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Welcome

Arnau Queralt-Bassa has been serving as chairperson of the European network of Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils (EEAC) since January 2015. Mr. Queralt-Bassa also is director of the Advisory Council for the Sustainable Development of Catalonia. He holds a master in Public Management and a Diploma in European Studies.



Prof. Dr. Manfred Niekisch is Professor of international nature conservation. Prof. Dr. Niekisch had the correspondent professorship at the University of Greifswald. He also was Director of Frankfurt Zoo until December 2017. In addition, Prof. Dr. Niekisch holds a number of honorary positions and he is the Vice Chair of the German Advisory Council on the Environment (SRU).



Prof. Dr. Sabine Schlacke is Professor of public law and Executive Director of the Institute for Environmental Law and Planning Law at the University of Münster. Prof. Dr. Schlacke is Co-Chair of the German Advisory Council on Global Change (WBGU) and Judge at the Constitutional Court of Bremen.



Marlehn Thieme Having joined the German Council for Sustainable Development (RNE) in 2004, Ms. Thieme held the position of deputy chair, before becoming chairperson in 2012. She was reelected in 2013 and 2016. Previously, Ms. Thieme was employed at the Deutsche Bank AG as Director of Corporate Social Responsibility and as a member of its Supervisory Board.

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Political statement

Dr. Helge Reinhold Braun is a German politician of the CDU party. Since 2018, Dr. Braun has been serving Head of the Chancellery and Federal Minister for Special Affairs in the fourth coalition government of Chancellor Angela Merkel.

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Unlocking the lock-inns

Dr. Imme Scholz, a university-trained sociologist, is Deputy Director of the German Development Institute (DIE). She has spent the past twenty years working on various issues at the environment-and-development interface. Dr. Scholz has been a member of the German Council for Sustainable Development (RNE) since 2013.



Jean-Baptiste Djebbari is a French airline pilot and politician. Mr. Djebbari is a member of La République en marche party. In the National Assembly, he is a member of the Committee on Sustainable Development and Regional Planning, in which he officiates as coordinator ("whip") for the majority group.



Dr. Lukas Köhler is a German politician. He is a party member of Freie Demokraten FDP in the Bundestag. He works on issues including environmental policies, intergenerational justice and human rights. Dr. Köhler holds a PhD from the Hochschule für Philosophie in Munich.



Patrick ten Brink is responsible for the EEB's EU Policy Unit as well for a range of horizontal dossiers. Before joining the EEB, Mr. ten Brink was the Director of IEEP-Brussels and head of its Green Economy Programme. He has a master in Environmental and Natural Resource Economics and a joint honours Physics and Philosophy degree.

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Environmental Governance: Reshaping Institutions and Policy for Transformative Changes

Astrid Ladefoged is currently Head of Unit for Sustainable Development Goals, Green Finances & Economic Analysis within DG Environment in the European Commission. Ms. Ladefoged has 20 years of professional experience working on the EU's environment policy including at national and European level in a think-tank and in the European Commission.



Prof. Dr. Christian Calliess is Professor of Public Law and European Law at the Freie Universität Berlin since 2008. His research focuses primarily on European, constitutional and environmental law. Prof. Dr. Calliess is also member of the German Advisory Council on the Environment (SRU).



Prof. Dr. Gyula Bándi has been active in environmental law research and education for 40 years. He holds a position as Jean Monnet Professor of EU environmental law and he is a Professor at the Pázmány Péter Catholic University in Budapest. In 2017, Prof. Dr. Bándi was elected by the Hungarian Parliament as the Ombudsman for Future Generations for a six years term.



Dr. Tuuli Hirvilammi works as a postdoctoral researcher at the University of Jyväskylä. In addition, Dr. Hirvilammi has been a member in the Finnish Expert Panel on Sustainable Development since February 2016. The panel aims to promote sustainable development in Finland and to support the Finnish National Commission on Sustainable Development.

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Turning Digitalization into a Lever for Sustainability: Where is the European Vision?



Dieter Janecek is a German politician. He is a member of the Greens in the Bundestag. Mr. Janecek chairs the Green parliamentary group of the Committee on the Digital Agenda and he is a member of the Green parliamentary group of the Committee of Enquiry on Artificial Intelligence.



Dr. Harry Lehmann is General Director of the Department of Environmental Planning and Sustainability Strategies at the Federal Environment Agency UBA. In addition, Dr. Lehmann is the President of the Factor 10 Club for resource productivity and sustainable use of natural resources. In 2011, he also became Executive Chairman of the World Renewable Energy Council.



Prof. Dr.-Ing. Ina Schieferdecker is Professor for quality engineering of open distributed systems at Technische Universität Berlin. Furthermore, she is Director of Fraunhofer Institute for Open Communication Systems FOKUS, Co-founding Director of the Weizenbaum Institute for the Networked Society and member of the German Advisory Council on Global Change, (WBGU).



Max Thinus is a futurologist, author, company spokesman, entrepreneur, speaker, lobbyist and is regarded as one of Europe's leading futurologists with a focus on society, sustainability, business and trade. He talks and writes about digitisation, the future, social development and how our everyday lives will change.

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Sustainable Finance: Lever for Sustainable Business and Enhancing Structures for Sustainable Development?



Prof. Dr. Alexander Bassen is Professor of business management, specialising in the capital markets and corporate management, at the University of Hamburg. The focus of his research is valuation of non-financial information and sustainability. Prof. Dr. Bassen has also been a member of the Council for Sustainable Development since 2013.



Dr. Joost Oorthuizen sits in several boards of international sustainability initiatives as well as Investment Funds. Currently, Dr. Oorthuizen is the Executive Director of The Sustainable Trade Initiative (IDH). Dr. Oorthuizen holds a PhD from Wageningen University and followed post-graduate education at SIOO and INSEAD.



Matthias Kopp Currently, he heads up the sustainable finance activities with WWF Germany and is a member of WWF's international Finance Practice. Previously, he worked with PwC management consultants. Mr. Kopp holds a degree in industrial engineering and management (Berlin/London).

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Plenary Exchange



Cristina Gallach has served as the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information (2014-2017). Previously, Ms. Gallach was spokesperson and Communication Director of Javier Solana during his mandates as NATO Secretary General (1996-1999) and as the EU High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (1999-2009). She has been responsible for Equal Opportunities and head of Public Relations in the Council of Europe. A journalist by profession, she possesses extensive expertise as a correspondent in conflict zones, the former Soviet Union and European Union. Currently, Ms Gallach is the Spanish governments' high commissioner for the 2030 Agenda.



Prof. Dr. Miranda Scheurs is the chair of the Environment and Climate Policy department of the Technische Universität München. Prof. Dr. Schreurs' main research areas are in international and comparative climate policy, environmental politics, and low-carbon energy transitions. She is involved in projects examining the energy transitions in Germany and Japan; climate policies of Europe, the United States, and China. Prof. Dr. Scheurs is also Vice Chair of the European Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils.



Prof. Dr. Sandrine Dixon-Declève (Conference Moderator) was Chief Partnership Officer for UN Agency Sustainable Energy for All and prior to that she was the Director of the Prince of Wales's Corporate Leaders Group and the EU office of the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership. During that period she was also appointed Executive Director of the Green Growth Platform. Prof. Dr. Dixon-Declève is a respected facilitator and Professor on climate change, green growth, conventional and sustainable energy solutions and innovative ideas.