



Conference 4th European Resources Forum

27–28 November 2018

Ludwig Erhard Haus
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Germany

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The German Environment Agency is hosting the fourth European Resources Forum from 27 to 28 November 2018. The conference will place in the “Ludwig Erhard Haus” in Berlin. The ERF addresses European decision-makers and experts from the fields of policy development, industry, academia, civil society and the media. About 400 participants from up to 40 countries are expected.

After the successful conferences in 2012, 2014 and 2016 the European Resources Forum has established itself as an important European platform for discussion on the issue of sustainable resource use by focusing on the political and scientific debate on this subject.

The ERF seeks to contribute to the development and implementation of common positions for policy-making in Europe and internationally. The ERF is an important instrument for communication on resource issues and for setting up networks and initiating stakeholder alliances at the European level.

The contributions and discussions at the three previous conferences - ERF 2012, 2014 and 2016 - have shown how complex the topic of resource conservation is. The manifold functions that natural resources fulfil, the complex value chains associated with resource use and not least the many stakeholders involved make resource policy a multifaceted and integrative policy area.

The ERF 2018 will continue the discussion of the current European approach to resource policy and will work out new impulses for the transition to a resource efficient Europe within a circular economy. Among other important topics, the ERF 2018 will discuss the nexus between resource and climate protection. Special attention will be paid to the international dimension of the topic of resource efficiency. And the opportunities and challenges between a sustainable resource use and the topic of digitalisation will be discussed.

Back to back with the 2018 European Resources Forum, the Federal Environment Agency will host the fourth National Resources Forum on 29 November 2018 (www.ressourcenforum.de).

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Day 1	Tuesday, 27 November 2018	Day 2	Wednesday, 29 November 2018
12.00	Start of Registration	09.00	Review and Feedback 1st day Conny Czymoch Conference Moderation
13.00	Conny Czymoch Conference Moderation Opening Session: Sustainable Resource Use – Driving the Transition Maria Krautzberger President, German Environment Agency Svenja Schulze* Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany Karmenu Vella* European Commissioner for Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission	09.15	Key Note Speech Prof. Ugo Bardi Professor in Physical Chemistry, University of Florence, Member of Club of Rome, Italy
14.00	Panel Discussion: Sustainable Resource Use – Driving the Transition Simona Bonafè* Member of European Parliament, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats, Italy Maria Mendiluce Managing Director, World Business Council for Sustainable Development, Geneva, Switzerland Sirpa Pietikäinen* Member of European Parliament, Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democrats), Finland Jeremy Wates* Secretary General, The European Environmental Bureau, Belgium	09.45	Plenary Session: Resource Efficiency Worldwide – the International Dimension Marc D'lorio* Director General, Environment and Climate Change, Industrial Sectors, Chemicals and Waste Directorate, Government of Canada A K Jain Additional Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, India Tadashi Nawata* Director General, Ministry of the Environment, Environmental Regeneration and Material Cycles Bureau, Japan Janez Potocnik Co-chair of the UNEP International Resource Panel, former European Commissioner for the Environment, Slovenia
15.00	Plenary Session: Transformation Pathways - the Nexus Between Resource and Climate Protection Prof. Hans Bruyninckx Executive Director, European Environment Agency, Denmark Dr. Harry Lehmann General Director, Division Environmental Planning and Sustainability Strategies, German Environment Agency Prof. Dr. Helga Weisz Professor of Industrial Ecology and Climate Change, Head of Research Domain Transdisciplinary Concepts & Methods, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Humboldt University Berlin, Germany Prof. Sangwon Suh University of California, Corporate Environmental Management, Industrial Ecology, Life Cycle Assessment, United States of America	11.00	Coffee & tea break
16.30	Coffee & tea break	11.30	Parallel Session 1: Resource Efficiency in Practice – Examples from Central and Eastern Europe Branko Djunic* Cleaner Production Centre of Serbia Jaana Merisaar Project Manager, Environmental Management Department, Ministry of the Environment, Estonia Pavel Růžička Senior Konzultant, ENVIROS, Czech Republic Aida Szilagyi President, National Centre for Sustainable Production and Consumption, Romania Chair: Dr. Martin Vogt Managing Director, VDI Centre for Resource Efficiency, Germany
17.00	Plenary Session: Getting the Price Right - Strengthening Fiscal and Financial Instruments Shardul Agrawala Head of the Environment and Economy Integration Division, OECD Environment, France Professor Paul Ekins Director; Professor of Resources and Environmental Policy UCL Institute for Sustainable Resources, Member of UNEP International Resource Panel, United Kingdom Dominic Hogg Phd Founder and Chairman of Eunomia Research & Consulting, United Kingdom Manfred Rosenstock* Deputy Head of Unit Resource Efficiency & Economic Analysis DG Environment, European Commission Emma Watkins Senior Policy Analyst, Institute for European Environmental Policy, Belgium	11.30	Parallel Session 2: Resource Efficiency and Business Innovation – Start-Ups by European “Ecopreneurs” Prof. Dr. Klaus Fichter Director, Borderstep Institute for Innovation and Sustainability, Germany Eva Revilla Policy officer on cluster internationalization, DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission Hubert Rhomberg Managing Director, Rhomberg GmbH, Austria 3 Start Ups (to be specified) Moderation: Conny Czymoch
18.30	Get together		

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11.30	Parallel Session 3: Green and Circular Economy – Network Activities of European Environment Agencies Pawel Kazmierczyk European Environment Agency, Denmark Riina Antikainen Finnish Environment Institute Aldert Hanemaaijer* Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency Chair: Dr. Bettina Rechenberg General Director Division Sustainable Production and Products, Waste Management, German Environment Agency	15.00	Plenary Session: Digitalisation and Sustainable Resource Use – Opportunities and Challenges Dr. Maja Göpel* Secretary-General, German Advisory Council on Global Change Prof. Dr. Dirk Helbing Professor of Computational Social Science, Department of Humanities, Social and Political Sciences, Computer Science Department, University ETH Zürich, Switzerland Ann Mettler* Head of the European Political Strategy Centre, European Commission's in-house think tank, Belgium Dr. Martin Vogt Managing Director, VDI Centre for Resource Efficiency, Germany
11.30	Parallel Session 4: Circular Economy - the Consumer Perspective (in Cooperation with World Resources Forum) To be specified Chair: Bas de Leeuw Managing Director, World Resources Forum Association, Switzerland	16.30	Closing Session: Outlook and Next Steps Dr. Harry Lehmann General Director, Division Environmental Planning and Sustainability Strategies, German Environment Agency Prof. Bruno Oberle Phd Professor for Green Economy and Resource Governance, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, President-designate of World Resources Forum, Member of UNEP International Resource Panel, Switzerland Conny Czymoch Conference Moderation
13.00	Lunch Snack	17.00	End of the conference
14.15	Short Reports from Parallel Sessions Conny Czymoch Conference Moderation	17.30	Get Together with Participants of the National Resources Forum 2018

*to be confirmed

Registration

To register for the conference please visit the conference homepage www.resourcesforum.eu.

Venue

The 2018 European Resources Forum will take place at the conference venue “Ludwig Erhard Haus”, which is located in the immediate vicinity of the “Berlin Zoologischer Garten” train station. The venue is 5 km away from Berlin's main train station (“Hauptbahnhof”) and 7 km away from Tegel Airport. The German Environment Agency recommends that participants travel by public transport.

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