



Conference

4th European Resources Forum

27–28 November 2018

Ludwig Erhard Haus
Fasanenstraße 85, 10623 Berlin
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 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, 28 November 2018	
12.00	Registration	09.00	Review and Feedback 1st Day Conny Czymoch Conference Moderation, Germany/UK
13.00	Conny Czymoch Conference Moderation, Germany/UK 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 (video message)	09.15	Key Note Speech: The Long Term Cycle of Mineral Resources: Is a Completely Circular Economy Possible? Prof. Ugo Bardi Professor in Physical Chemistry, University of Florence, Member of Club of Rome, Italy
	Panel Discussion: Sustainable Resource Use – Driving the Transition Brendan Edgerton Director Circular Economy, World Business Council for Sustainable Development, Geneva, Switzerland Astrid Schomaker Director, Directorate Global Sustainable Development, DG Environment, European Commission Jeremy Wates Secretary General, European Environmental Bureau	09.45	Plenary Session: Resource Efficiency Worldwide – the International Dimension Dr. Regina Maria Dube General Director, Department Water Management, Resource Conservation, Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Germany Dr. Rachna Arora Deputy Team Leader & Coordinator, European Union – Resource Efficiency Initiative (EU – REI), India Janez Potočnik Co-chair of the UNEP International Resource Panel, former European Commissioner for R&D and Environment, Partner SYSTEMIQ, Slovenia Dr. Tracey Spack Directorate Environment and Climate Change, Director of Products Division, Government of Canada Shigemoto Kajihara President, Japan Waste Research Foundation
14:45	Coffee & Tea Break	11.00	Coffee & Tea Break
15.00	Plenary Session: Transformation Pathways - the Nexus Between Resource and Climate Protection Dr. Harry Lehmann General Director, Division Environmental Planning and Sustainability Strategies, German Environment Agency Dr. Hans Bruyninckx Executive Director, European Environment Agency, Denmark 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, member of UNEP International Resource Panel, Germany Prof. Sangwon Suh University of California, Corporate Environmental Management, Industrial Ecology, Life Cycle Assessment, United States of America	11.30	Parallel Session 1: Resource Efficiency in Practice – Examples from Central and Eastern Europe Branko Dunjic Cleaner Production Centre of Serbia Jaana Merisaar Project Manager, Environmental Management Department, Ministry of the Environment, Estonia Pavel Růžička Senior Consultant, 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
16.30	Coffee & Tea Break	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, and University of Oldenburg, Germany Maija Itkonen CEO, Gold & Green Foods Ltd, Finland Hubert Rhomberg CEO, Rhomberg GmbH, Cree GmbH, Austria Klaus Wiesen Co-Founder and CEO, sustainabil GmbH, Germany Eva Revilla Policy officer on cluster internationalization, DG for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission Moderation: Conny Czymoch
18.15	Get Together		

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Day 2 Wednesday, 28 November 2018	
11.30	Parallel Session 3: Green and Circular Economy – Network Activities of European Environment Agencies Pawel Kazmierczyk European Environment Agency, Denmark Ines Oehme, Herwig Unnerstall German Environment Agency 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
11.30	Parallel Session 4: Circular Economy - the Consumer Perspective (in Cooperation with World Resources Forum) Lieze Cloots Head, International Policy Unit, OVAM, Public Waste Agency of Flanders Rolf Buschmann Policy Officer Technology & Environment, Friends of the Earth Germany Markus Terho, Sari Laine The Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra Dr. Vanessa Timmer Executive Director of One Earth, Vancouver, Canada Chair: Bas de Leeuw Managing Director, World Resources Forum, Member of Club of Rome, Switzerland
13.00	Lunch Snack
14.15	Short Reports from Parallel Sessions Conny Czymoch Conference Moderation
Day 2 Wednesday, 28 November 2018	
15.00	Plenary Session: Digitalisation and Sustainable Resource Use – Opportunities and Challenges Prof. Dr. Dirk Helbing Professor of Computational Social Science, Department of Humanities, Social and Political Sciences, Computer Science Department, University ETH Zürich, Switzerland Dr. Maja Göpel Secretary General, German Advisory Council on Global Change Dr. Martin Vogt Managing Director, VDI Centre for Resource Efficiency, Germany
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 World Resources Forum, Member of UNEP International Resource Panel, Switzerland Conny Czymoch Conference Moderation
17.00	End of the conference
17.30	Get Together with Participants of the National Resources Forum 2018

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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