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**2 February 2009**

**Programme for VIII BS NGO Forum 2009  
26 February to 1 March 2009  
LO skolen, Helsingør (Elsinore)**

Thursday 26 February

16.00 Registration of participants

18.00 Dinner

19.00-22.00 Welcome

”The role of the Baltic Sea in the development of EU, in social affairs, human rights, sustainable development and culture”

Dr. Gabriele Kötschau, Director CBSS (Council of the Baltic Sea States) (confirmed)

Cooperation NGO Forum and Baltic Sea

Parliamentarians

Christina Gestrin, Chairman, Baltic Sea Parliamentarians (confirmed)

NGO Policy in the Council of Europe

Hanne Severinsen, Former vice chairman for monitoring committee in the Council of Europe (not confirmed)

Friday 27 February

9.00-10.00 Official opening of BS NGO Forum 2009

Mr. Per Stig Moeller, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Denmark (confirmed)

10.00-12.00 Introductions – thematic workshop

- Lifelong Learning - Further information: Flemming Thøgersen e-mail: [demokrati@tdcadsl.dk](mailto:demokrati@tdcadsl.dk)

There are two groups of NGOs: those who provide lifelong learning and those who need lifelong learning for strengthening their capacity. The workshop will give them an opportunity to meet and exchange experiences and look for new ideas and solutions. The workshop will discuss how LLL can be accessible to all groups in the society, new target groups - and how the impact for the individual and for the society can be measured. There will be a discussion about the recognition of real competencies, which can be achieved in non-formal learning and in the work of NGOs.



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The workshop will continue the debate from the NGO-forum in Riga. The purpose of LLL is not only to promote direct employability, but also to promote personal fulfilment, active citizenship and social cohesion.

The results from the workshop can be useful in a European context by showing where we have a different views on LLL compared to other European regions - where we are strong and where we are weak.

Moderator: Anneli Bauters, Finland

Speaker: Ingrida Mikisko, Latvia

- Environment and Climate Changes - Further information: Margareta Hammerman e-mail: [margareta.hammerman@norden.se](mailto:margareta.hammerman@norden.se)

### **How to avoid pollution of the Baltic Sea**

This topic is mainly related to the suggestions how to avoid emissions causing costly pollution of air, water and soil, and having the negative effects of eutrophication on marine ecosystems. The aim is to inspire participants of the BS NGO Forum 2009 to draw up a joint statement addressed to economists and politicians in countries within the Baltic Sea Region and the European Union.

Speaker: Dr. Agronomy Ruzena Svedelius Action Scania Environment, Sweden

### **Renewable energy, sustainability and climate change**

We focus on initiatives to fight climate change and to achieve sustainability. One example for this is the concept of "Lolland Community Testing Facilities" (CTF), a Triple Helix model which involves public, private and research partners from all over the world to test new clean technologies in a real environment.

Speaker: Senior Advisor International Affairs Christian Theel, Baltic Sea Solutions  
Senior Advisor, Denmark

- Social Affairs- Further information: Holger Rohde e-mail: [kopf-sh@t-online.de](mailto:kopf-sh@t-online.de)

### **Requirements and perspectives of social inclusion of migrants. The case of Germany.**

Speaker: Dr. Wolfgang Bautz.

- Civil dialogue- Further information: Inta Simanska e-mail: [inta@nvo.lv](mailto:inta@nvo.lv)

This workshop will illustrate how active citizens and their formed organizations can involve in decision making process notwithstanding the level of governance – local, regional, national or European Union. Today around Baltic Sea there are mechanisms that empower associations and individuals to engage in decision making process and you are invited to look upon the best practices. Together we will look for best solutions of closer collaboration among associations and governments, associations and the EU from dimension of Baltic Sea strategy.



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- Cultural Diversity and Tolerance - Further information: Darja Akhutina e-mail: [darja@norden.spb.ru](mailto:darja@norden.spb.ru)

“We all are different, we all are equal”

The outgoing point for the discussion is principles stated in:

Declaration of Principles on Tolerance (Proclaimed and signed by the Member States of UNESCO on 16 November 1995).

In the modern world, tolerance is more essential than ever before. It is an age marked by the globalization of the economy and by rapidly increasing mobility, communication, integration and interdependence, large-scale migrations and displacement of populations, urbanization and changing social patterns.

It is essential for international harmony that individuals, communities and nations accept and respect the multicultural character of the human family. Without tolerance there can be no peace, and without peace there can be no development or democracy.

Tolerance is respect, acceptance and appreciation of the rich diversity of our world's cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human. It is fostered by knowledge, openness, communication, and freedom of thought, conscience and belief. Tolerance is harmony in difference. It is not only a moral duty, it is also a political and legal requirement. Tolerance, the virtue that makes peace possible, contributes to the replacement of the culture of war by a culture of peace.

During the Workshop discussions we are going to raise the following important aspects:

1. Tolerance and Cultural diversity in the countries of Baltic Sea region – state level, law enforcement
2. Particular cities/communities – existing problems, measures taken to resist intolerance
3. Success stories and best practices – examples, what concrete steps are done, existing projects and programs to prevent society from the intolerance

All participants are expected to be ready for the discussion and contribution with short presentations on the topic

12.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 “The European Parliament and the development of the civil society, How can the parliament support the civil society”



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Mr. Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, MEP, chairman European socialist and former Danish Prime minister (confirmed)

- 15.30-16.00 Coffee break
- 16.00-18.00 Thematic working groups (continued)
- 18.00-19.00 Dinner
- 19.00-21.00 Financial subsidies to NGOs and NGO activities in the Baltic Sea Area  
Representatives from the EU Commission and the Nordic Council of Ministers

#### Saturday 28 February

- 9.00-12.00 Thematic working groups (continued)
- 13.00-15.30 NGOs and the mass media, roundtable  
How can NGOs and mass media cooperate better
- 16.00 -18.00 Future structure of BS NGO  
Working plan for the CC and the BS NGO Forum  
This will include a discussion about our work with the new EU Baltic strategy
- 18.00 -19.00 Dinner
- 20.00 - 22.00 Intercultural Exchange

#### Sunday 1 March

- 9.00 – 10.00 ”The Nordic values and the role of the NGOs in the civil society and the political decision-making process”  
Mr. Bertel Haarder, Minister of Education and Minister of Nordic Co-operation (confirmed)
- 10.00 – 10.30 Cooperation NGO Forum and Baltic Development Forum  
Hans Brask, Director, Baltic Development Forum (confirmed)
- 10.30-13.00 Summaries in plenum
- Presentation and discussions of the recommendations and working plan from the thematic working groups
- Lifelong Learning
  - Environment and Climate Changes
  - Social Affairs



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BS NGO Forum – future, structure, recommendations and declarations

Discussion and decisions

13.00 Lunch

Departure