The Baltic Sea Region as a Role Model
– Achieving Global Excellence in Competitiveness and Innovation by 2010
The Baltic Sea Region has achieved a lot in the last decade: The Eastern and Western shores have been re-united, democratic freedoms and market economies have been established throughout, and the regional ties are many. What’s more, the region has become a leader in economic growth and innovation and is recognized in the EU as the frontrunner in terms of achieving the ambitions laid out in the new Lisbon Strategy.

We cannot, however, rest on our laurels. The new realities around the Baltic Sea Region require us to take a fresh look at where we are, where we could be, and what we need to do to get there. The 2005 Baltic Development Forum Summit in Stockholm will be an important milestone in finding answers to these questions. It will provide a forum for influential decision-makers and experts representing business, politics, academia and media from across the region, to meet, discuss, and develop ways to go forward.

The Summit will build on the efforts of the Baltic Sea Initiative 2010, an initiative of leading stakeholder groups across the region working for the development of a shared vision on how to develop the Baltic Sea Region into a world leader in terms of economic growth, competitiveness and innovation. Part of this initiative is the State of the Region Report, a neutral assessment of clusters, competitiveness and innovation in the region provided by independent academic researchers. The 2005 Report will be launched at the Stockholm Summit to provide a factual fundament for the discussions at the Summit.

This region has a huge opportunity to become a role model for others in Europe and beyond for finding ways in which regional co-operation can make a significant improvement of competitiveness, innovation and growth. To take advantage of this opportunity, we - private as well as public leaders - need to make a clear decision for and commitment to regional co-operation. Together, we need to define a specific regional vision and devise a strategy and action agenda for how to take advantage of this unrealised economic potential making the region a frontrunner in the global economy. The Stockholm Summit will provide the platform for launching this work.
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Summit moderator:

Samuel Rachlin
Journalist, Moscow Correspondent, TV2 Denmark
SUNDAY, 16 OCTOBER

16.30   Registration in the Swedish Parliament - Old Second Chamber
17.00   Official opening of the 7th annual Baltic Development Forum summit “The Baltic Sea Region as a Role Model - Achieving Global Excellence in Competitiveness and Innovation by 2010” in the Swedish Parliament
17.10   Welcoming address by Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, Chairman of Baltic Development Forum
17.30   Opening addresses by José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, and Michael Treschow, Chairman of the Confederation of Swedish Enterprise
          Courtesy address by County Governor of Stockholm
19.00   Gala Reception in the Palace of Tessin hosted by the Stockholm County
22.00   End of Gala Reception

MONDAY, 17 OCTOBER

08.00   Registration in Norra Latin, the summit venue for the 7th annual Baltic Development Forum summit

Summit theme: “The Baltic Sea Region as a Role Model - Achieving Global Excellence in Competitiveness and Innovation by 2010”

08.30   Four interactive breakfast sessions in parallel on central issues for the Baltic Sea Region:

Breakfast Session I:
EU’s new Lisbon Strategy and Future Prosperity - Diagnosis and Scenarios

The Lisbon Strategy this year passed a mid-term review. The Report from the High Level Group chaired by Wim Kok pointed out several barriers that have to be addressed to ensure a new start for the Strategy and its overall goal: for the EU to become “the most dynamic and competitive knowledge-based economy in the world”. Simultaneously, some Member States have lost position in the OECD’s statistics on level of economic welfare. In addition, Europe is facing challenges as for example lower productivity growth, demographic changes, and increasing global market and competition. Leaders from business, politics and academia will address what are the essentials in the new Lisbon Strategy to secure future prosperity for the Baltic Sea countries. What are the regional obstacles and possibilities? What is the correlation between the new Lisbon Strategy and future regional prosperity?

Algirdas Mykolas Brazauskas, Prime Minister, Lithuania
Hans Skov Christensen, CEO, Confederation of Danish Industries
Klas Eklund, Chief Economist, SEB & Member of the European Commission’s Group of Economic Advisors
Patrice Lefeu, Executive Director, La Baule - World Investment Conference

Moderator: Maciej Grabowski, Vice-president, Gdansk Institute for Market Economics and Maria João Rodrigues, Professor, President, European Commission’s Advisory Group for Social Sciences
Breakfast Session II hosted by Ernst & Young:
Ensuring a Competitive Market in the Baltic Sea Region - Creating a Truly Attractive Business Environment

The European Commission has defined guidelines for the Member States to concentrate on increasing economic growth and employment by focusing on macro, micro and employment policies. A vital part of the microeconomic guidelines concerns the expansion and deepening of the internal market, an open and competitive market, and creating a more attractive business environment. But the internal market is only explicit for the EU countries. With three countries in the Baltic Sea Region not being EU Members, are enough efforts made to turn the Baltic Sea Region into a truly open and competitive market that can compete effectively in the world economy? Or can more be done to stimulate the economic market in the Baltic Sea Region?

Henning Dyremose, President & CEO, TDC A/S
Stefan Hultstrand, Partner, Ernst & Young Sweden
Aigars Kalvits, Prime Minister, Latvia
Birger Riis-Jørgensen, State Secretary, Ambassador, Head of the Danish Trade Council, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark
Gert Tiivas, President Growth Markets, OMX Exchanges management

Moderator: Erik Berglöf, Professor, Director, Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics

Breakfast Session III:
The Role of North-West Russia as a Key Economic Player in the Baltic Sea Region

The North-Western part of Russia constitutes a great part of the Baltic Sea Region and is an important key player in the future development of the region. This session is designed as a platform for dialogue based on input from key stakeholders from the North-West Russian region. How does North-West Russia look upon the Baltic Sea Region and how does it see its future role? Are there potentials for future co-operation and coordination?

Grigory Dvas, Vice-governor of the Leningrad Region, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee of the Leningrad Region
Sergei Markov, Deputy Chairman of the Committee for External Affairs and Tourism, City of St Petersburg Government
Mikhail Sverdlow, Deputy General Director (PR), Eurosib Group Managing Company

Moderator: Carl Fey, Associate Dean of Research, Stockholm School of Economics Russia

Breakfast Session IV in co-operation with ScanBalt:
Research and Education in the Baltic Sea Region – a Knowledge Cluster of Global Potential

The Baltic Sea Region is prominently positioned in the knowledge economy and has attracted several technologically advanced industries such as IT, telecommunications, bio-tech, and life-science. It has been possible for the region to develop and maintain its competitive advantage due to its world-class research institutions and a well educated work force. But, with China producing 17,000 new engineers every year, will the countries in the Baltic Sea Region be able to keep their separate positions in the knowledge economy in the future? Or could they use their resources more effectively by joining forces and creating a knowledge cluster of global potential?
Irene Norstedt, Head of Sector Innovative Medicines, DG Research, European Commission
Veikko A. Koivisto, Managing Director, Lilly Research Laboratories
Bo Samuelsson, Professor, Chairman, ScanBalt

Moderator: Børge Diderichsen, Vice President, Novo Nordisk

Contact Break

Plenary Session:
The Baltic Sea Region as a Role Model of Global Excellence by 2010 – Boosting the new Lisbon Strategy

The last five years’ slow progress in implementing the Lisbon Strategy tells a story of lack of ownership and focus. For the Lisbon goals to become reality, they require local and regional players to engage fully in the process and to turn words into action. Regional issues and fundamentals require regional solutions. Local actors must define their own strengths, growth drivers and competitive advantages and develop strategies for how to implement them. Regional competition among peers in Europe combined with internal and external benchmarking, supported by sharing of best practices will ensure that each region performs its best and thereby boosts the European economy as a whole. The Baltic Sea Region has a key role to play since it is in the forefront of implementing many of the Lisbon Strategy goals. What can other European regions learn from the Baltic Sea Region and is it enough for the Baltic Sea Region to be a leading region in Europe when it competes in the global economy?

Leszek Balcerowicz, President, National Bank of Poland
Pehr Gyllenhammar, Chairman, Aviva plc
Göran Persson, Prime Minister, Sweden
Arnold Rüütel, President, Estonia

Moderator: Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, Chairman, Baltic Development Forum

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Plenary Session:
Official Launch of the State of the Region Report 2005 – an Assessment of Regional Competitiveness and Innovation

The first State of the Region Report, presented at last year’s Baltic Development Forum summit in Hamburg, attracted specific focus on the regional assets and challenges. It was launched on the initiative of the Baltic Development Forum and VINNOVA with an aim to initiate a fact-driven dialogue on regional co-operation to improve competitiveness and innovation in the Baltic Sea Region. The report provides a neutral assessment of the Baltic Sea Region’s microeconomic fundamentals that determine the level of prosperity the region can sustain in a long-term perspective. In addition to the general assessment provided last year, this year’s report will benchmark the Baltic Sea Region globally and will also include an assessment of the current situation in potential areas for joint regional action. The report is based on data provided by the World Economic Forum and other international sources and is prepared by a team of researchers from Harvard Business School, the Stockholm School of Economics and Lund University.
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Ole Frijs-Madsen, Director, Baltic Development Forum  
Karin Markides, Deputy Director General, VINNOVA  |
| 12.45  | Luncheon in restaurant Cabaret sponsored by Gateway Stockholm         |
| 14.00  | **Parallel Session 1:1**  
hosted by Baltic Sea Solutions, Denmark; BTV-Cooperation, Norway; Region Skåne, Sweden; and Westpomeranian Region, Poland:  
Growth and Innovation beyond Metropolises – Enhancing Private and Public Investors’ Focus  
Simon Anholt, Government Advisor on Nation Branding and Public Diplomacy  
Thomas E. Hackett, Director General Lending Operations Europe, European Investment Bank  
Jukka Laitinen, Director, Oy MetsäBotnia Ab  
Maria João Rodrigues, Professor, President, European Commission’s Advisory Group for Social Sciences  
Moderator: Tomas Hanell, Research Fellow, Nordregio - Nordic Centre for Spatial Development  |
| 14.00  | **Parallel Session 1:2**  
Tourism Co-operation in the Baltic Sea Region – Creating Joint Policies as a Win-Win Scenario  
The session on Tourism Co-operation at the Summit in Hamburg 2004 and following meetings has resulted in a clear signal from leading private and public tourism representatives that time is ripe to create a win-win scenario for the tourism industry in the region. To ensure such a beneficial scenario there is a need for a joint strategy for the tourism sector in the Baltic Sea Region. The joint strategy must address the need for a strong promotion in order to strengthen the tourist industry through increased awareness of the region. Furthermore, co-operation and harmonization of initiatives are  |
needed and co-operation between the public and private sector must be encouraged. The session will discuss a joint strategy on tourism co-operation for the Baltic Sea Region in order to compete with the rest of the world and to attract more extra-regional tourists.

Signe Adamsen, Project Director, Cruise Baltic
Dennis Bederoff, Managing Director, Swedish Tourist Authority
Niels Boserup, President & CEO, Copenhagen Airports A/S
Lars Thomassen, Vice President, BBDO Regional Headquarters Europe

Moderator: Szilvia Gyimóthy, Associate Professor, University of Lund

Parallel Session 1:3 in co-operation with European Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (EVCA) and ScanBalt:

Venture Market – Accelerating the Prospects for the Expansion of a Strong and Coherent Baltic Sea Region

A strong venture capital sector forms a critical part of an innovative, dynamic economy. This session will frame discussions on accelerating the prospects for the expansion of a strong and coherent Baltic Sea Region through private equity and venture capital within the broad context of the wider European marketplace, drawing on issues and lessons learned for future growth. Its main focus will be issues in relation to facilitating cross-border investment in high-growth and innovative companies, whilst based on regional co-operation initiatives such as clustering. It will conclude its discussions with practical recommendations which can be taken forward to help achieve the session’s objectives with the support of governments, business and key stakeholders in the region.

Maria Leander, Head of Legal Division, European Investment Fund
Jaanus Pikani, Board Member, Estonian Biotechnology Association
Ulf Söderholm, Partner, Andulf Advokat AB

Moderator: Mikael Ørum, General Partner, Ventac Partners

Parallel Session 1:4

An Innovative Driver in the Region – The Multidisciplinary European Research Centre

A well-positioned plan for a major regional research centre, European Spallation Source, ESS, with strong interest indicated by various sectors of society, will have an outstanding potential to be a common driver of innovative processes in the region. The future neutron source that is planned to be part of the next generation European research infrastructure will be important for multidisciplinary research and industrial development. This includes material science, biomedicine, drug development, and energy, engineering, food, and information technology, and many other areas crucial for scientific and industrial development in 10 to 50 years time. Of the three planned accelerator spallation sources in the world, the ESS, will be the most powerful and could be located within the Baltic Sea Region, next to the complementary Max laboratory in southern Sweden. The latest developments, the innovative potentials being a consequence of the establishment, the different stakeholders’ agendas and key actions will be discussed.

Karl-Fredrik Berggren, Director, ESS Scandinavia
Patric Carlsson, Project Manager Science, ESS Scandinavia.
Allan Larsson, Special Negotiator for ESS on behalf of the Swedish Government
Winfried Petry, Scientific Director, Hans Heinz Maier-Leibnitz Research Neutron Source
MONDAY, 17 OCTOBER

Parallel Session 1:5
Co-operation on Innovation in the Nordic-Baltic Region

The Northern Dimension Working Group on Innovation of the Nordic Council of Ministers is aimed at improving cross-border co-operation between the countries of the Northern Dimension region in the area of innovation policy. Members of the working group represent national innovation agencies, ministries and the European Commission. If the countries commit to a joint effort, the ambition in a longer term is to deepen the co-operation and build the foundation for coordinated/joint actions in the region. The session will discuss the findings and opportunities identified for future co-operation between innovation agencies and policy-makers in the Nordic and Baltic Sea Region. What should the governments in the region do together to boost the innovative capacity and competitiveness of businesses? And how could this play into the new Lisbon Strategy?

Krzysztof Gulda, Director, Ministry of Economy, Labour and Social Policy, Poland
Kristian Birk, Head of Division, National Agency for Enterprise and Construction, Denmark
Pierre Vigier, Deputy Head of Innovation Policy Development Unit, DG Entreprise, European Commission

Moderator: Per Unckel, Secretary General, Nordic Council of Ministers

Contact Break

Four interactive sessions in parallel on innovation and competitiveness in the Baltic Sea Region:

Parallel Session 2:1
Facilitating Networks and Clusters of the World of Tomorrow

Competition intensifies and turns more global leading to numerous newspaper articles on closed companies and outsourcing from the region. Often the focus is more on how to avoid the perceived decrease in numbers of workplaces than on how to maintain and enhance competitive advantages. Looking at innovation and competitiveness in the region, a shift in strategies from supporting basic functionality of new companies to a research based and targeted search for global excellence, as a point of departure for business development, is ongoing. A part of this search for tomorrow’s new businesses looks into developments linking existing global positioned clusters new ways. Innovation agencies of the region have faced the global reality by establishing regional coordination networks so called Northern Cluster Alliance and by teaming up globally with leading forces such as the Competitiveness Institute (TCI). From a global perspective, new methodological approaches in innovation systems, cluster development models and theory, knowledge management and cluster database development will be discussed.

Introduction:
Krzysztof Gulda, Director, Polish Ministry of Economy, Labour and Social Policy
Heikki Kotilainen, Deputy Director General, TEKES
Karin Markides, Deputy Director General, VINNOVA

Discussion:
Marie Degrn Bertelsen, Economist, Ministry of Economic and Business Affairs, Denmark
Lars Eklund, Director Competitiveness, VINNOVA
Argo Luik, Development Consultant, Enterprise Estonia

Moderator: Alec Hansen, President, the Competitiveness Institute, and Jens Erik Lund, Special Advisor, VINNOVA
MONDAY, 17 OCTOBER

15.45 — Room 357

Parallel Session 2:2
Innovation as a Competitive Advantage for the Region

In the light of perfect information, transportation and transaction costs approaching zero and increasing competition from China acting as a price setter we need to ask ourselves “What is the Baltic Sea Region going to live of in the future?" In order to match the almost unlimited raw resources of our competitors, we can stay competitive by being innovative and thereby making the most effective use of the resources we have. The ability to innovate in order to quickly adapt to new market situations and develop new industries will therefore be critical for our competitive advantage in the future. The session will address how we can become better at innovation management and how improved innovation systems can spur competitiveness. The session will highlight examples from Denmark, Sweden and the US where key stakeholders from business, government and academia have engaged in concrete business driven initiatives to stay ahead in the global competition.

Tor Bonnier, Chairman, Forum for Innovation Management, FIM, Sweden
Egils Milbergs, President, Center for Accelerating Innovation & National Innovation Initiative, USA
Erik Rasmussen, CEO, Monday Morning A/S & Co-founder, Danish Innovation Council

Moderator: Mikael Lindholm, Directing Editor, Monday Morning A/S

15.45 — The Music Hall (Room 456)

Parallel Session 2:3
Creating a Genuine Entrepreneurial Environment in the Baltic Sea Region

Entrepreneurs are fundamental contributors to economic growth and employment. In the US, new enterprises account for 30% to 50% of economic growth and the majority of jobs created. A successful commercial exploitation of innovation depends on various supportive competences that ensure that profitable new products actually get to market. Together these necessary competences are sometimes called the ‘competence bloc’ and are well represented in the American commercialisation process. The competence bloc consists of all the various skills and experiences required to create and identify market winners and bring them into large-scale production. There is the innovator, who produces a wider supply of possible innovations than there are commercial uses. The commercialising agents include the entrepreneur who makes successful selections from available innovations. In turn he needs the industrial competence of the venture capitalist to fund and further develop a new project. Last but not least, there is the lawyer that helps steering clear from risk and documents the process. This session will take the pulse on the entrepreneurial spirit in the Baltic Sea Region from a practical perspective and highlight critical issues for decision makers to engage in to make it better.

Lars Baltzer, Professor, University of Uppsala
Seppo Mäkinen, Senior Partner, Bio Fund Management Oy Ltd
Thomas Nygren, Partner, Hamilton & Co
Johan Staël von Holstein, Chairman and CEO, Iqube

Moderator: Lou Hagbarth, Owner and Managing Director, Hagbarth Publications, and Per Lindström, CEO, Meadowland Business Partners AB

15.45 — Room 353

Parallel Session 2:4
Baltic Sea Region Competence Map – Making the Competence Networks Visible

Meta regions providing a critical mass of complementary competences is a prerequisite for innovation as scientific breakthroughs are increasingly dependent on multidisciplinary collaboration. Already today there are close relational ties throughout the Baltic Sea Region. Collaboration can be found on all levels and is the key to sharing, spreading and generating knowledge and competences. However,
### Day I Endnote Plenary Session:
**Innovation and Competitiveness in the Baltic Sea Region - Future Strategy to Assure Global Excellence**

The overarching goal of a future strategy is to move the region towards joint visions and actions on what the region shall live of in the future. This will include defining concrete ways to increase growth, competitiveness and prosperity through innovation in a wide perspective to the benefit of the individual states, their business communities and citizens. Over the last year, stakeholders from the entire region have been involved in an assessment providing valuable input for the long-term process, the Baltic Sea Initiative 2010. In addition, the region needs strong leadership in innovation and competitiveness to support the implementation of the new Lisbon Strategy. These issues and a possible future strategy will be an essential part of this session following the thematic sessions on the potential and barriers in the region during the first day of the Summit. The session will include key note addresses by representatives for business, politics, intergovernmental organisations and innovation agencies.

**Moderator:** Samuel Rachlin, Journalist, Moscow Correspondent, TV2 Denmark

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### Bus Transfer to Gala Dinner

Gala dinner in the Stockholm City Hall hosted by the City of Stockholm with welcoming note by the Mayor of Stockholm. Short addresses during the dinner from the Summit Partner Nordea and the co-organisers VINNOVA and Baltic Development Forum.

**Moderator:** Johan Christenson, Partner HealthCap, Odlander, Frederiksson & Co AB

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### Contact Break

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### Speaker List

- Ola Björkman, Associate Professor, Project Director, Stockholm Bioscience
- Jan C. Maier, CEO, Avedas AG
- Johan Christenson, Partner HealthCap, Odlander, Frederiksson & Co AB
- Peter Egardt, President, Stockholm Chamber of Commerce
- Heikki Kotilainen, Deputy Director General, Tekes
- Lars G Nordström, President and Group CEO, Nordea
- Per Unckel, Secretary General, Nordic Council of Ministers
- Samuel Rachlin, Journalist, Moscow Correspondent, TV2 Denmark
- Annika Billström, Mayor, City of Stockholm
- Hans Dalborg, Chairman of the Board, Nordea
- Per Eriksson, Director General, VINNOVA
Opening Plenary Session:
Branding the Baltic Sea Region - Creating a Trademark for Success

The Baltic Sea Region needs to establish and communicate its unique identity and make itself even more visible and convincing as a strong partner in the EU and globally. Today, the commercial battle between nations and regions for inward investment, export sales and tourism is increasingly fought with branding; the careful and strategic management of reputation and identity. Branding is a complex business and will only succeed through planning, analysis and most importantly, the inclusion and support of both private and public stakeholders. In addition, a harmonisation of current integration efforts will be the key to success. This session will address the fundamental issue of branding the region, not as a superficial marketing technique, but as a driving strategic force. How can the region be branded? Who should be responsible for developing and managing such an initiative and who should be the brand champion to both carry out the vision and secure the political commitment? Finally, a suggested roadmap will be presented for how to move forward.

Simon Anholt, Government Advisor on Nation Branding and Public Diplomacy
Christopher J. P. Beazley, Member of the European Parliament, Chairman of the “Baltic-Europe” Inter-Group
Linda Fredheim, VP Corporate Brand Strategy, SAS Group
Kai Hammerich, President & Director General, Invest in Sweden Agency
Thomas Östros, Minister for Industry and Trade, Sweden (TBC)

Moderator: Samuel Rachlin, Journalist, Moscow Correspondent, TV2 Denmark

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Aivars Aksenoks, Mayor, City of Riga
Lars Engberg, Lord Mayor, City of Copenhagen
Jussi Pajunen, Mayor, City of Helsinki
Pelle Törnberg, CEO, Metro International S.A.

Moderator: Per Olof Berg, Professor, Stockholm University School of Business
TUESDAY, 18 OCTOBER

10.00 Parallel Session 3:2 hosted by SEB:
Will the Baltic Sea Region be able to Compete with Emerging Asia?

China and India are growing steadily, attracting investments and human capital from Western industrial countries. What challenges will this entail for the Baltic Region? What is necessary for our region to grow and prosper in this new environment?

Tomas Jūska, CEO, Libra Group
Reinhard Stuth, State Secretary, City of Hamburg
Kim Østrup, Vice-president, IBM Denmark

Moderator: Klas Eklund, Chief Economist, SEB & Member of the European Commission’s Group of Economic Advisors

10.00 Parallel Session 3:3
Baltic Sea Common Information Space to Enhance Innovation and Competitive Potentials in the Region

The aim of the Baltic Sea Common Information Space (BCIS) is to contribute to enhancing the economic performance and competitiveness of the Baltic Sea Region. This goal could be reached in several ways. Besides technical measures to improve the access to a variety of the web-sources regarding economy, trade, business, investment and innovation opportunities, actions and tools should be identified to improve overall information flows within the Baltic Sea Region. A successful branding of the region would only pay off, when partners can rely on true and updated information. The BCIS is called to bring down information barriers and to reduce misconceptions, thus unveiling further the great potential of the region. A panel representing governmental, business and media representatives of the region will be asked for their views on existing information barriers, which impede fruitful and meaningful co-operation. Ideas and actions on how to tackle them will be presented. In addition, a representative from the Task Force on BCIS will introduce the project of the Information Space Internet Portal.

Alexey Ignatiev, Director for Russia and CEE, EastWest Institute
Erkki Järvinen, President and CEO, Rautakirja OY
Christer Persson, Director, CSO - Member of the CBSS, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden

Moderator: Gabriele Kötischau, Director, CBSS Secretariat

10.00 Parallel session 3:4
Intelligent Transport and Infrastructure – an Innovative key to Future Growth and Prosperity

The existence and dynamic development of a coherent, intelligent transport system tied up with a strong transport infrastructure is a crucial element for economic growth in the Baltic Sea Region. Special sessions during previous Baltic Development Forum Summits since 2002 have reported from the focussed Round Table work with this vital topic. Eight strategic issues have been identified as major themes in the report “Challenges for the transport infrastructure of the Baltic Sea Region”. More than 70 key stakeholders; executives from major companies and organisations stand behind these recommendations emerging from a number of round tables within the region. At the session an update will be given and a model for vitalizing a business driven thinking and implementation presented. A high-level politician and a speaker from a leading commercial provider will address the key challenges from their perspective. Conclusions from the session and the general work within the Round Table will be passed to political decision makers at the ministerial level in the EU, Council of
Baltic Sea States and Nordic Council of Ministers. To stimulate the debate a concrete presentation of a “Quick Start Programme” will be part of the session.

Uno Aldegren, Chairman, BSSSC & the Baltic Gateway Political Committee  
Thomas Dyrbye, CEO, Maersk Nordic & Baltic  
Bengt Gustavsson, Project Coordinator, Baltic Gateway  
Krzysztof Opawski, Minister of Infrastructure, Poland  
Karsten Sten Pedersen, Chief Project Manager, COWI A/S

Moderator: Lauri Ojala, Professor, Turku School of Economics and Business Administration

11.45
Plenary Session:
Facing Global Challenges – are Russia and Europe Ready to Develop a True Partnership?

The development and prosperity of the Baltic Sea Region depends to a large extent on the prospects for a future partnership between Russia and Europe in the global economy. At the recent EU-Russia Summit in Moscow a road-map for four common spaces was adopted: economic; freedom, security and justice; external security; research, education and culture. These are the shared objectives to strengthen the future relations. This session will focus on recent developments and co-operation between Russia and the EU and will seek to answer the following questions: Will the promising intentions and political gestures succeed? Will it be possible to create a common economic space and an open integrated market between Russia and the EU? Furthermore, are the key stakeholders from politics and business ready to take the necessary concrete steps to make these objectives a reality?

Elmar Brok, Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs, European Parliament  
Ilya Klebanov, Authorized Representative of the Russian Federation’s President in the North Western District  
Gerhard Lohan, Head of Unit, DG Relex, European Commission  
Sergey Yastrzhembsky, Special Envoy of the President of the Russian Federation for Relations with the European Union

Moderator: Samuel Rachlin, Journalist, Moscow Correspondent, TV2 Denmark

13.00
Endnote Plenary Session of the Summit:
The Baltic Sea Region as a Role Model - Prospects for the Future

In this final session the overall conclusions of the 7th annual Baltic Development Forum summit will be made by the Chairman of Baltic Development Forum.

Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, Chairman, Baltic Development Forum

13.15
Luncheon in Norra Latin sponsored by Stockholm Chamber of Commerce

End of Official Summit
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15.00  A number of workshops and meetings will be held back-to-back with the 7th annual Baltic Development Forum summit. For information, please contact the Baltic Development Forum secretariat.

I. Baltic Gateway Quick Start Programme – Innovative Financing of Transnational Transport Projects (open-ended meeting for key stakeholders hosted by Baltic Gateway)

II. Branding the Baltic Sea Region – From Strategy to Action (open-ended meeting for key stakeholders)

III. Baltic Sea Perspective Brussels Conference 2006 (closed meeting of the organisational committee)

IV. Baltic Metropoles Mayors’ Meeting (closed meeting for the Mayors in the Baltic Sea Region)
ABOUT THE 7TH ANNUAL SUMMIT

By invitation from the City of Stockholm and the Swedish government, and in co-operation with VINNOVA, the Swedish Agency for Innovation Systems, Baltic Development Forum will convene its 7th annual summit in the beautiful city of Stockholm. Nordea is the official summit partner.

Baltic Development Forum is proud to host the summit in the “Venice of the North”, and is looking forward to organising the summit in co-operation with our members and partners in Stockholm. The Baltic Development Forum summit offers a platform for debating key issues of importance to decision makers in the region.

Baltic Development Forum’s annual summits rely on an interactive conference format that allows participants to discuss issues related to the Baltic Sea Region in an informal and constructive atmosphere. All sessions are open to a free debate between speakers, panellists, participants and the media.

Participation at the Baltic Development Forum summit is by invitation only.

The summit’s plenary sessions deal with general and broad topics affecting the Baltic Sea Region. Plenary sessions constitute of keynote addresses followed by discussions and questions from the floor.

The interactive sessions in parallel give the participants the opportunity to choose the themes that best fit their interests. During an interactive session each speaker will deliver a short opening statement. After the opening statements, the moderator is supposed to pose a few questions to the panel and engage the broader audience in the discussion by inviting questions from the floor.

Networking lunches offer excellent opportunities to meet and discuss with other participants issues of common interests. Participants will also be able to arrange bilateral meetings with other participants during the summit’s well-known contact breaks.

To increase the possibilities for and the value of networking between participants, all summit participants will receive a Participants’ Handbook upon registration. The Participants’ Handbook includes details about the summit, C.V. and contact details on all summit participants as well as summit acknowledgements.

Participants wishing to contact each other may do so before the summit by referring to the list of confirmed participants to be found at the Baltic Development Forum’s website one week before the summit. During the summit, contact can be established by using the message services at the conference and registration desk.

ABOUT VINNOVA

VINNOVA, The Swedish Agency for Innovation Systems, is a Government Agency founded in 2001 as part of a large reconstruction of the Government measures for stimulation of the Swedish innovation system. The mission of the agency is to facilitate the development of research and innovation that effectively foster competitiveness, economic growth and prosperity. VINNOVA finances demand driven research on a yearly level of 100 Million Euros. Universities and university colleges (40%), research institutes (30%), enterprises (20%) and others (10%) are the primary funding targets.

VINNOVA supports the connection and co-operation between those different groups of actors in the innovation system that would enhance international competitiveness, thus focussing on strong networks that possess huge potentials of sustainable research and innovation. Programmes and projects are demand driven and largely co-financed by private and public partners. Some funding is allocated for the linking of research activities and research related innovation. Significant support is targeted to pilot actions and learning how to develop systems, the Baltic Sea Initiative being one example.

VINNOVA is headed by Director General Per Eriksson and Deputy Director General Karin Markides. More information about VINNOVA can be found at www.VINNOVA.se
ABOUT BALTIC DEVELOPMENT FORUM

Baltic Development Forum is an independent non-profit networking organisation with more than 2,000 key stakeholders from large companies, major cities, institutional investors and business associations in the Baltic Sea Region and beyond. Baltic Development Forum works with a wide range of partners, including business, governments, regional organisations, research and media institutions.

The mission of the Baltic Development Forum is to promote the Baltic Sea Region as an integrated, prosperous, innovative and internationally competitive growth region.

- Baltic Development Forum seeks to accomplish this by:
  - Providing a platform for cross-border, cross-sector and cross-level networking between regional decision makers from business, politics, academia and media.
  - Influencing the regional agenda.
  - Profiling the Baltic Sea Region in Europe and globally.
  - Acting as a catalyst and facilitator of concrete partnerships and projects benefiting the region.
  - Initiating the formulation of regional strategies for growth, competitiveness and innovation.

The activities of the Baltic Development Forum include the organisation of the annual Baltic Development Forum summit, the facilitation of the Baltic Sea Initiative 2010 process, the publishing of the annual State of the Region Report, thematic seminars and round tables, the profiling of the Baltic Sea Region in the media and in decision making at large, as well as co-operation with partners in the production of analysis and strategies for the development of the region.

Baltic Development Forum is chaired by Uffe Ellemann-Jensen, former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Denmark. The Baltic Development Forum Honorary and Advisory Board consist of high-level dignitaries and prominent business executives representing the entire Baltic Sea Region. The Baltic Development Forum Secretariat is located in Copenhagen, Denmark and is headed by Director Ole Frijs-Madsen.

More information about the Baltic Development Forum can be found at www.bdforum.org

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