Euroregion Baltic Conference

Baltic Sea Strategy to further integrate the Baltic Sea Region

11th June 2008, Brussels

Place	Brussels, Pomorskie Regional Office at Scotland House Rond point Schumann 6
09.00	Coffee and registration
09.45	Welcome by Marshal of Pomorskie Region, Mr Jan Kozłowski
09.50	Opening by ERB President, Mr Per Ole Petersen
10.00	How could an EU Baltic Strategy contribute to the territorial co-operation objective under the cohesion policy? by EU Regional Policy Commissioner, Ms Danuta Hübner
10.20	An EU Baltic Strategy - part of the Northern Dimension or a step beyond? by Mr Christopher Beazley, MEP, Chair of Baltic Intergroup of the European Parliament (tbc)
10.40	Why a top priority for the upcoming Swedish presidency in 2009? by Swedish EU Affairs Minister, Ms Cecilia Malmström
11.00	How could an EU Baltic Strategy contribute to the existing cooperative networks of local, regional and national authorities of the Baltic Sea Region? by Chairman of the Committee of the Regions' Interregional Group "Baltic Sea Regions", Mr Uno Aldegren (tbc)
11.20	Questions to the speakers, moderated by the Head of the Danish Delegation to the Committee of the Regions, Mr Knud Andersen.
11.40	Coffee break
12.00 - 15.00	How can an EU Baltic Strategy assist in the sustainable development of the Baltic Sea Region?
	Each presentation within this bloc is expected to take 15 minutes after which the audience will be able to ask questions to the speakers.
12.00	How can an EU Baltic Strategy help make the Baltic Sea Region a prosperous, accessible and attractive place? introduced by Mr Hans Brask, Director of the Secretariat of the Baltic Development Forum

12.30	How can an EU Baltic Strategy support investment into knowledge and innovation in the Baltic Sea Region? introduced by Mr Hans-Robert Metelmann, Chairman of ScanBalt
13.00 - 14.00	Mingle lunch at the venue
14.00	How could an EU Baltic Strategy contribute to an environmentally sustainable and clean Baltic Sea Region? introduced by Ms Anne Christine Brusendorff, Executive Secretary of Helsinki Commission
14.30	How can an EU Baltic Strategy help unlock business potential of the Baltic Sea Region? introduced by Mr Pontus Lindberg, General Secretary of Baltic Sea Chambers of Commerce Association
15.00	Crossborder contribution to an EU Baltic Strategy by a representative of Euroregion Baltic
15.30 - 16.00	Conclusions and Closing