



25th EEAC Annual Conference

Towards the 2030 Agenda and beyond:
European cooperation within a new
citizens – science – policy – interface

11, 12 and 13 October 2017
Maastricht, the Netherlands

Venue: Château St.Gerlach
Joseph Corneli Allée 1
Valkenburg aan de Geul
The Netherlands



09:15 Registration and coffee

09:45 Opening

Welcome by the host Councils
(FRDO-CFDD, Minaraad, CSDD, Rli)
Welcome by Arnau Queralt Bassa,
Chairman of the EEAC Network

09:55 Introduction by the conference moderator
Marcia Luyten

SESSION 1

10:00 – 10:25 25 years of environmental and sustainability policies in the EU: Overcoming hurdles and remaining challenges

Opening address by:
Dirk Messner

10:25 – 10:40 Panel response by:
David Baldock, Jacqueline McGlade,
Eeva Furman

10:40 – 10:50 Questions from the audience

10:50 – 11:45 Table sessions
See the detailed programme on the table

11:50 – 12:00 Panel response on the round table outcomes by:
David Baldock, Jacqueline McGlade,
Eeva Furman

12:00 – 12:20 **COFFEE BREAK**

SESSION 2

**12:20 –
12:35** The present political climate: an obstacle for the implementation of the 2030-Agenda for Sustainable Development?

Opening by:
Gilles Gantelet, European Commission

**12:35 –
12:50** Questions and pitch

Questions by representative of the younger generation and the audience

Pitch by representative of the younger generation

**12:50 –
13:30** Interview:
Cristina Gallach, Jeremy Wates,
Gilles Gantelet

**13:30 –
15:00** LUNCH BUFFET

SESSION 3

**15:00 –
15:30** A changing interface between science – policy – society calls for critical reflection on long-term policy making and advice

Dialogue with:
Magda Aelvoet, Filipe Duarte Santos, Louise van Schaik, Falk Schmidt

**15:30 –
15:45** Questions from the audience

15:45 Coffee (served at the tables)

**15:45 –
16.35** Table sessions
See the detailed programme on the table

How does the changing citizens-science-policy interface affects... and how should we handle the challenges and chances?

CONCLUDING SESSION

- 16:35 –** Column on the topic of the conference by:
16:50 Tomas Vanheste
(inspired by input of the conference day itself)
- 16:50 –** Closing of the plenary conference session
17:00

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Speakers in order of intervention



Marcia Luyten

Marcia Luyten studied Business Economics and Culture and Science Studies at Maastricht University, and completed the International Relations course at the Netherlands Institute of International Relations 'Clingendael'. From 1995 to 2001, she worked as a correspondent in Uganda and Rwanda for the newspapers NRC Handelsblad (1995-1997) and De Volkskrant (1999-2001). She then served as a diplomat for the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs for two years. In 2012, Ms Luyten succeeded Peter van Ingen as one of the alternating presenters of the political interview programme Buitenhof, which is broadcast every Sunday on Dutch television.



Dirk Messner

Dirk Messner has been Director of the "German Development Institute (DIE)" since 2003. Based on his research, Dirk Messner is engaged in high-ranking policy advisory councils. For example, he is Co-Chair of the "German Advisory Council on Global Change" (WBGU) and of the "Sustainable Development Solutions Network Germany" (SDSN). His work areas focus on Global change and Sustainable Development, Transformation towards the Decarbonisation of the global Economy, Global Governance and International Cooperation.



David Baldock

David Baldock joined the Institute for European Environmental Policy in the mid-1980s to establish a programme of work on agricultural and rural environmental issues. He became Deputy Director in 1992, Director in 1998 and then active Senior Fellow in 2016. As well as being an authority on European agricultural policy and the environment, his areas of interest and specialism include EU strategies for climate, natural resources, public investment and sustainable development.



Jacqueline McGlade

Jacqueline McGlade is an environmental informatics professor. She was Executive Director of the European Environment Agency from 2003–2013. In 2014, she became Chief Scientist and Director of the Division of Early Warning and Assessment of the United Nations Environment Programme based in Nairobi. Her research focusses on the spatial and nonlinear dynamics of ecosystems, climate change and scenario development.



Eeva Furman

Eeva Furman is a Finnish environmental expert. She is Professor and Director of Environmental Policy Center of the Finnish Environment Institute and Chairman of Finland's Sustainable Expertise Panel organized by Sitra. Eeva Furman was selected in January 2017 for the Agenda 2030 Preparatory Agenda for the UN Sustainable Development Report. The group's work started in February 2017 and the report will be published in 2019. Eeva Furman gained experience in international environmental collaboration through R&D projects and processes in the Arctic, Asian and European context, as well as nationally in Finland.



Gilles Gantelet

Gilles Gantelet is director for policy in the department for Environment (DG ENV) at the European Commission. He has been appointed director on April 26, 2017. Prior to this, Gilles Gantelet was head of the Unit Sustainable Development Goals Strategy. Gilles Gantelet, a French national, joined the Commission in 1994. His career at the Commission focused on communication policy, including as Spokesperson for former Commissioners Jacques Barrot and Loyola de Palacio.



Cristina Gallach

Cristina Gallach served as the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information from December 2014 to June 2017. Prior to this Cristina Gallach gained extensive experience in the field of communications, she has held several high-level positions and has worked as a spokesperson for e.g. the Spanish Government, the Council of the European Union and NATO.



Jeremy Wates

Jeremy Wates is the Secretary General of the European Environmental Bureau. Prior to taking up his present post in May 2011, Jeremy Wates served for more than a decade as Secretary to the Aarhus Convention with the Geneva-based United Nations Economic Commission for Europe. Jeremy Wates holds a Masters Honours Degree in Philosophy and Social and Political Sciences from Cambridge University, UK.



Magda Aelvoet

Magda Aelvoet is a Belgian politician, which holds currently the position of chair of the Federal Council for Sustainable Development in Belgium. Prior she was a president of the Greens in the European Parliament. From 1999 to 2002 she served as Deputy Prime Minister in the Verhofstadt I Government. In 1995, she was made a Minister of State for her part in the negotiations of the Saint Michael's Accords.



Filipe Duarte Santos

Filipe Duarte Santos is professor of Environmental Sciences at the University of Lisbon and has been visiting researcher and professor at several Universities in Europe and the USA. His field of research is global change and sustainability, with special emphasis on vulnerabilities, impacts and adaptation to climate change. Currently he is Vice-President of the UN Commission on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space and review editor of the IPCC 5th Assessment Report.



Louise van Schaik

Louise van Schaik is Head of the Clingendael International Sustainability Centre and Senior Research Fellow at Clingendael Institute. She is also a visiting professor at the College of Europe in Bruges (Belgium). In her research, she has extensively analysed the EU's performance in multilateral bodies, including in the fields of climate change, health and food standards. Currently she is working on the geopolitical risks of climate change and other environmental stresses, as well as the link with migration and security. Prior to joining Clingendael in 2006, she was a Research Fellow at CEPS, the Brussels-based think tank. She has a PhD in social sciences from Leuven University (2010) and an MA in Public Administration from Leiden University (2003).



Falk Schmidt

Falk Schmidt works as Head of the Secretariat of the Science Platform Sustainability 2030 at the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies Potsdam established in 2017. Prior to this position he was academic officer at the Executive Office at the IASS Potsdam. Falk Schmidt has a broad interest in sustainability issues, the role of the human dimensions of global change and governance in the Anthropocene, at the interface of science – policy – society.



Tomas Vanheste

Tomas Vanheste is a journalist for the Dutch news website De Correspondent. Although he is an advocate of European integration, this by no means implies that he supports the European Union in its current form. In his role of 'Europe watcher', he aims to expose how decisions are made in a power game between the EU member states, European institutions and various other stakeholders. During the conference, Tomas will fulfill the role of observer and offer participants a fresh and critical reflection in a column that will conclude the programme.

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