April 19th 2010

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Dear Madam/Sir,

I hereby invite you to a kick-off meeting on the **EU strategy for the Baltic Sea Region**. The meeting addresses the strategy's priority areas 8:

Implementing the Small Business Act: to promote entrepreneurship, strengthen SMEs and increase the efficient use of human resources

This event will mark the kick-off of the implementation process, and therefore, your participation is very important.

The agenda for meeting will be:

- 1. Introduction by Anders Hoffman, director in Danish Enterprise and Construction Authority
- 2. Presentations by Anders Lindholm from DG Regio and Hans Brask from Baltic Development Forum
- 3. Parallel thematic group sessions on actions and projects related to:
 - a. Promoting female entrepreneurship, rural entrepreneurship and entrepreneurship education
 - b. Entrepreneurship in green businesses
 - c. Coordinating trade and investment promoting bodies
 - d. Increase labour mobility

The meeting will take place on May 20th, at the Ministry of Economic and Business Affairs, Slotsholmsgade 10-12, 1216 Copenhagen, from 10 am to 4 pm.

Please register no later than May 10th to <u>loa@ebst.dk</u> Questions can be directed at Anders Pold, apo@ebst.dk or +45 35 46 65 54.

We look forward to welcoming you in Copenhagen.

Yours sincerely

Anders Hoffmann

Director

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List of invited organisations:

- Staff from relevant ministries in:
 - o Denmark
 - o Estonia
 - o Finland
 - o Germany (including relevant regional administrations)
 - o Iceland
 - o Latvia
 - o Lithuania
 - o Poland
 - o Sweden
- EU Commission, DG Region
- Baltic Development Forum
- Nordic Council of Ministers
- Identified lead partners