Seminar Programme

Realising the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region through Nordic–European synergies in co-operation

Time: Tuesday 29 June 2010, 12.30–17.30
Venue: Information Office of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern at the European Union,
Boulevard Saint-Michel 80, 1040 Brussels

12:30 Registration
12:45 Lunch and networking
13:30 Welcome by the Nordic Council of Ministers

13:40 Panel session 1: New opportunities provided by the Baltic Sea Strategy
- Mr. Halldór Ásgrímsson, General Secretary, Nordic Council of Ministers
- Mr. Dirk Ahner, Director General, European Commission DG Regional Policy
- Mr. Tunne Kelam, MEP and Chairman, Baltic Europe Intergroup
- Mr. Kjell Nybacka, Chairman Informal Baltic Sea Group

14:45 Panel session 2: Examples of Nordic–European synergies in co-operation
- Dr. Wolfgang Blank, Chairman, ScanBalt BioRegion
- Mr. Ole Damsgaard, Director, Nordic Centre for Spatial Development
- Mr. Ivar Kristensen, Managing Director, Nordic Innovation Centre

15:45 Coffee break and networking

16:15 Panel session 3: Engaging the regions in implementing the Baltic Sea Strategy
- Dr. Merten Barnert, Adviser of Information, Office of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern
- Mr. Colin Wolfe, Head of Unit, European Commission DG Regional Policy
- Coordinator for Priority Area 7, "To exploit the full potential of the region in research and innovation” (tbc)
- Dr. Carsten Schymik, German Institute for International and Security Affairs

17:00 Discussion
17:30 End of programme – followed by:

ScanBalt Health Region: On Top of Europe
Signing ceremony by representatives from Lithuania, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Västra Götaland, ScanBalt Academy and ScanBalt BioRegion

18:00 IBSG Summer Reception