

EEAC 24th Annual Conference

RESILIENT POLICIES FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Barcelona, 20–21 October 2016

(Venue: Palau Macaya - Passeig de Sant Joan, 108)

THURSDAY 20 OCTOBER 2016

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 – 09:30 **Opening**

Arnau Queralt, Chairman, EEAC Network

Ferran Rodés, Chairman, Advisory Council for Sustainable Development of Catalonia

Raül Romeva, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Institutional Relations and Transparency, Government of Catalonia

THE 2030 AGENDA AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MORE RESILIENT EUROPE IN A GLOBALISED WORLD

Conducted by Miranda Schreurs, member of the Advisory Council for the Sustainable Development of Catalonia

09:30 – 10:30 **Global sustainability challenges and the European reply**

Victor Galaz, Deputy Science director, Stockholm Resilience Centre

10:30 – 11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00 – 11:45 **The 2030 Agenda: an opportunity for building a more resilient and sustainable Europe?**

Karl Falkenberg, Hors Class Senior Adviser – Sustainable Development, European Political Strategy Center, European Commission

11:45 – 12:30 **Benefits, challenges and uncertainties: dealing with resilience in policy making**

David Wilkinson, Director of the Sustainable Resources Directorate, Joint Research Center (JRC), European Commission

12:30 – 13:00 **Reflections from a SD council perspective**

Günther Bachmann, Secretary General, German Council for Sustainable Development (RNE)

13:00 – 14:30 *Lunch break*

DOWN TO EARTH: RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT POLICIES IN PRACTICE

14:30 – 16:30 **Towards a resilient food policy in the light of the nexus perspective**

(2030 Agenda SDGs: #2; #6; #7; #12)

Introduced and conducted by Krijn Poppe, Research Manager and Senior Economist at Wageningen UR and member of the Dutch Council for the Environment (RLI)

Panellists:

- Jan Verheeke, Secretary General, Flemish Environmental Council (MINARAAD)
- Carles Ibáñez, member, Advisory Council for the Sustainable Development of Catalonia (CADS). Head of Aquatic ecosystems program, Institute for Agri-Food Research and Technology (IRTA)
- Geneviève Savigny, Member, European Economic and Social Committee

16:30 – 17:45 **Challenging Intermezzo: intergenerational dialogue on global sustainability challenges**

Introduced and conducted by Ferran Rodés, Chairman of the Advisory Council for Sustainable Development of Catalonia

Panellists:

- Karl Falkenberg, Hors Class Senior Adviser – Sustainable Development, European Political Strategy Center, European Commission
- Brenda King, Chair, European Economic and Social Committee's Sustainable Development Observatory (EESC-SDO)
- Mart Lubben, junior council member, Rli
- Martí Oliveras, post-graduate student on Climate Change Communication

17:45 – 18:00 **Closing session and reflection of the first day**

Brenda King, Chair, EESC-SDO

FRIDAY 21 OCTOBER 2016

DOWN TO EARTH: RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT POLICIES IN PRACTICE (2)

09:00 – 11:00 **Resilience policies for resilient communities and citizens**

(2030 Agenda SDGs: #4, #11, #13)

Introduced and conducted by Arnau Queralt, director of CADS and chair of the EEAC Network

Panellists:

- Inge Paulini, Secretary General, German Council for Global Change (WBGU)
- Teresa Ribera, director, Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI). Co-chair, REDS -Sustainable Development Solutions Network.
- Eduard Vallory, chair, Center for the UNESCO of Catalonia. Director, Escola Nova 21 Program

11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30 – 13:00 **Environmental policies for a more resilient Europe**

Prof Hans Bruyninckx, Executive Director, European Environment Agency

13:00 – 13:15 **Conclusions of the conference**

- António Abreu, vice-chair, EEAC Network, and member of the National Council on Sustainable Development of Portugal
- Ron Hildebrand, treasurer, EEAC Network, and secretary of RLI.

13:15 – 13:30 **Closing remarks**

Arnau Queralt, EEAC Chair

Venue:

Palau Macaya.
Passeig de Sant Joan, 108
Barcelona

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SPEAKERS (in order of intervention)



ARNAU QUERALT
Chairman
EEAC Network

Arnau Queralt holds a B.A in Environmental Sciences and Master in Public Management. He also holds a Diploma in European Studies from the Diplomatic School of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

He is director of the Advisory Council for the Sustainable Development of Catalonia since October 2011. The CADS, set up in 1998, advises the Catalan Government in issues such as environment and sustainable development policies and is the co-host of the 24th EEAC Annual Conference.

In addition, Arnau Queralt chairs the EEAC network as of January 2015 and co-chairs its WG Sustainable Development. In the past he was director of Patronat Català Pro-Europa, member of the board of the University Institute of European Studies (Autonomous University of Barcelona), and president of the Catalan Association of Environmental Professionals.



FERRAN RODÉS
Chairman
Council for Sustainable Development
of Catalonia

In 2012 Mr Rodés joined the Catalonian Advisory Council for Sustainable Development, as Chairman. Mr Rodés is also founder, shareholder and Chairman of ARA, the first multi-platform newspaper launched in Barcelona, on November 28th, 2010.

Mr Rodés began his professional career in banking in 1984 before joining Banco Español de Crédito in 1989. He is the co-founder and partner of ISP Holdings, a family-owned Communication Group. From 2006 to 2011 Mr Rodés was the CEO of Havas, the 5th largest global Communications Group, listed on the Paris Stock Exchange.

Mr Rodés is currently Havas Vice Chairman. In addition, Mr Rodés is –amongst others- a member of the Board of Directors of Acciona as well as Chairman of its Appointments and Remuneration Committee, and member of its Sustainability Committee.



RAÜL ROMEVA
Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Institutional Relations and
Transparency
Government of Catalonia

Raül Romeva has a degree in Economics and a PhD in International Relations from the Autonomous University of Barcelona. He has worked at the UNESCO Centre of Catalonia, UNESCO Bosnia and Herzegovina, Oxfam and at UAB's School for a Culture of Peace, where he was also lecturer of International Relations between 1994 and 2002.

He has been an electoral consultant for the OSCE and member of the European Parliament between 2004 and 2009. While representing ICV at the European Parliament, he took an active role in various commissions, including the commissions on Foreign Affairs, Political Affairs and Immigration, Women's Rights and Equality, Fisheries and Marine Affairs, Social Policy, Human Rights and Security and Defence.

He also participated in the EUROMED and EUROLAT delegations, as well as the Mexico, Central America and ASEAN delegations, among others. He was Vice President of the Greens / EFA party for five years and took part of several Intergroups.

Romeva has also been a lecturer of European Politics and International Affairs at Blanquerna-Ramon Llull University, IBEI, and UPF, among others.

**MIRANDA SCHREURS***Member**Council for Sustainable Development
of Catalonia*

Prof Dr Miranda Schreurs is Professor of Climate and Environmental Policy at the Bavarian School of Public Policy, Technical University of Munich since 1st October 2016. From October 2007 to this date, she was director of the Environmental Policy Research Centre and Professor of Comparative Politics at the Freie Universität Berlin. Prior to this she was Associate Professor in the Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland.

Miranda Schreurs obtained a PhD from the University of Michigan and a MA from the University of Washington. She has spent time researching or teaching at Harvard University, Utrecht University, the Freie Universität Berlin, Keio University, Chuo University, and Rikkyo University and has held fellowships from the SSRC-MacArthur Foundation Program on International Peace and Security Affairs, the Fulbright Foundation, and the National Science Foundation/Japan Society for the Promotion of Science.

Miranda Schreurs was Appointed Member of the German Environment Advisory Council from July 2008 to June 2016 and in July 2016 she was appointed as member of CADS. Vice-chair of the EEAC network since January 2015, she chaired the network from 2011 to 2014.

**VICTOR GALAZ***Deputy Science director**Stockholm Resilience Centre*

Dr Galaz is Deputy Science Director at the Stockholm Resilience Centre (Stockholm University) and Senior Academy Fellow at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences. His research elaborates the major governance challenges posed by Earth system complexity, planetary boundaries, and the Anthropocene.

Dr Galaz articles have been published in key journals including Nature Climate Change; Science; the Lancet; International Environmental Agreements; Environment; Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment; Ecological Economics. He is also the author of the book "Global Environmental Governance, Technology and Politics: Developments in the Anthropocene" (Edward Elgar, 2015).

His work has been featured in international media such as Wired, The Guardian, New Scientist and Nature. He is a regular contributor in the Swedish public and policy debate about environmental policy and emerging technologies. He has acted as expert advisor for the International Commission on Climate Change and Development, as well as for the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) on geo-engineering issues; and acted as co-lead author for the Lancet Commission in Climate Change and Human Health (2014-2015).

**KARL FALKENBERG***Hors Class Senior Adviser on
Sustainable Development**European Political Strategy Center,
European Commission*

Dr Falkenberg has a long experience as a negotiator in the European Commission. In 2001 he was appointed Director in charge of sectoral trade policies and bilateral trade relations with North America, Japan, the Mediterranean area and the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries and in 2002 Director for Free trade agreements, Agricultural trade questions, ACP. From 2005 to 2008 he coordinated all bilateral trade policies as Deputy Director General.

In January 2009, he took up the position of Director General of the Environment, covering the EU's environmental policy in both its domestic and international dimensions.

Currently Dr Falkenberg is Hors Classe Senior Adviser on Sustainable Development to the President of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker. He was appointed in September 2015 to assess the implications of commitments of the Agenda 2030 within the Commission and on how to integrate sustainable development in EU policies.

**DAVID WILKINSON**

Director of the Sustainable Resources Directorate

*Joint Research Center (JRC),
European Commission*

Dr Wilkinson is a chartered engineer and a Fellow of the Institution of Engineering and Technology and a Fellow of the Institute of Physics. He also graduated as a European Engineer at the Fédération Européenne d'Association Nationale d'Ingénieurs (FEANI).

Dr Wilsinson received a PhD in Theoretical Condensed Matter Physics in 1981. For his doctorate, he worked at the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge University and at the ICI Corporate Research Laboratory in the area of theoretical statistical condensed matter physics.

He worked for 14 years as a consulting systems engineer in the UK prior to joining the European Commission in 1995. In the Joint Research Centre, he has worked in a wide range of areas where science supports the EU policy process, including environment, security and nuclear decommissioning.

He took up his current position as Director of the Sustainable Resources Directorate (former Institute for the Environment and Sustainability) in April 2015. In this position Dr Wilskinson is responsible for the provision of scientific and technical support to EU policies for the protection of the environment and the more efficient and sustainable management of natural resources at global and continental scales.

**GÜNTHER BACHMANN**

Secretary General

*German Council for Sustainable
Development (RNE)*

Prof Bachmann studied landscape planning and was awarded his PhD from the Technische Universität Berlin in 1985 for his thesis on soil functions. He has held leading positions on soil and land regulation at the Federal Environmental Agency.

In 2001, the Federal Chancellery appointed him Director of the German Council for Sustainable Development, a multi-stakeholder body that advises the Federal Government. He has been Secretary-General of the Council since 2007.

In his profession Prof. Bachmann interacts with the private sector and academia as well as stakeholders from all cross-sections of society. With the assistance of funding provided by the Federal Parliament, he has been engaging stakeholders in four regional network hubs since 2016.

In February 2014, the University of Lüneburg made Dr Bachmann an honorary professor. He publishes papers on sustainable development issues as well as environmental and energy policies. He is a member of the European Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils (EEAC).

**KRIJN POPPE**

*Research Manager and Senior
Economist at Wageningen UR*

*Member of the Dutch Council for the
Environment (RLI)*

Dr Poppe is Research Manager and Senior Economist at Wageningen Economic Research. He is a specialist in business economics and agricultural economics. He helps decision makers in policy and business to understand and act upon trends in agriculture and food, based in science. Furthermore, Dr Poppe manages or co-manages several projects for the European Commission.

In recent years Dr Poppe also managed EU Research projects on the competitive position of European Food Industry (for DG Enterprise) and on Support for Farmers' Cooperatives (DG Agri). He was also involved in several ICT projects, FLINT (on sustainability data in FADN) and DISH Research Infrastructure (for food and health). He co-lead the SCAR's collaborative working group AKIS.

Dr Poppe is also a member of the Dutch Council for the Environment and Infrastructure (Rli) as of August 2016. The Rli is the primary strategic advisory board for the Dutch government and parliament in matters relating to the physical environment and infrastructure.



JAN VERHEEKE

Secretary General

Flemish Environmental Council

Mr Verheeke obtained his Bachelor degree in Philosophy and a master's degree in law at the Ghent University. After his studies Mr Verheeke worked as policy advisor to a Flemish nature organization.

After a career with NGO's Mr Verheeke was appointed acting director of the Flemish environmental council, Minaraad. After gaining several years of experience at the Minaraad he moved to the ministry to become personal advisor to the minister for environment and nature protection.

Currently Mr Verheeke is the Secretary General of the Environmental Advisory Council of Flanders. This council gives advice to the Flemish government on matters such as environment, energy, water and climate.



CARLES IBÁÑEZ

Member

Advisory Council for Sustainable Development of Catalonia (CADS)

Dr. Carles Ibáñez is the Head of the Aquatic Ecosystems Program at IRTA.

He obtained his PhD in Biology at the University of Barcelona and spent his post-doc in the Laboratory of Fluvial System Ecology of CNRS (France). He has 25 years of research experience in the field of aquatic ecology and sustainable management of water resources, with more than 50 papers published in peer-reviewed international journals.

He has been member of the Advisory Council of Sustainable Use of Water of the Government of Catalonia, and currently member of the Advisory Council for Sustainable Development of Catalunya (since 2009).

He is also member of the Group of Experts on Climate Change of Catalonia, as well as of the Paddy Rice Group of the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases. He has been expert reviewer of the Fifth IPCC Report on Climate Change 2013: Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability (Working Group II).



GENEVIEVE SAVIGNY

Member

European Economic and Social Committee

Ms Savigny studied agriculture and graduated in 1980. She started farming in 1992, with her companion, a family farmer in the South East of France. Ms Savigny is involved in the French Peasant Union (Confederation paysanne) for over 20 years and she joined the coordination committee (CC) of the European Coordination Via Campesina in 2009.

As of 2015 Genevière Savigny is a member of the European Economic and Social Committee on behalf of the French peasant union. In her capacity of EESC member she was involved in different project concerning food, food policy and resilience.



BRENDA KING

Chair

*European Economic and Social
 Committee's Sustainable
 Development Observatory*

Ms Brenda King is a UK representative on the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC). She is currently President of the Sustainable Development Observatory (SDO).

As a member of the SDO, she is rapporteur of an EESC report putting forward recommendations for civil society involvement in the implementation, monitoring and review of the sustainable development agenda in the EU.

She was also part of the core team of three members who undertook an impact study in six member states on the EU Renewable Energy Directive.

From 2010 to 2013, Brenda chaired the EU-African Caribbean Pacific subcommittee where she successfully campaigned for 2015 to be the European Year for Development and Cooperation.

Between 2006 and 2008, she was President of the EESC's specialized section in employment focusing on job growth and quality employment. For over 10 years, Brenda has overseen the successful delivery of a youth development programme that has been recognised and awarded in the UK.



INGE PAULINI

Secretary General

*German Council for Global Change
 (WBGU)*

Dr Paulini holds a diploma in nutrition (University of Bonn, Germany), a Master of Science in nutrition (Washington State University, Pullman, USA) and a doctorate in biology (University of Hannover, Germany).

From 1993 – 2008 Dr Paulini worked for the Umweltbundesamt (UBA, German Federal Environment Agency) on a variety of topics, ranging from health related environmental topics and evaluation of impact assessment and life cycle analysis via environmental impacts of and risk management for chemicals, to strategies for sustainable development and information, including resource efficiency and instruments for environmental protection.

As of 2009 Dr Paulini serves as Secretary-General of the German Advisory Council on Global Change. Her special interests are (strategies for) political and societal changes which lead to transformational changes towards sustainable development, and how research can support such developments.



EDUARD VALLORY

Chair

Center for the UNESCO of Catalonia

Director

Escola Nova 21 Program

Dr Vallory is a social analyst and an expert in change management, now focused on the enhancement of education. He holds a PhD in Political and Social Sciences (UPF), an MA in Social Sciences (UChicago), an AMP-PADE (IESE), and BAs in Philosophy and in Journalism (UB/UPF). His PhD dissertation was entitled 'Global Citizenship Education', and the PhD Committee Chair was Prof. Federico Mayor Zaragoza, former Director of UNESCO.

Dr Vallory was Research Fellow of Fitzwilliam College at the University of Cambridge, and he served as Chief of Staff of the Ministry for Universities and Research of the Government of Catalonia. He also holds the post of director general of the Barcelona Graduate School of Economics,

Currently Dr Vallory holds the position of chair of Center for the UNESCO of Catalonia and he is the director of the Escola Nova 21 Program.

Dr Vallory has also been a columnist for several newspapers on political analysis and has written and collaborated on books about citizenship, education, civil society, and participation.

**TERESA RIBERA**

Director

*Institute for Sustainable
Development and International
Relations (IDDRI)*

Co-chair

*REDS - Sustainable Development
Solutions Network*

Ms Teresa Ribera is director of IDDRI. Before her appointment as director, in July 2014, she was Senior Advisor on International Climate Policy at IDDRI.

Ms Ribera was Secretary of State for Climate Change in Spain's Government between 2008 and 2011, responsible for environment and climate policies as well as the national meteorological agency. Between September 2012 and June 2013 she has been working in the renewable energy industry. She held different technical positions in the ministries of Public Works, Transportation and Environment (1996-2004) and was Director-General for climate (2004-2008).

Ms Ribera graduated in Law, holds the diploma in constitutional law and political science of the Centro de Estudios Constitucionales (Spain) and belongs to the Cuerpo Superior de Administradores Civiles del Estado. She has been assistant professor in public law in the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid (Spain).

Ms Ribera chairs the Advisory Board of the Momentum For Change UNFCCC Initiative; She is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Advisory Council on Climate in the WEF, and of the UNSDSN's Global Leadership Council.

**PROF HANS BRUYNINCKX**

Executive Director

European Environment Agency

Prof Bruyninckx studied undergraduate and master's degrees in political science specialising in international relations at Antwerp and Leuven Universities. He also completed an additional programme in development studies at the University Catholique de Louvain-la-Neuve. He completed a PhD degree in 1996 at Colorado State University on the topic of international environmental politics.

Prof Bruyninckx took office as Executive Director of the European Environment Agency on 1 June, 2013. Previously he was professor of environmental politics and director of the HIVA Research Institute in Belgium, a policy-oriented research institute associated with the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. He has also teach in several other universities in the United States and Europe, including Colorado State University, Canisius College and Wageningen University.

His academic expertise lies primarily in the field of European and international environmental policy, studying the effects of globalisation on the global governance of environmental issues and sustainable development. He has taught courses on the topics of global environmental politics and global environmental governance in relation to the European Union (EU), publishing extensively on EU environmental policies and its role as an actor in global environmental governance.