

“The power of the Baltic Sea macro-region” Baltic Sea Region Programme Conference 2010

Jyväskylän Paviljonki, Finland, 30 November – 1 December 2010

Draft agenda

Day 0: 29 November 2010

20:00 – 23:00 *Get-together in Aalto-Sali (Väinönkatu 7). Buffet and music hosted by the Regional Council of Central Finland.*

Opening speech by **Mr Mauri Pekkarinen**, Minister of Economic Affairs, Chairman of the Regional Council of Central Finland

Day 1: 30 November 2010

8:15 – 12:00 Pre-conference programme “*Views from the Bioenergy Province - Efficient and sustainable use of bioenergy*”. See separate agenda for more information.

11:30 – 12:40 *Registration of the participants & welcome lunch*

12.40 – 13.50 *Opening and welcome*

Mr Mauri Pekkarinen, Minister of Economic Affairs, Finland

Mr Klaus Rave, Managing Authority of the Baltic Sea Region Programme (Investitionsbank Schleswig-Holstein)

Ms Tarja Halonen, President of Finland (**video**)

“**The River**”, performance of the **Dance Theatre Kramppi**

Ms Anita Mikkonen, Executive Director of the Regional Council of Central Finland

Mr Markku Andersson, Mayor of Jyväskylä

Theme: Macro-regional strategies and future Cohesion Policy

13.50 – 14.10 *Introduction by moderator. **Mr John Bachtler**, Director of European Policies Research Centre (Glasgow)*

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14.10 – 14.40 *Building up a macro-regional development strategy – lessons from the preparation and implementation of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. **Mr Colin Wolfe**, Head of Unit, Regional Policy, European Commission*

14.40 – 15.10 *Similarities and differences between EU Strategies for the Danube and the Baltic Sea region. **Ms Anna Bérczi**, Head of Department, Office for the EU Danube Region Strategy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hungary*

15.10 – 15.40 *Coffee break*

15.40 – 16.10 *The concept of macro-regional strategies. **Mr Ole Damsgaard**, Director of Nordregio*

16.10 – 17.30 *Panel discussion on macro-regional strategies*

Moderator: **Mr John Bachtler**, Director, European Policies Research Centre, Glasgow

Participants: **Mr David Sweet**, Policy Advisor to the Director General for Regional Policy, European Commission
Ms Anna Bérczi, Head of Department, Office for the EU Danube Region Strategy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hungary
Mr Ole Damsgaard, Director of Nordregio
Mr Esa Kokkonen, Director, The Baltic Institute of Finland
Ms Susanne Scherrer, Director of the Joint Technical Secretariat of the Baltic Sea Region Programme

19:00 – 23:00 *Conference reception and Finnish folk music in Jyväskylän Paviljonki hosted by the City of Jyväskylä.*

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Day 2: 1 December 2010

Theme: Baltic Sea Region Programme. Achievements and 4th call for projects.

Moderated by **Mr Harry Ekestam**, Chairman of the Monitoring Committee, Ministry of Employment and the Economy, Finland

- 9:00 – 9:15 *The status of implementation of the Baltic Sea Region Programme. **Ms Susanne Scherrer**, Director of the Joint Technical Secretariat*
- 9:15 – 10:10 *Selected projects and how they contribute to the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. **Ms Eeva Rantama**, Joint Technical Secretariat, and representatives of projects*
- 10:10 – 10:40 *How do organisations from Belarus and Russia participate in the projects. **Ms Elena Kolosova**, Joint Technical Secretariat*
- 10:40 – 11:00 *Coffee break*
- 11:00 – 11:35 *4th call for project applications. What future projects will be supported by the Programme? **Ms Kaarina Williams**, State Chancellery of Land Schleswig-Holstein, Germany*
- 11:35 – 11:45 *Closure of the conference. **Mr Martti Ahokas**, Director, Regional Council of Central Finland*
- 11:45 – 13:00 *Farewell lunch*