



Athens Sustainability Outlook 2019 CSR & Sustainability trends in Europe

April 5th

On the occasion of the leadership change of the European Commission and the new European Presidency by Germany in July, **QualityNet Foundation**, in cooperation with the **German Council for Sustainable Development**, organizes a Multistakeholders Dialogue with guests from all European countries. The aim of the event is to exchange views and record proposals in order to be taken into account by the new European leadership to achieve the common goal of creating a competitive European market based on the principles of Sustainable Development.

The goal

The intention of this Conference is the creation of a documentation of the recorded key discussion issues & opinions on CSR & Sustainability in a broad stakeholder dialogue. The documentation will be provided to the European Commission to reach their Sustainability aims.

The participation

We invite you to be part of this stakeholder dialogue with the intention of further contributing to the developments and discussions already running on European Level. The participants come from all European countries representing different stakeholder groups -government, business, academia and opinion leaders- and viewpoints.

You can participate in the dialogue by a physical presence or via the online dialogue, as this meeting is the beginning of the dialogue in Greece which will continue online the following two months.

Call for position papers

The invited persons in this conference can have the opportunity to participate in the multistakeholders dialogue. If you are interested, please send a brief outline of your proposed thesis to Mrs. Argyro Gialamprinou, agialamprinou@qualitynet.gr, Tel.0030 210 6898594.

All proposed thesis -in English or Greek- will be included in an online stakeholder dialogue platform and constitute the basis for the creation of the final documentation paper.

Attendance

All the attendants in this event are **participating by invitation only**.

The time

April 5th: Dialogue Meeting | 9.00 – 18.00

Administration info

During the meeting there will be simultaneous translation in English and Greek.

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The Agenda

Sustainable Finance: Legislative proposals on Sustainable Finance: public consultation, updating the non-binding guidelines on non-financial disclosures. Perspectives on latest initiatives of the EU Parliament concerning climate & transparency and further discussions on the legislative proposals. Presentation of the latest initiatives on Sustainable Finance.

Reporting & Disclosure:

Materiality matters. What is relevant for analysts and investors? How can we connect disclosure and information needed? What may be the next steps to improve comparability and data quality? What is the best practice? Can we create coherence of the voluntary & regulatory initiatives in order to create a common framework as level playing field serving as potential basis for trade agreements in the long run?

European Governance of CSR & the SDGs: With a perspective on national reporting, which long-term visions, new partnerships and roles are developed? How can we contribute to the revision of the non-binding guidelines? Contribution of National Governments & Authorities, Business, NGOs & Academia.

Education-Participation and Engagement on the SDGs: Within the context of the goals of the agenda 2030 what are the roles of all the participants and what the methods and tools are that we can use in order to accomplish the SDGs on a national level? What is the role of Governments, Business, Educational system and Local Authorities? How can we achieve the bottom up approach and the capacity building on Sustainability?

The Organizers

QualityNet Foundation is a non-profit organization specialized in Sustainable Development. It cooperates with the official institutional, business and social bodies of Greece to develop dialogue and exchange of views on issues of Sustainable Development, Responsible Entrepreneurship & Social Responsibility. It promotes initiatives that help to inform and awaken the Greek society and has the tools and methodologies to support the Organizations in adopting sustainable policies. Via its educational work contributes to the creation of the active citizens of tomorrow, whilst through its scientific center develops documentation studies on its issues.

The German Council for Sustainable Development is an advisory body to the German Government. It advises the government on its sustainable development policy and seeks to advance the Sustainability Strategy as well as propose projects for its realization. A further task is to foster social dialogue on the issue of sustainability. The objective here is to increase the level of awareness among all concerned and the population as to what sustainable development actually means by demonstrating the consequences of social action and discussing possible solutions.