

7th ESDN Peer Learning Platform

14 June 2022

Voluntary National Reviews: Challenges, Successes and Lessons Learned

Draft Agenda

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13:00 – 18:00 CEST

**Permanent Representation of Romania to the
European Union**

**107 Avenue de Cortenbergh
Brussels, Belgium**

**Organized by the European Sustainable Development Network
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**The European Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils
Network (EEAC Network)**

10:30 – 12:00 CEST *EU Presidency Event (Internal Event)*

12:00 – 13:00 CEST *Light Lunch and Registration*

13:00 – 13:40 CEST **Welcome and Opening**

13:00 – 13:10 CEST **Goals of the Peer Learning Platform**

Daniel Dubas, *ESDN President, Delegate of the Federal Council for the 2030 Agenda, Switzerland*

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Arnau Queralt Bassa, *Chairman of the EEAC Network, Director of the Advisory for the Sustainable Development of Catalonia, Spain*

13:10 – 13:25 CEST **Importance of the Voluntary National Reviews**

Monika Linn, *Principal Adviser, Office of the Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Switzerland*

13:25 – 13:40 CEST **Planning the European Union's Voluntary National Review 2023**

Representative from the European Commission, Belgium (TBA)

13:40 – 14:40 CEST **Session 1: VNR Successes, Challenges and Lessons Learned**

General questions about:

- *Planning*
- *Process*
- *Stakeholder inclusion (NGOs, CSOs, business, academia, research, etc.)*
- *Successes – what worked well*
- *Challenges – critical points or issues that have not been working out*
- *Lessons learned – What are the main learning points from VNR 1 to VNR 2? What were the main innovations that were made? What will you do differently in future VNRs?*

13:40 – 13:55 CEST **Finland**

Annika Lindblom, *ESDN Vice President, Ministry of the Environment, Finland*

13:55 – 14:10 CEST **Switzerland**

Andrina Frey, *Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland*

14:10 – 14:25 CEST **Netherlands**

Sandra Pellegrom, *Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Netherlands (TBC)*

14:25 – 14:40 CEST **Spain**

Juan Antonio Martín Burgos, *Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation (TBC)*

14:40 – 15:15 CEST *Coffee Break with 4 presenters stationed at tables, so participants can approach them and ask them questions (standing tables with country flags)*

15:15 – 16:15 CEST **Session 2: Panel Discussion with the EU Commission – How can the Member States support the EU’s VNR 2023 process?**

Allow the Commission to ask questions on:

- *What are the Challenges & Successes?*
- *How have Member State experiences in the VNR process been?*
- *What are the benefits of involving the Member States in the VNR process?*

Member States can ask:

- *How they can be involved?*
- *What they can bring to the EU’s VNR 2023 process?*
- *How does the VNR benefit Europe as a whole regarding reaching the SDGs?*

Fishbowl Discussion – 2 EU COM reps and 2 ESDN Member Country Representatives, 2 EEAC Members and 1 EESC Member. Participants are sitting around listening. If another country would like to discuss, then they take the ESDN representatives’ seats and keep switching to bring in more experiences and viewpoints.

16:15 - 16:45 CEST *Coffee Break and move to your breakout group*

16:45 – 17:30 CEST **Session 3: Breakout Groups**

Breakout Groups on different VNR issues that are important to countries when conducting their VNRs for the HLPF.

17:30 – 17:50 CEST ***Tour de Table* - What are you taking with you after today?**

17:50 – 18:00 CEST **Closing of the 7th ESDN Peer Learning Platform**

17:50 – 18:00 CEST **ESDN & EEAC Farewell**

László Borbély, *ESDN Vice President, Prime Minister’s Office - Department for Sustainable Development, Romania*

18:00 CEST **End of the 7th ESDN Peer Learning Platform**
