

# 22<sup>nd</sup> ESDN Workshop

26 - 27 March

## Governance Transformations for More Effective SDG Implementation

### Draft Agenda

26 – 27 March 2024

Hotel Avala Resort & Villas  
BUDVA, Mediteranska 2, 85310  
Montenegro

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## Day 1: Tuesday, 26 March 2024

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10:00 – 12:00 CET	<b>Pre-Workshop “Networking Space”: Barcamp on Sustainability Issues</b>  Participants who arrive earlier are invited to join a session on current sustainability issues where they can suggest the topics, questions, areas, etc. they want to discuss with their colleagues.
12:00 – 13:00 CET	<b>Buffet Lunch</b>
12:30 – 13:00 CET	<b>Workshop Registration</b>
13:00 – 13:45 CET	<b>Welcome and Opening</b>
13:00 – 13:10	<b>ESDN Welcome &amp; Workshop Overview</b> <b>László Borbély</b> , ESDN President, Prime Minister’s Office – Department for Sustainable Development, Romania
13:10 – 13:20	<b>Host Welcome &amp; Workshop Objectives</b> <b>Aneta Kankaras</b> , Head of the Office for Sustainable Development in the Secretariat General, Montenegro
13:20 – 13:30	<b>Trends, Perspectives and Forecasting of UNDP on Achieving SDG Agenda 2030</b> <b>Aleksandra Kiković</b> , UNDP Green and Inclusive Growth Portfolio Team Leader, Montenegro
13:30 – 13:35	<b>SDG Coordination and Good Governance in the Western Balkans</b> <b>Maja Handjiska Trendafilova</b> , RESPA Director, Montenegro
13:35 – 13:45	<b>Guiding the Workshop</b> <b>Gerald Berger</b> , Moderator
13:45 – 14:45 CET	<b>Session 1: SDG Coordination Mechanisms - Challenges, opportunities, and vision</b>
13:45 – 14:05	<b>Montenegro</b> <b>Aneta Kankaras</b> , Head of the Office for Sustainable Development in the Secretariat General, Montenegro
14:05 – 14:25	<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b> <b>Representative from Bosnia and Herzegovina, (TBA)</b>
14:25 – 14:45	<b>Republic of North Macedonia</b> <b>Representative from the Republic of North Macedonia, (TBA)</b>

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14:45 – 15:15 CET	Coffee Break
15:15 – 16:15 CET	<b>Session 2: Good Practice Examples and Experiences on Governance Mechanisms</b>
15:15 – 15:30	<b>Building Inclusive Stakeholder Partnerships</b> Jimmy Skenderovic, ESDN Advisory Board Member, Ministry of the Environment, Climate and Biodiversity, Luxembourg (TBC)
15:30 – 15:45	<b>Financing for the SDGs</b> Dragana Radević, Assistant Resident Representative, UNDP, Montenegro
15:45 – 16:00	<b>Government Mechanisms for Innovation</b> Representative from the Government of Finland, (TBA)
16:00 – 16:15	<b>Digitalization within Governments</b> Representative from the Government of Estonia, (TBA)
16:15 – 17:15 CET	<b>Interactive Group Work – What have we learned so far from governance mechanisms and SDG implementation?</b>  <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What works well, and where do we see positive change?</li> <li>2. What has potential but needs more attention?</li> <li>3. What does not work well, and how to change course?</li> <li>4. What is the message to the Summit for the Future?</li> </ol>
17:15 – 17:45	<b>Experience Share from the Interactive Group Work</b>
17:45 – 18:05 CET	<b>Closing of Day 1</b>
17:45 – 17:50	<b>Wrap up of Day 1</b> Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler, ESDN Vice President, Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology, Austria
17:50 – 17:55	<b>Host Perspective</b> Aneta Kankaras, Head of the Office for Sustainable Development in the Secretariat General, Montenegro
17:55 – 18:00	<b>UNDP Montenegro</b> Aleksandra Kiković, UNDP Green and Inclusive Growth Portfolio Team Leader, Montenegro
18:00 – 18:05	<b>Information about evening and Workshop Day 2</b>

Gerald Berger, Moderator

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19:00 – 21:30 CET

**Evening Dinner (full meal)**

## Day 2: Wednesday, 27 March 2024

08:30 – 09:00 CET Workshop Registration

09:00 – 09:15 CET **Welcome**

09:00 – 09:10 **Welcome and Day 1 Recap**

**Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler**, ESDN Vice President, Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology, Austria

09:10 – 09:15 **Day 2 Orientation and Goals**

**Gerald Berger**, Moderator

09:15 – 10:15 CET **Session 3: Transformation Towards Sustainability – What is needed for the future?**

09:15 – 09:30 **Romania’s Sustainability Code**

**Gabriela Ciulacu Bițan**, Sustainability Code Expert, Prime Minister’s Office – Department of Sustainable Development, Romania

09:30 – 09:45 **Business Transformations Towards Sustainability**

**Representative from the Chamber of Commerce of Montenegro**, Montenegro (TBA)

09:45 – 10:00 **Building Sustainable Development Governance Hubs**

**Stina Heikkilä**, Tallinn City Strategic Management Office, Estonia, (TBC)

10:00 – 10:15 **Youth Involvement in Transformations**

**Youth Representatives**, (TBA)

10:15 – 10:45 CET Coffee Break

10:45 – 11:45 CET **Session 4: Toolbox for Effective SDG Governance for the Future – Interactive Group Work**

1. What are the opportunities and challenges in governance partnerships for SDG implementation?
2. What needs to be done to be fit for the future?
3. How do we ensure good governance mechanisms and partnerships are in place?

11:45 – 12:15 CET **Participant Experience Share – What have you learned and what will you bring back home?**

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12:15 – 12:35 CET

## ESDN Workshop 2024 Closing

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12:15 – 12:20

### ESDN Main Learnings

**Elisabeth Freytag-Rigler**, ESDN Vice President, Federal Ministry for Climate Action, Environment, Energy, Mobility, Innovation and Technology, Austria

12:20 – 12:25

### Host Perspective

**Aneta Kankaras**, Head of the Office for Sustainable Development in the Secretariat General, Montenegro

12:25 – 12:30

### UNDP Montenegro

**Aleksandra Kiković**, UNDP Green and Inclusive Growth Portfolio Team Leader, Montenegro

12:30 – 12:35

### Next Steps for the ESDN

**László Borbély**, ESDN President, Prime Minister's Office – Department for Sustainable Development, Romania

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12:35 CET

## End of the 22<sup>nd</sup> ESDN Workshop

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