



Energy & Climate Change - Global Challenge, Regional Solutions

Regional Efforts to Tackle Challenges of Energy Shortages and Climate Change

Joint Regional Conference on Energy & Climate Change
– Global Challenges, Regional Solutions

Denmark and Poland increase their joint efforts to address the challenges of climate change and need for renewable energy. The Danish and Polish Energy Ministries were both represented, from the Polish side by **Maciej Nowicki**, Minister of the Environment. They have presented their action plans for meeting the demands within climate and energy at a joint Danish–Polish conference in Warsaw, Poland, 21 May. The conference addressed how the challenges related to energy and climate change can be tickled through regional co-operation and joint solutions.

The conference, titled “Global Challenges, Regional Solutions”, was arranged by Baltic Development Forum (BDF) together with the Polish think-tank demosEuropa and the Danish Embassy in Warsaw. EU Commissioner **Danuta Hübner** was a key speaker at the conference.

The objective for the high level conference was to prepare and draw attention to the UN Climate Summit in Poland (Poznan) in December 2008 as well as the UN Climate Summit in Copenhagen in 2009.

– The climate and energy challenges need to be addressed jointly in the region and globally. And the Baltic Sea Region is in a unique position right now to set the agenda and outline solutions, as two of the world's most important climate meetings are taking place within this Region, says BDF Chairman Uffe Ellemann–Jensen, who opened the conference.

BDF is an independent non–profit networking organisation with members from large companies, major cities, institutional investors and business associations in the Baltic Sea Region. BDF works with a wide range of

partners, including businesses, governments, regional organisations, research and media institutions. Among its priorities this year is to prepare a report titled **Regional Energy Co-operation in the Baltic Sea Region**. The aim is to look at the challenges and opportunities of the Region's energy market and define the added value of regional co-operation. The preliminary results will be presented at the BDF annual Summit in Copenhagen-Malmö 30 November – 2 December 2008.