

PROGRAMME, MARCH VERSION



Connecting Europe – Smart and Green Partnerships

14th Baltic Development Forum Summit
European Commission's 3rd Annual Forum on the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region
Copenhagen, 17-19 June 2012

The 14th Baltic Development Forum Summit and the 3rd Annual Forum of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region focus on infrastructure needs in the Baltic Sea Region including transport, energy and digital requirements. Entitled Connecting Europe – Smart and Green Partnerships in the Baltic Sea Region, the event is co-hosted with the Danish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the Capital Region of Denmark, the Region Zealand and the Region Skåne will be attended by decision-makers from business, politics, international organisations and the academic world.

The focus of the debate will be the challenges and opportunities for the Baltic Sea Region in terms of infrastructure development, investment, and economic competitiveness, as well as the importance of public-private cooperation. The event is an important opportunity to explore how public-private partnerships can help kick-start economic growth, and contribute to the sustainable development of the Region. This agenda will allow us to consider how the EU Strategy

for the Baltic Sea Region, through smarter and greener investments, can play its part in the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy. The aim is to discuss how the Strategy Action Plan can best support infrastructure planning, also in the digital field. A new State of the Region Report will – as always – provide substantial input to the discussion.

Business networking is also promoted. The Baltic Business Arena – a matchmaking event for companies - takes place alongside the conference. See www.b2match.eu/balticbusiness2012

Together with the Danish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the Capital Region of Denmark, the Region Zealand and the Region Skåne, the European Commission and the Baltic Development Forum look forward to welcoming you in Copenhagen!

Please look out for the latest news on our dedicated website www.bsr2012.eu

Sunday 17 June

14.00 – 17.00

Visit to the European Spallation Source (ESS), Lund, Sweden

“Brains and Bridges - Regional Effects of ESS on Growth and Competitiveness”

Venue: Medicon Village, Scheelevägen 2, Lund

(Open for all registered participants. Bus transfer to Lund from the meeting-point Copenhagen Airport, Kastrup)

17.15

Departure to Welcome Reception

18.00 – 19.45

Welcome Reception

Venue: Lund, Sweden

*Special Addresses
Entertainment*

Venue

The Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, Schools of Architecture, Design and Conservation
Address: Philip de Langes Allé 10, Copenhagen

Conference Moderators:

Verner Kristiansen, Communication Advisor, Denmark

Pawel Swieboda, President of the Board, demosEuropa, Poland

08.00

Registration

Registration and Opening of Networking and Project Village

09.00 – 09.45

Warming up with the State of the Region Report

Presented by:

Christian Ketels, Principal Associate, Harvard Business School

10.00 – 10.30

Key-note speeches

Hans Skov Christensen, Chairman, Baltic Development Forum

Helle Thorning-Schmidt, Prime Minister, Denmark

Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for Regional Policy, European Commission

10.30 – 10.45

Entertainment

10.45 – 12.00

Plenary Session 1: Ministers' Session

EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and the Future Cohesion Policy: How to Boost Economic Growth and Competitiveness in the Baltic Sea Region

Nicolai Wammen, Minister for European Affairs, Denmark

Ministers for European Affairs from the Baltic Sea Region States are invited by Danish Minister for European Affairs Nicolai Wammen to participate at the session.

Commented by:

Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for Regional Policy, European Commission

Jukka Pertola, CEO, Siemens, Denmark (tbc)

Moderated by:

Verner Kristiansen, Communication Advisor, Denmark

Pawel Swieboda, President of the Board, demosEuropa, Poland

12.00 – 14.00

Lunch and Networking Village Activities

Presentations of Flagship Projects under the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region
Thematic Presentations

14.00 – 15.15

Plenary Session 2

Private-Public Partnerships - Transport and Logistics Development as Means of Improving Competitiveness

Key-note speech by **Siim Kallas**, Vice-President, Commissioner for Transport, European Commission

15.15 -16.15

Coffee break and Networking Village Activities



16.15 – 17.30

Parallel sessions

Digital Agenda in the Baltic Sea Region
Private-Public Partnerships: How to Finance Infrastructure Projects
Strengthening Science Links in the Baltic Sea Region – the Role of Clusters
Development of Sustainable Water and Environmental Systems
Expanding Cooperative Links between the EU, the Baltic Sea Region and Russia
Sustainable Bioenergy in the Baltic Sea Region

17.45 – 18.15

Plenary Session 3
Regional Perspectives on Private-Public Partnerships

18.30

Departure to Dinner

19.00

Dinner
Venue: Copenhagen City

Special Dinner Addresses
Entertainment



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09.00–09.30

Integrating Europe through Macro-Regional Perspectives

09.30 – 11.00

Plenary Session 4

The Action Plan of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

11.00 – 12.00

Coffee break and Networking Village Activities

12.00 – 13.15

Parallel sessions

Energy Agenda for the Baltic Sea Region: Convergence or Competition?

Deep Water Think-Tank: Political State of the Region Report

Strengthening Regional Partnership with Russia

Boosting Sustainable Innovations

The Future Financial Framework and Macro-Regional Strategies

Review of the Action Plan of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

13.15 – 15.15

Lunch and Networking Village Activities

Presentations of Flagship Projects under the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

Workshops:

Identity

Communication

Tourism

15.15 - 16.00

Closing Plenary Session



Pia Kinhult
Chairman, Region Skåne, Sweden



Hans Skov Christensen
Chairman, Baltic Development Forum



Vibeke Storm Rasmussen
Chairman, Capital Region, Denmark



Steen Bach Nielsen
Chairman, Region Zealand, Denmark

