

Dear colleague,

We cordially invite you to the Conference “**The SDGs and the Future of Europe**” followed by a public evening event on **15 October 2018 in Bonn, Germany**.

This conference brings together representatives from both networks, the European Network of Political Foundations (ENoP) and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), who have agreed to cooperate in the promotion of the SDGs across the EU. Beyond that, the conference also aims to gather experts from academia and politics from a diverse range of European countries and disciplines who are interested to discuss pathways of how to shape a sustainable future of Europe. In this view, this conference will feature leading representatives in dialogue, plenary and breakout sessions. The conference is supposed to be a kick-off event and aims to incentivize further joint activities of the membership of ENoP and SDSN in Europe.

Adopted in 2015 by all 193 UN Member States, the 2030 Agenda and its SDGs set quantitative targets for 2030 covering economic development, social inclusion, and environmental sustainability. The European Union and its member states have committed to these Goals but have not taken bold actions needed for their achievement, like the alignment of both their strategies and budgets with the SDGs. Some of Europe's most pressing socio-economic priorities and challenges including rising inequalities, youth unemployment, and climate change are covered under the Goals, making it imperative for the EU to commit and invest seriously into their achievement, while at the same time leading the global movement towards the 2030 Agenda. The upcoming elections to the European Parliament in 2019, the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) covering the decisive years 2021-2027, and the formation of the next EU Commission are the EU's last opportunity to lay the ground for a sustainable future in Europe.

Please find attached the provisional conference programme. We kindly ask you to **RSVP to [enopsdsn@sdsngermany.de](mailto:enopsdsn@sdsngermany.de) until 24 September 2018** at the latest. Please direct your queries to Janina Sturm at [sturm@sdsngermany.de](mailto:sturm@sdsngermany.de)

We are looking forward to welcoming you at the conference!

With kind regards,

Johanna Lutz  
ENoP Network Coordinator



Guido Schmidt-Traub / SDSN  
Executive Director



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## The SDGs and the Future of Europe

Monday, 15 October 2018, 10:00am – 5:00pm

(followed by a public evening event 5:30pm – 7:30pm)

Deutsche Welle in Bonn

Kurt-Schumacher-Str. 3, 53113 Bonn, Germany

### Programme (Draft)

*Moderator: **Patrick Leusch** (Head European Affairs, Deutsche Welle)*

10:00 – 10:30 Registration and Coffee

10:30 – 10:45 **Welcome**

***Guido Schmidt-Traub** (SDSN Executive Director)*

***Johanna Lutz** (ENoP Coordinator)*

10:45 – 12:45 **Session I: The EU at the crossroads: Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in challenging times – defending sustainability against populism**

Keynotes, panel and table discussion featuring inter alia

***Johan Rockström** (Stockholm Resilience Centre / Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK))*

***Matern von Marschall** (Member of the German Bundestag)*

***H.E. Miguel Ángel Moratinos Cuyaubé** (Former Foreign Minister of Spain; Chair of SDSN Spain)*

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch Break

13:45 – 15:15 **Session II: Making the SDGs Europe's Business**

Impulses followed by parallel breakout sessions on key challenges and opportunities

- Budgeting for the SDGs: What should the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF; 2021-2027) deliver?
- European Parliament elections 2019: How to engage with the political parties in the run up to the election?
- Building up networks to achieve the SDGs: New partnerships, innovative alliances, reaching out to domestic civil society and business actors
- Engaging with the EU presidencies, new member states and candidate countries
- European international relations: Can the EU lead on the SDGs?

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Experts/facilitators will introduce the topics in the plenary. Parallel working groups will then delve deeper into each of the topics including identification of key messages for a joint ENoP/SDSN call on SDGs in Europe.

15:15 – 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 – 16:45 **Session III: Key messages for European politics over the next 12 months**  
Panel discussion with the facilitators of the working groups.

16:45 – 17:00 **Concluding Remarks**  
**Where do we go from here? What can ENoP und SDSN achieve together?**

17:30 – 19:30 **Public Evening Event**

## Public Evening Event

### The SDGs and the Future of Europe

Keynotes and panel discussion with Gesine Schwan, Johan Rockström and others

5:30pm – 7:30pm

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