



EEAC



25<sup>th</sup> 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

**Day 1: 11 October 2017 (EEAC members and special invitees only)**

12:30	Arrival lunch
14:00	EEAC Working Group Meetings // Youth Meet-up
17:00	Organized travel to Château Neercanne
17:30	Start jubilee drinks and diner
18:15	Presentation: paper '25 years of environmental and sustainable policies' by David Baldock
20:00	Reference to the Elders
00:00	Organized travel from Château Neercanne to Hotels and Venue

## Day 2: 12 October 2017 (Jubilee Conference)

- 09:15      **Registration and coffee**
- 09:45      **Opening**
- 09:50      Welcome by the host Councils (FRDO-CFDD, Minaraad, CSDD, Rli)  
Welcome by the Chair of the EEAC Network
- 09:55      Introduction by the conference chair **Marcia Luyten** (Confirmed)

### Session I

- 10:00 – 10:25    **25 years of Environmental and Sustainability policies in the EU: Overcoming hurdles and remaining challenges**
- Opening address by: Professor **Dirk Messner** (confirmed)
- Outline of the speech: How to realize the ambitions of a Sustainable Europe, given past and present obstacles and challenges? What can we learn from the past, and how will the obstacles of today challenge the implementation of the 2030 Agenda*
- 10:25 – 10:40    **Panel response by: David Baldock, Jacqueline McGlade, Eeva Furman** (confirmed)
- What is according to you one of the most significant challenges we face, regarding environmental and sustainable development policy making and implementation, at EU level, national level, sub-national level?*
- 10:40 – 10:50    **Questions from the audience**
- 10:50 – 10:55    **Introduction of the table theme by the table chair**
- Introduction of the table topic, this topic will be chosen by the EEAC-member Council which is chairing the table.*  
*What are the most significant obstacles and challenges we face regarding... (topic to be chosen by EEAC councils)*
- 10:52 – 11:40    **Table discussion**
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- 11:40 – 11:45    Reply by I-pad, (every table has one rapporteur (table moderator) who sends a reply on behalf of the whole table) answering the request to identify the top 3 challenges with regard to the table topic

11:45 – 12:00 **Panel response on the round table outcomes** by: David Baldock, Jacqueline McGlade, Eeva Furman (confirmed)

12:00 – 12:20 - Coffee Break

## Session II

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

Opening address by: **Frans Timmermans** (confirmed)

*Outline of the speech: Given the current political and societal atmosphere, how can the identified obstacles and challenges to implement the 2030 Agenda be met?*

12:35 – 12:50 **Pitches and Questions**

Pitch by an EEAC Council member on: *Given the current political and societal atmosphere, how can the identified challenges to implement the 2030 Agenda be met?*

Pitch by Representative of the Younger Generation: *What top 3 measures should be taken to materialize a sustainable EU in 2030?*

Question to Timmermans by the audience: *everyone with an internet connected device can ask a question. The question which is most highly rated by the audience will be asked to Timmermans by the conference chair)*

12:50 – 13:30 **Interview**

Frans Timmermans, **Karin Markides, Cristina Gallach and Jeremy Wates** (confirmed), reply on the pitches and questions.

13:30 – 15:00 – Lunch Buffet

## Session III

15:00 – 15:25 **A changing interface between science – policy – society calls for critical reflection on long-term policy making and advice**

Opening address by: **Kim Putters** (confirmed)

*Suggested outline of the speech: The interface between science - policy - society is transforming or even turning around: citizens claim their say and don't take established facts for granted anymore. What are the consequences of this changing interface for the handling of strategic environmental and sustainability advice and policies for the long term? This challenge is at the core of the work of advisory councils and bodies.*

15:25 – 15:40 **Panel response by: Magda Aelvoet, Louise van Schaik, Falk Schmidt** (confirmed)

*What chances do the changing citizens - science – policy interface bring in respect to the implementation of Agenda 2030 at the different (EU, national, sub-national) levels?  
What would be the biggest mistake to be made by institutions regarding this changing interface?*

15:40 – 15:55 **Questions from the audience**

15:55 **Coffee (served at the table)**

16:00 – 16:05 **Introduction of the table theme by the table chair**

*Introduction of the table topic, this topic will be chosen by the EEAC-member Council which is chairing the table.*

How does the changing citizens – science - policy interface affects .... (topic to be chosen by EEAC councils) and how should we handle the challenges and chances?

16:05 – 16:45 **Table discussion**

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**Reply by I-pad** (every table has one rapporteur (table moderator) who sends a reply on behalf of the whole table): answering the question: *How does the changing citizens-science-policy interface affects ... and how should we handle the challenges and chances?*

## Concluding Session

16:45 – 17:00 **Thank you and concluding remarks**

17:00 – 17:15 **Column on the topic of the conference** (inspired by input of the conference day itself)

By Tomas Vanheste (confirmed)

17:30 **Closing of the Plenary Conference session**

### Day 3: 13 October 2017 (EEAC members only)

10:00 – 12:45 **EEAC Annual Plenary Session**

13:00 – 17:15 **Field-trip**

Preliminary programme