THE NORDIC IT POWERHOUSE:
REGIONAL GROWTH THROUGH NORDIC/BALTIC COLLABORATION

Date: 15 April 2013, 12.00 – 16.30 (incl. lunch)

Venue: Stockholm City Hall, Gyllene Salen, Hantverkargatan 1, Stockholm, Sweden

This event is one in a series of meetings and discussions that have been ongoing for the past year with the purpose of identifying key measures for sustaining the regions position as one of the world's ICT Powerhouses.

The conference will focus on three topics:

- **Key measures for sustaining the regions global position**
    - o   The Nordic region is one of the top global powerhouses. How do we sustain that dynamic?
- **How do we attract and retain top talents to be globally competitive**
    - o   New companies and growth are built by top talents in a multitude of areas. How would this region become the best region for ICT-entrepreneurs in the world?
- **Efficient Private Public Partnerships (PPP) for growth**
    - o   How do we create a fair and sustainable system of Public-Private partnerships within the ICT sector to stimulate growth and entrepreneurism in this region? What can a venture capital perspective add?

PROGRAMME

12.00-12.30 - Lunch
Buffet lunch and networking

12.30-13.00 - Introduction
Ulla Hamilton, Vice Mayor of Stockholm
Nanna-Louise Wildfang, Director of Legal and Corporate Affairs, Northern Europe and Benelux, Microsoft

13.00-14.00 - Key measures for sustaining the regions global position
Keynote: Taavi Kotka, Director General ICT, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Estonia
Panel discussion: W*hat key measures should be taken to sustain and leverage on the position we have today? What are the barriers and threats to future development?*

14.00-14.15 - Break

14.15-15.15 - How do we attract and retain top talents to be globally competitive
Keynote: Tobias Billström, Minister for Migration, Sweden
Panel discussion: H*ow can the region become a magnet for top talents and entrepreneurs? How to stimulate students in today's educational system to pursue a career in computer science and entrepreneurism?*

15.15-16.15 - Efficient ICT Private Public Partnerships (PPP) for growth
Keynote: Tom Togsverd, Director General, Danish ICT and Electronics Federation
Panel discussion: H*ow can PPP in different areas create growth or other functions such as cross border IT-system in public service, e-Health, e-prescription, digital signatures etc?*

16.15-16.30 - Conclusions
Stephan Müchler, Vice Chairman of BDF, President of Baltic Sea Chambers of Commerce Association

Keynote speakers:

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- Tobias Billström, Minister for Migration, Sweden
- Tom Togsverd. Director General, Danish ICT and Electronics Federation, Denmark

Panelists:

- Annika Rembe, Director-General, Swedish Institute
- Henrik Ishihara, Political Advisor to the Minister of ICT Policy & Energy, Sweden
- Jørgen Staunstrup, Provost, IT University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- Linnar Viik, Board member, European Institute of Innovation & Technology, Estonia (via Skype)
- Markus Lohi, MP center party/lib, Finland
- Martin Ferro-Thomsen, CEO & Founder, Conferize, Denmark
- Thomas Andersson, CEO, Kista Science City, Sweden
- Tiit Paananen, Site Leader of Skype, Estonia

Moderator: Nicklas Mattson, Senior Publisher, Confederation of Swedish Enterprise

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Practical information:

Register for the conference: http://simpleeventsignup.com/event/20539

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