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The 20th BSSSC Annual Conference and Baltic Sea Region Programme Conference 2012

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altic Sea Region

FROM ECONOMIC CRISES TO OPPORTUNITIES AND ACTIONS

Baltic Sea Regions promoting green innovation in energy and water

17.09.12

- 17:30 18:30 National delegation meetings at Thon Hotel Arena, Lilleström
- 18:45 Bus transfer to City of Oslo from Thon Hotel Arena
- 19:30 21:00 Reception in Oslo City Hall hosted by the Mayor of Oslo
- Approx. 21:15 Bus transfer back to Lilleström

18.09.12

08:00 Registration opens

Moderator Udo Biss, Nord Deutsche Rundfunk (NDR)

09:30 Session 1 - Opening of the 20th BSSSC AC

Welcome by the Chairman of BSSSC, Olgierd GEBLEWICZ (West-Pomeranian Region, PL) and the Chairman of Eastern Norway County Network, Ole HAABETH

Welcome and keynote speech by the Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs, Jonas GAHR STÖRE "The Baltic Sea Region – status, challenges and visions for the future"

Welcome and introduction to the main topic of the conference - with special focus on green energy, Anke SPOORENDONK, Minister of Justice, Culture and European Affairs of Land Schleswig-Holstein, DE

10:45 Coffee break – visit the exhibition

11:15 Session 2 "Towards a more sustainable Baltic Sea Region – innovative actions to promote clean water and green energy"

Investing in environmental solutions in wastewater and energy – value added of using EU/EEA funding sources for green growth by Ryszard RYDZYNSKI, Ph.D., Civil Eng. – Head Development Specialist at Szczecin Water and Wastewater Works Ltd., PL

Growing challenges related to flooding in metropolitan areas - the metropolises and cities need to adapt to changes related to climate and water by Peter Jeppe Tolstrup, City of Copenhagen, Technical and Environment Ministry, Department for Park and Nature

Panel debate on the main challenges and prioritisation - to make the BSR more sustainable. Participants: Colin WOLFE, EU-commission DG Regio, Andrzej PODSCIANSKI, Chief Inspectorate of Environmental Protection in Warsaw, PL - Priority Area Coordinator (PA 1) in EUSBSR, CEO Dr. Michael BECKEREIT, Hamburg Wasser, DE and Björn GRÖNHOLM, UBC Environmental Commission in Turku, FI

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Session 3 – five parallel thematic sessions focusing on clean water and green energy

Purpose: To share knowledge and exchange of best practise and good ideas for sustainable environmental solutions within water and energy. Green innovation! Smart solutions!

1) The forest as resource for green energy

Organizer: CBSS-Baltic 21

Moderator: Bjarne RASMUSSEN, Coordinator of Baltic Local Agenda 21 Forum, Sustainable Development Manager Region Zealand, DK

14:30 Welcome by Senior Adviser Krista KAMPUS, Head of Unit CBSS-Baltic 21

Film "Notes on...Climate Change" with a sequence from good practice in the CBSS-Baltic 21 Bioenergy Promotion Project, partner in Jämtland <u>http://vimeo.com/30893341</u>

- 1. Promoting sustainable bioenergy systems the importance of sustainable development criteria by Michael KRUG, Research Fellow, Environmental Policy Research Center, Freie Universität, Berlin, DE
- 2. Co-creating bioenergy regions strategies and demonstration projects by Bjarne RASMUSSEN, Sustainable Development Manager Region Zealand, DK
- *3. The Energy Farm Concept demonstration and organizing networks* by Erik EID HOHLE, Managing director, The Energy Farm Centre for Bioenergy, NO
- 4. Developing bioenergy solutions in the rural areas supporting local development by Mats RYDEHELL, Head of International Cooperation, KanEnergi, SE

16:00 Q & A - Panel audience/ presenters

2) Wind and wave energy for the future

Organizer: Buskerud region, NO

Moderator: Thomas ENGELKE, Deputy Director Schleswig-Holstein, Hanse-Office in Brussels

14.30 Welcome and introduction by the moderator

- 1. Offshore wind power project "Hiiumaa offshore Tuulepark" in Estonia support schemes and trading green values across borders by Martin KRUUS, CEO Nelja Energia, EE
- 2. New ways to manage electrical power how energy consumption can be adjusted to create a smarter energy use and a greener society by Knud ANDERSEN, Member of the Board of Danish Regions and member of the BSSSC Board, DK
- 3. The potential of wave energy. What are the technological challenges of this energy source? What are the main aspects of current political debate in the field, and how does that influence the development? By Aki LUUKKAINEN, CEO Wello, FI
- 4. The Renewable Energy Regions Network (RENREN) gather 14 regions all over Europe and comprises wind, solar, biomass, hydro, geothermal and oceans energy presentation by Thomas ENGELKE, Deputy Director Hanse-Office in Brussels, Schleswig-Holstein, DE

16.00 Dialogue and discussion

3) A Cleaner Baltic Sea

Organizer: *Lahti Science Park, FI (coordinator for the water cluster in StarDust project)* Moderator: Managing Director Katri MEHTONEN, Finnish Water Forum, FI

14:30 Opening of the session - BSR Star Dust Clean Water project – best practices from Baltic Sea: Development Manager, MSc. Johanna KILPI-KOSKI, Lahti Science and Business Park Ltd

- 1. Finnish best practices in water and waste water treatment Managing Director, Katri MEHTONEN, Finnish Water Forum, Fl
- 2. The hazardous chemicals identification and situation in Lithuania Dr. Jolanta DVARIONIENĖ, Kaunas university of technology (KTU), Institute of Environmental Engineering (APINI), LT
- 3. Coastal monitoring strategy in Poland MSc Beata SZYMCZYCHA, PhD Student Institute of Oceanology Polish Academy of Sciences Marine Chemistry and Biochemistry Department, PL
- 4. When cleaner water leads to growth and jobs success stories from Sweden Ann-Christin BAYARD, the CEO of Sustainable Sweden Southeast AB, SE

16:00 Discussion

4) Water & Energy in urban development

Organizer: City of Hamburg Moderator: Dr.-Ing. Bernd ZACHARIAS, Hamburg Wasser

14:30 Welcome and introduction by the moderator

- 1. The Hamburg Water Cycle a holistic approach to both the energy supply and sanitation needs in urban areas by Christian GÜNNER, Hamburg Wasser
- 2. A presentation of a project supported by Oslo Climate and Energy Efficiency Fund. The largest heat pump plant in Norway provides heat to about five thousand houses by Öyvind NILSEN, Hafslund, NO
- 3. Towards a sustainable public transport system in Stockholm by Lennart HALLGREN, SL. In 2025 fossil fuels will have been phased out from all public transport of the entire Stockholm region. How will these ambitious targets be met?

16.00 Dialogue and discussion

5) Study visit to Akershus Energy Park (transfer by bus)

Organizer: Akershus region, NO

Akershus Energy Park is one of Europe's most modern and future oriented district heating plants – especially adapted for research and education.

http://www.aeas.no/kunder/ae/cms.nsf/\$all/B5E9F8AD75328C4EC12578E2004277FA

17:00 – 18:00 Session 4 "Water and Energy are key elements for people, industry and society. What should be the main priorities for the future – making the BSR a more sustainable place to live, work and invest?"

Chair of CBSS/CSO - Ministry of Foreign affairs of the Russian Federation (name tbc)

CEO Dr. BECKEREIT, Hamburg Wasser, Germany

Baltic Sea Regions going GREEN - presentation of the main results from the GREEN Conference on Energy Efficiency (16-17.09) by representatives of the BSSSC Youth Network

19:30 Banquet dinner at Thon Hotel Arena on the invitation of Eastern Norway County Network

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09:00 Session 5 – promoting green innovation for the future

"A green Europe" – results from the Danish Presidency of the European Union spring 2012 by Mr. Hugo ØSTERGAARD- ANDERSEN, Danish Ambassador to Norway

Rounding up speeches from BSSSC Chairman and the Chairman of Eastern Norway County Network – Conference Resolution.

Welcome to the BSSSC AC 2013 in Helsinki Region by Ossi SAVOLAINEN, Regional Mayor of Uusimaa Regional Council, FI

09:45 Coffee break – visit the exhibition

10:00 EU Territorial Cooperation and the programme period 2014 - 2020 - joint session of BSSSC AC and the Baltic Sea Region Programme Conference

Moderator Verner Kristiansen, Communication Advisor

Speakers:

- Norwegian Minister of Local Government and Regional Development Liv Signe NAVARSETE
- EU Commissionaire Johannes HAHN (video message)
- Member of the European Parliament Danuta HÜBNER, Chair of the Regional Committee
- CBSS Chairmanship Ministry of Foreign affairs of the Russian Federation
- BSSSC Board member Knud ANDERSEN

- **11:30** Visit the exhibitions and test the interactive elements. Get familiar with the projects and results from the BSR Programme
- 12:00 Lunch

13:30 Relationship between the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and the Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014-2020.

Baltic Sea Programme Conference continues with focus on the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region and the new Baltic Sea Region Programme for the period 2014 – 2020 – consultation and input from participants to the program preparation work.

Speakers:

- Colin WOLFE, Head of Unit REGIO/E1, DG Regional Policy
- Ilze KRIEVA, Chair of the Monitoring Committee in 2012, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia
- Susanne SCHERRER, Director of the Managing Authority and the Joint Technical Secretariat Rostock/Riga, Baltic Sea Region Programme

15:30 Coffee break – visit the exhibition

16:30 – 18:00 Cooperation of projects in clusters in the Baltic Sea region

Leaders of the four clusters "Energy efficiency and renewable energy sources", "Baltic Impulse saving the Baltic Sea waters", "Sustainable, multimodal and green transport corridors" and "Innovation in SMEs" will tell about main achievements of participating projects and the added value of working in a cluster.

Moderators:

- Verner KRISTIANSEN, Communication Advisor
- Eeva RANTAMA, Joint Technical Secretariat, Baltic Sea Region Programme

Presentation: Marta ŚLĘŻAK-WARSZYCKA, Joint Technical Secretariat, Baltic Sea Region Programme

Panel discussion:

- Klaus RÜCKERT, Energy cluster
- Max HOGEFORSTER, Innovation cluster
- Paula BIVESON, Water cluster
- Wiktor SZYDAROWSKI, Transport cluster

19:30 Dinner at Thon Hotel Arena on the invitation of the Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development

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- 09:00 14:00 Final conference for the cluster initiative "Energy efficiency and renewable energy sources"
- 09:00 13:00 Parallel working meetings of the water and innovation clusters
- 09:00 13:00 Meeting of the Programming Task Force of the Baltic Sea Region Programme 2014 2020.
- 09:00-12:30 Workshop

"Generation shift on labour markets – demography and age management" arranged by the Best Agers Project (Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007 – 2013)

- **10:30** Coffee break visit to the exhibition
- 13:00/14:00 Lunch and departure

Get inspired! Be active! Bring back home concrete ideas!





