



Nachhaltigkeit im Stresstest

Wie sichern wir den
gesellschaftlichen Zusammenhalt?

23rd Annual Conference of the RNE

Programme

Tuesday, 8 October 2024, AXICA Berlin

The conference will be accompanied by art collective Street Art Berlin.

Moderation: Dr Tanja Busse

- 09:30 ● **Opening Address by RNE Chair [Reiner Hoffmann](#) and RNE Deputy Chair [Gunda Röstel](#)**
- 10:00 ● **When change is the only constant: How can we stand together as a society and create a sustainable future?**
[Michael Kellner](#), Member of the German Bundestag, Alliance 90/The Greens, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action
[Dr Brigitte Knopf](#), Founder and Director of Zukunft KlimaSozial gGmbH
[Ralph Brinkhaus](#), Member of the German Bundestag, CDU, Member of the Parliamentary Council on Sustainable Development (PBnE)
[Paulina Fröhlich](#), Deputy Managing Director and Head of Resilient Democracy at Das Progressive Zentrum e.V.
[Prof. Dr Kai Niebert](#), RNE Member, President of the German League for Nature and Environment (DNR) e.V.
- 11:00 ● **Keynote speech by Federal Chancellor [Olaf Scholz](#)**
- 12:00 ● **Joint Action for Sustainable Development: Four good practice examples of climate protection, biodiversity, social cohesion and the energy transition**
Moderation:
[Dr Werner Schnappauf](#), RNE Member, former Bavarian State Minister for the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection
[Myriam Rapior](#), RNE Member, Vice President of the German Federation for the Environment and Nature Conservation (BUND) e.V.
Projects:
[Jörg Michael Fries](#), Managing Director of Bahnlog, and [Hubert Immesberger](#), Corporate Communications at Bahnlog
[Kai Hock](#), Director of Bürgerwerke eG, and [Felix Schäfer](#), Director of Bürgerwerke eG
[Selina Kahle](#), Coordinator at Culture4Climate, and [Margarethe Kreuser](#), Deputy Coordinator at Culture4Climate
[Toralf Zinner](#), Managing Director of Denkmalsozial gGmbH, and [Tina Flux](#), Volunteer Coordination Officer at Denkmalsozial gGmbH



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12:30 ● Lunch

13:30 ● **Parallel focus forums**

Forum 1 Short on space, long on conflict: Why is biodiversity also a social issue?

Moderation: [Ilona Steffen](#)

[Prof. Dr Katrin Böhning-Gaese](#), RNE Member, Director of the Senckenberg Biodiversity and Climate Research Centre

[Hubertus Paetow](#), RNE Member, President of the German Agricultural Society (DLG) e.V.

[Dr Marion Mehring](#), Head of the Research Unit Biodiversity and People at the Institute for Social-Ecological Research

[Dr Klaus Reuter](#), Managing Director of Landesgemeinschaft Agenda 21 NRW (LAG21) e.V. and Consortium Lead for RENN West

Forum 2 The path to net zero: How do we ensure fair climate protection and planetary prosperity?

Moderation: [Anne Chebu](#)

[Prof. Dr Mark G. Lawrence](#), RNE Member, Scientific Director of the Research Institute for Sustainability – Helmholtz Centre Potsdam (RIFS)

[Lara Möllney](#), Federal Chair of Naturfreundejugend and Representative of the Deutscher Bundesjugendring

[Verena Bentele](#), President of the Social Association of Germany (VdK) and Vice President of the German Olympic Sports Confederation (DOSB)

[Holger Lösch](#), Deputy Director of the General Federation of German Industries (BDI)

Forum 3. Skills for the future: What education do we need for a just transition?

Moderation: [Dr. Tanja Busse](#)

[Reiner Hoffmann](#), RNE Chair

[Dr Andreas Keller](#), Vice President German Trade Union for Education and Research (GEW)

[Jasmin Scholtbach](#), youpaN member

[Barbara Hemkes](#), Head of Innovative Further Education, Permeability, Pilot-Projects at the Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB)

[Nico Schönefeldt](#), Head of Training Unit, German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DIHK)

[Dr Donat Kluxen-Pyta](#), Deputy Head of Education Department, Confederation of German Employers' Associations (BDA)

Forum 4 Urgent financial reforms: Has the Summit of the Future provided impetus on Financing for Development?

Moderation: [Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul](#)

[Maria João Rodrigues](#), President of the Foundation for European Progressive Studies

[Fidelis Stehle](#), UN Youth Delegate for Sustainable Development

[Gabriela Suárez Buitrón](#), Executive Director of the Grupo FARO

[Florence Syevuo](#), Executive Director of the SDGs at Kenya Forum

[Arjun Kumar Bhattarai](#), President of the Nepal Development Initiative

[Bodo Ellmers](#), Programme director Global Policy Forum Europe

Please note: This forum will be held in English only.



- 15:00 ● Coffee break
- 15:30 ● **Places for all: How can local government become a driver of social cohesion?**
[Reem Alabali-Radovan](#), Minister of State to the Federal Chancellor and Federal Government
Commissioner for Migration, Refugees and Integration
[Marina Weisband](#), Publicist, Participation Educator and Head of the Aula Project
[Katja Dörner](#), RNE Member, Mayor of the Federal City of Bonn, Vice President of the
Association of German Cities
[Tanja Gönner](#), RNE Member, Director General of the General Federation of German
Industries (BDI)
[Prof. Dr Anne van Rießen](#), Methods of Social Work, Düsseldorf University of Applied Sciences,
German Association of Social Work Board Member
[Sandra Weeser](#), Member of the German Bundestag, FDP, Chair of the Committee on Housing,
Urban Development, Building and Local Government
- 16:30 ● **The future of sustainability reporting and the role of the German
Sustainability Code**
[Gunda Röstel](#), RNE Member, RNE Deputy Chair, Commercial Director of Stadtentwässerung
Dresden GmbH
[Dr Sabine Hepperle](#), Head of the SME Policy Department at the Federal Ministry for
Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK)
[Martina Wieland](#), Managing Director of Arbeits- und Wohnstätten GmbH
[Dr Svea Pacyna-Schürheck](#), Managing Director of Landgard eG
[Mica Valdivia](#), Director at the Association of German Public Banks
[Theresa Elze](#), Sustainability Officer at Profiroll Technologies GmbH
- 17:15 ● **[Sarah Ryglewski](#), Minister of State to the Federal Chancellor, and [Reiner
Hoffmann](#), RNE Chair, in conversation**
- 17:30 ● **Council member meet & greet**
- 18:30 ● **End of the event**

Plenary items will be sign language interpreted.