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# **The SDGs and the Future of Europe**

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**Deutsche Welle in Bonn**

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Accounting for six percent of the global population and 22 percent of global economic output, the European Union is a global player whose actions are decisive for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) both within Europe and globally. 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.

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. 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.

In this regard, the European Network of Political Foundations (ENoP) and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) are organizing a conference in Bonn on 15 October 2018 that will explore ways of making the SDGs an integral part of the political agenda in the EU in alignment with these upcoming high-level events. This conference invites the membership of both networks as well as experts from academia and politics to promote exchange and develop concrete initiatives that will steer the European Union towards implementation and achievement of the SDGs.

More information and background documents will follow in the coming weeks. Please contact Janina Sturm ([sturm@sdsngermany.de](mailto:sturm@sdsngermany.de)) for further information.

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