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INVITATION TO THE ANNUAL PROGRESS CONFERENCE OF THE BALTIC SEA STRATEGY'S TRANSPORT PRIORITY AREA No 11

Dear Madam/Sir,

Since the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea has already been launched for one year, an assessment of the implementation of the Transport Priority Area is highly required. It is also high time not only to overview the implementation of the flagship projects, but also to search for new initiatives and projects contributing to the aims of the Baltic Sea Strategy.

On this occasion I would like to invite you to the Annual Progress Conference of the priority area No. 11 of the Baltic Sea Strategy, which will take place on **the 7th of December 2010** in Vilnius, Lithuania. Within the structure of governance of the Transport action area of the Strategy, Lithuania and Sweden as coordinators established this concept of Annual Progress Conference. This conference, convened annually, should help to assess the overall progress of implementation of transport and logistics related activities and projects, as well as to launch the new initiatives.

Please also be informed that a separate workshop on Baltic Transport Outlook (BTO) study, organized by the BTO team, will be held in the afternoon of the 6th of December. The aim of the workshop is to anchor BTO project and the regional Core Network methodology among stakeholders (transport companies, ports, industry, rail/road/maritime/air administrations, other EU projects).

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

The Annual Progress Conference will be held in the premises of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (J.Tumo-Vaižganto 2). The BTO workshop will take place at the same premises.

Please require more information and confirm about your participation to n.kaucikas@transp.lt, +370 5 2393871 (as well as to l.juskauskaite@transp.lt, +370 5 2393965) no later than **22nd of November 2010**.

Please find attached:

1. Preliminary programme of the Annual Progress Conference, 3 pages.
2. Preliminary programme of the BTO workshop, 1 page.

Yours sincerely,

Vice-Minister
Arūnas Štaras



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BALTIC SEA STRATEGY
TRANSPORT PRIORITY AREA No 11
„To improve internal and external transport links“

ANNUAL PROGRESS CONFERENCE

“Accessibility in the Baltic Sea region:
Implementing flagship projects and launching new initiatives”

7 December 2010

Vilnius

Premises of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, J.Tumo-Vaižganto str. 2.

Aims of the conference

After one year of launching the EU Strategy for Baltic Sea, assessment of implementation of the Transport Priority Area should be exercised, lessons learnt from the policy development within the governance of the Strategy have to be analyzed, relevancy of the flagship areas should be confirmed and flagship projects can share its view on the implementation, difficulties they face and solutions that can be taken on board.

Understanding that Action plan of the Strategy is a live document and open to new initiatives, also it is a high time to look into new perspectives for action within the Baltic Sea region. New projects are emerging and the conference is a good platform for them to be presented.

Stakeholders and participants

Leaders of projects and flagships, as well as the owners of new initiatives, representatives from ministries and agencies, the European Commission, other relevant stakeholders from local authorities and regions, associations and research institutions.

Outcome of the conference

According to the presentations and discussions during the conference, the content material will serve as the amendment of the progress report on the implementation of the Transport Priority Area, which has already been produced at the end of June 2010. Also the report on the outcomes of the conference will be published at the relevant media and sites.

PROGRAMME

8.30 – 9.00

Welcome session I

Speakers:

- Mrs. Vice-minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania
- Mr. Eligijus Masiulis, Minister of Transport and Communications of Lithuania
- Mr. Carl von der Esch, State Secretary, Ministry of Enterprise, Energy and Communications of Sweden

9.00 – 10.00

Session II

Moderator: Mrs. Kornelija Jurgaitienė, Ambassador at Large, National Contact Point of the Strategy

Assessing the added value of the Baltic Sea Strategy: governance and implementation

- Outlook of the governance of the Strategy, Progress Report on the Transport Priority Area (the European Commission, DG REGIO, Mr Anders Lindholm).
- View from the Coordinators of the Transport Priority Area: project portfolio, coordination, challenges (Mr. Nerijus Kaučikas, MoTC Lithuania, Mr. Magnus Oldenburg, MoEEC Sweden)
- Questions and discussion

10.00-10.30 - coffee break

10.30 – 12.30

Session III

Moderator: Mr. Anders Lindholm, European Commission, DG REGIO

Implementation of the Area No 11 – projects in progress

- The European Union's infrastructure policy: TEN-T policy review (presented by the European Commission, DG MOVE, Mr. Jose Anselmo)
- Looking at the needs of Baltic Sea Region in the 2030 horizon (presentation of BTO 2030 study findings)

- Development of the Motorways of the Sea (Port of Karlshamn, Mr. Anders Wiberg)
- Green corridors: developing the concept (Mr. Jerker Sjogren, MoEEC Sweden) and TransBaltic - towards an integrated transport system in the Baltic Sea Region (Mr Wiktor Szydarowski, project manager)
- Putting green corridors into logistics chain (Mr. Algirdas Šakalys, EWTC II)
- Questions and discussion.

12.30 – 14.00 - Lunch

14.00 – 16.00

Session IV

Moderators: Mr. Ulf Savback (Prime Minister's Office, Sweden) / Mr. Nerijus Kaučikas, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Coordinator of Transport Priority Area

New initiatives within Transport Priority Area

- Project "Rail Baltica Growth Corridor" (City of Helsinki, Mr. Olli Keinänen)
- Towards better assessment of road safety (Swedish Transport Agency, Mr. Hans Skalin)
- Freight Logistics (Port of Hamburg, Mr. Sebastian Doderer)
- ECO-WILL (project idea from Finland, Mr. Vesa Peltola)
- Discussion.

16.00 – 16.30

Summary of the conference



BALTIC TRANSPORT OUTLOOK

WELCOME TO BALTIC TRANSPORT OUTLOOK 2030 WORKSHOP 6 DECEMBER 2010

DATE: Monday 6th of December 2010

LOCATION: Vilnius, Lithuania, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

TIME: 13.00 – 17.00

TARGET GROUP:

- *Public planners* of long-term strategic infrastructure and transport from all involved countries
- *Private planners representing*
 - ✓ Transport companies
 - ✓ Cargo Owners
 - ✓ Ports/airports
 - ✓ EU organisations representing the above mentioned groups
- Other EU initiatives



The Swedish government has initiated Baltic Transport Outlook 2030, a project that aims to provide a similar view of the challenges and possibilities that the transport system in the Baltic Sea region is facing. The core of the project is a study that will map the transport infrastructure in the Baltic Sea Region and the flows of goods and passengers - between the countries in the region and between the region and other areas. The study should present a description of the current situation as well as scenarios for developments until 2030 and will include all transport modes. The project is a strategic priority of the Baltic Sea Strategy that was adopted by the European Council in October 2009.

This workshop will be a working meeting providing unique possibilities to discuss the content of the Baltic Transport Outlook 2030, in particular the first two steps of the project:

- 1) Core Network Methodology (Task 1) and
- 2) Drivers of transport demand and supply (Task 2).

The purpose of the workshop is to anchor the whole BTO process with a broader group of stakeholders (public as well private) in the Baltic Sea transport system.

For more information about the workshop, please contact the BTO project secretariat:

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The number of participants is limited so please register as soon as possible!

Please register at the latest Friday the 12th of November to sofie.vennersten@wspgroup.se.

WELCOME!

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