNA KÁRNÍKOVÁ**, Office of the Government, Czech Republic

- 3) **DARJA PICIGA**, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning, & **ANDREJA SLOMŠEK**, Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy, Slovenia
- 4) **CECILIA CHROONA**, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden
- 5) **JIMMY SKENDEROVIC**, Ministry for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure, Luxembourg
- 6) **ANNA BOMBONATO**, Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea, Italy

**12:30-13:30**      *Networking lunch break*

**13:30-15:00**    **Space for Exchange 3: Main challenges in the VNR 2017 preparation – exchange and learning (part 1)**

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**Table discussions: Exchange and learning between participants on 4-5 pre-selected topics**

**Plenary discussion: Reflections from the table discussions**

**15:00-15:30**    *Coffee Break*

**15:30-17:00**    **Space for Exchange 4: Main challenges in the VNR 2017 preparation – exchange and learning (part 2)**

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**Plenary discussion: Reflection from the table discussions**

**17:00**            *Platform closure*

**17:30-19:00**    ***“Beer Learning”: informal get-together and exchange***  
*With light food and beverages*