

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,

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