



## Conference Programme

### **Go sustainable, be responsible!** ***European civil society on the road to the UN Rio+20 conference***

**Date:** 7 and 8 February 2012  
**Duration:** 9.30 a.m. on 7 February to 1.00 p.m. on 8 February  
**Venue:** European Economic and Social Committee, Jacques Delors building,  
Rue Belliard/Belliardstraat 99, 1040 Bruxelles/Brussel.  
Meeting room JDE 62  
**Interpretation** from ES/DE/EN/FR/IT/PL/PT to ES/DE/EN/FR/IT/PT

#### 7 February 2012

**9.00 – 9.30 a.m.**      **Registration and coffee**

**9.30 – 11.00 a.m.**      **Opening session**

**Chair: Staffan Nilsson, EESC President**

- **Welcome speech, outline and purpose of the EESC's work on Rio+20, Staffan Nilsson, EESC President**
- **The Rio+20 conference – objectives, progress, possible outcome, Brice Lalonde, Executive Coordinator, UN Conference on Sustainable Development 2012**
- **The EU's approach to Rio+20, Janez Potočnik, European Commission, Commissioner for Environment**
- **Sustainable Societies: Responsive Citizens – The declaration of the 64th Annual UN DPI/NGO Conference, Felix Dodds, Executive Director, Stakeholder Forum**

**Debate**

**11.00 – 11.30 a.m.**      **Coffee Break**

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**11.30 – 1.00 p.m.      General debate**

***Greening the economy – Europe's contribution to sustainable development in a world of limited natural resources***

**Chair:** Moderator

- **The green economy within European resource-efficiency policy, Karl Falkenberg**, Director-General, European Commission, DG Environment
- **Setting the stage for a global green economy, Jo Leinen**, European Parliament
- **What is needed to encourage investment in a sustainable future?, Peter Bakker**, President, World Business Council for Sustainable Development
- **Creating decent jobs by greening the economy, Frances O'Grady**, Deputy General Secretary, British Trades Union Congress (TUC)

**Debate**

**1.00 – 2.30 p.m.      Buffet lunch**

**2.30 – 4.00 p.m.      General debate**

***Sustainable development – fighting poverty and ensuring social justice***

**Chair:** Moderator

- **Sustainable development and European development policy, Andris Piebalgs**, European Commission, Commissioner for Development
- **Approaching the Millennium Development Goals through a green economy? Jan Dusik**, Regional Director, UNEP Regional Office for Europe
- **Prospects for sustainable development in developing countries, Mamadou Cissokho**, Honorary President, Network of Peasant organizations and Producers in West Africa (ROPPA)
- **Promoting decent jobs and social protection with Rio+20, Susanne Hoffmann**, Regional Director, ILO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia

**Debate**

**4.00 – 4.30 pm      Coffee Break**

**4.30 – 6.00 p.m.      Workshops (2 in parallel)**

**Workshop 1**

***Food, water and energy for everyone***

**Chair: Sandy Boyle**, EESC member

**Speakers**

- **Olivier De Schutter**, UN Special Representative on the Right to Food
- **Letitia Obeng**, Chair, Global Water Partnership (GWP) and outcome ambassador of the UN Nexus conference on Food, Water, Energy
- **Gisele Henrique**, Policy and Advocacy Officer, CIDSE, the International Alliance of Catholic Development Agencies

**Rapporteur: Brenda King**, EESC member

**Workshop 2**

***Sustainable consumption and production***

**Chair: Ulla Sirkeinen**, EESC member

**Speakers**

- **Alberto Parenti**, European Commission, DG Environment
- **Guy Ethier**, Chair, BUSINESSEUROPE SCP Working Group and Senior Vice President of the Group Environment, Health and Safety, Umicore
- **Ursula Pahl**, Deputy Director General, BEUC, the European Consumers' Organisation
- **Silvia Lorek**, Chair, Sustainable Europe Research Institute Germany (SERI)

**Rapporteur: Siobhán Egan**, EESC member

**6.30 p.m.      Cocktail reception hosted by the EESC**

**8 February**

**9.00–10.30 a.m.      Workshops (2 in parallel)**

**Workshop 3**

***A fair transition to a green economy - the social dimension***

**Chair: Gunta Anča**, EESC member

**Speakers**

- **Bert de Wel**, Adviser at the research department, ACV-CSC (Belgian trade union)
- **Renate Hornung-Draus**, Federal Association of Employers Association (BDA)
- **Conny Reuter**, President of the Platform of European social NGOs

**Rapporteur: Stefano Palmieri**, EESC member

**Workshop 4**

***Involving civil society in the transition to a green economy***

**Chair: Stéphane Buffetaut**, EESC member

**Speakers**

- **Prof. Miranda Schreurs**, FU Berlin, Chair of EEAC (European Environmental and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils)
- **Jeremy Wates**, Secretary General of the European Environmental Bureau
- **Anne-Marie Ducroux**, President of the environment section, Conseil économique, social et environnemental (France)
- **Vaia Tuuia**, General delegate of Association 4D - Dossiers et Débats pour le Développement Durable - Collectif Rio+20 (France), on behalf of the European NGO Confederation for Relief and Development

**Rapporteur: Hans-Joachim Wilms**, EESC member, President of the Sustainable Development Observatory

**10.30 – 11.00 a.m.      Coffee Break**

**11.00 – 11.40 a.m. Workshop conclusions**

Presented by the rapporteurs

**11.40 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. Closing session**

**Chair: Staffan Nilsson, EESC President**

**Speakers**

- **Main messages of the conference and outlook, Staffan Nilsson**, EESC president
  - **Ida Auken**, Danish Minister of the Environment (tbc)
  - **Moreira Franco**, Brazilian minister for strategic issues of the presidency and secretary-general of the Brazilian Social and Economic Development Council (CDES) (tbc)
  - **Lloyd Russell-Moyle**, Board Member for Sustainable Development, European Youth Forum
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