

# ESF Baltic Sea network seminar and meeting

*"Early school leavers/drop-outs"*  
*RIGA, Latvia 22.05.2012*



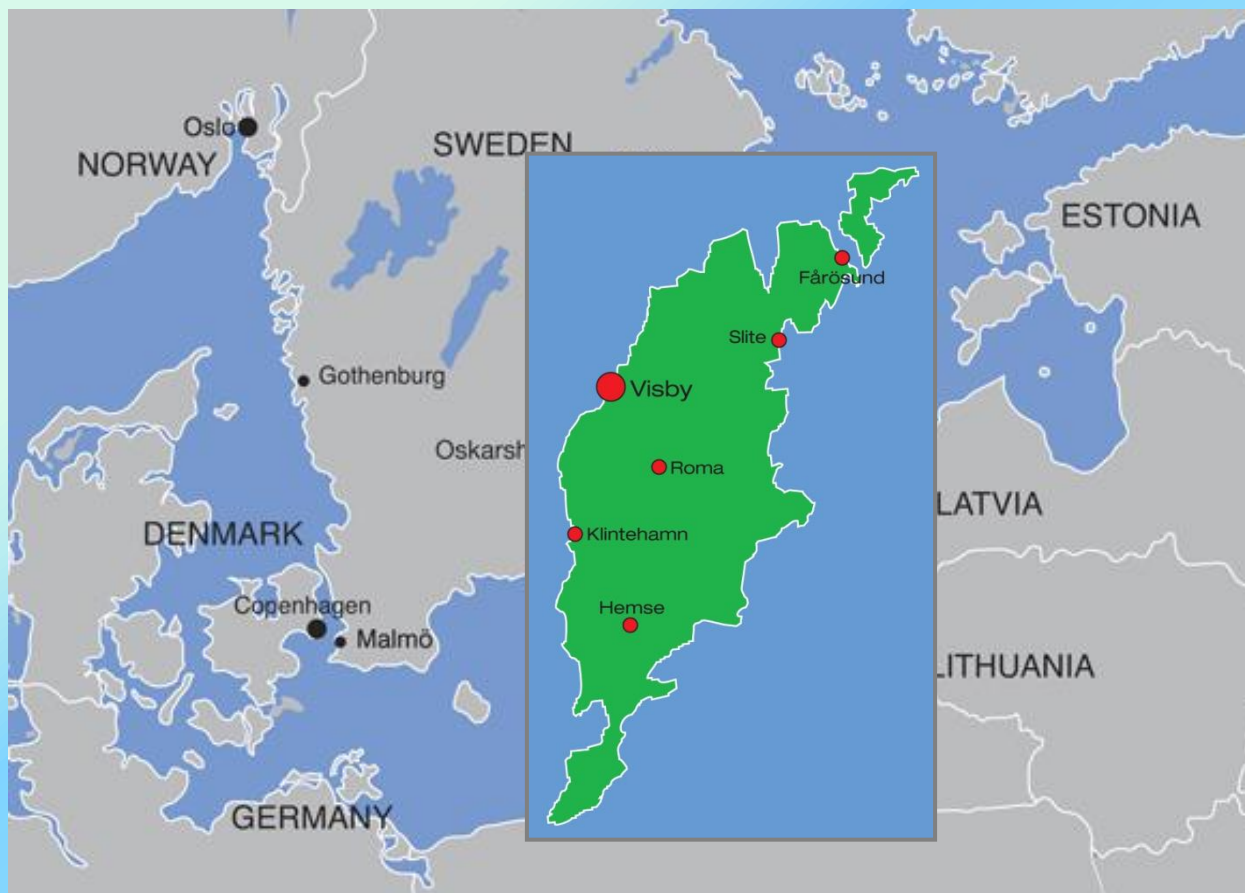
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There is only one Gotland  
Living here is a privilege  
You are welcome!

# Gotland's geographical location



# Quick reference

**Area:** 3, 140 km<sup>2</sup>

**Coastline:** 800 km including Fårö

**Largest lake:** Bästeträsk, 6,3 km<sup>2</sup>

**Highest point:** Lojsta hed, 82 m above sea level

**Length:** Fårö-Hoburgen 176 km

**Width:** 50 km

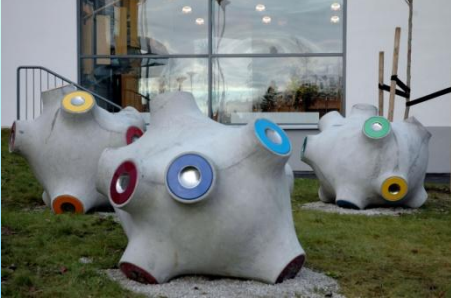
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Population: approx 57,300

Visby: approx. 23 000 (40%)



# Region Gotland's remit



...the traditional responsibilities of a county council:

- Health care
- Public transport
- Culture

# Vision goals achieved by 2025

- At least 65,000 inhabitants.
- Local prosperity will be among the best in the country.
- The natural meeting place in the Baltic region.
- The local population will be in good health and be the most contented in the country.
- Gotland will be a world-leading island region on environmental and climate issues.



# An ideal location for meetings

## *Baltic profile:*

Sida s Baltic Sea Unit, Baltic Centre for Writers and Translators, Visby International Centre for Composers, Gotland University, inter-regional cooperation as B7-Islands, CPMR, Hanseatic Network...

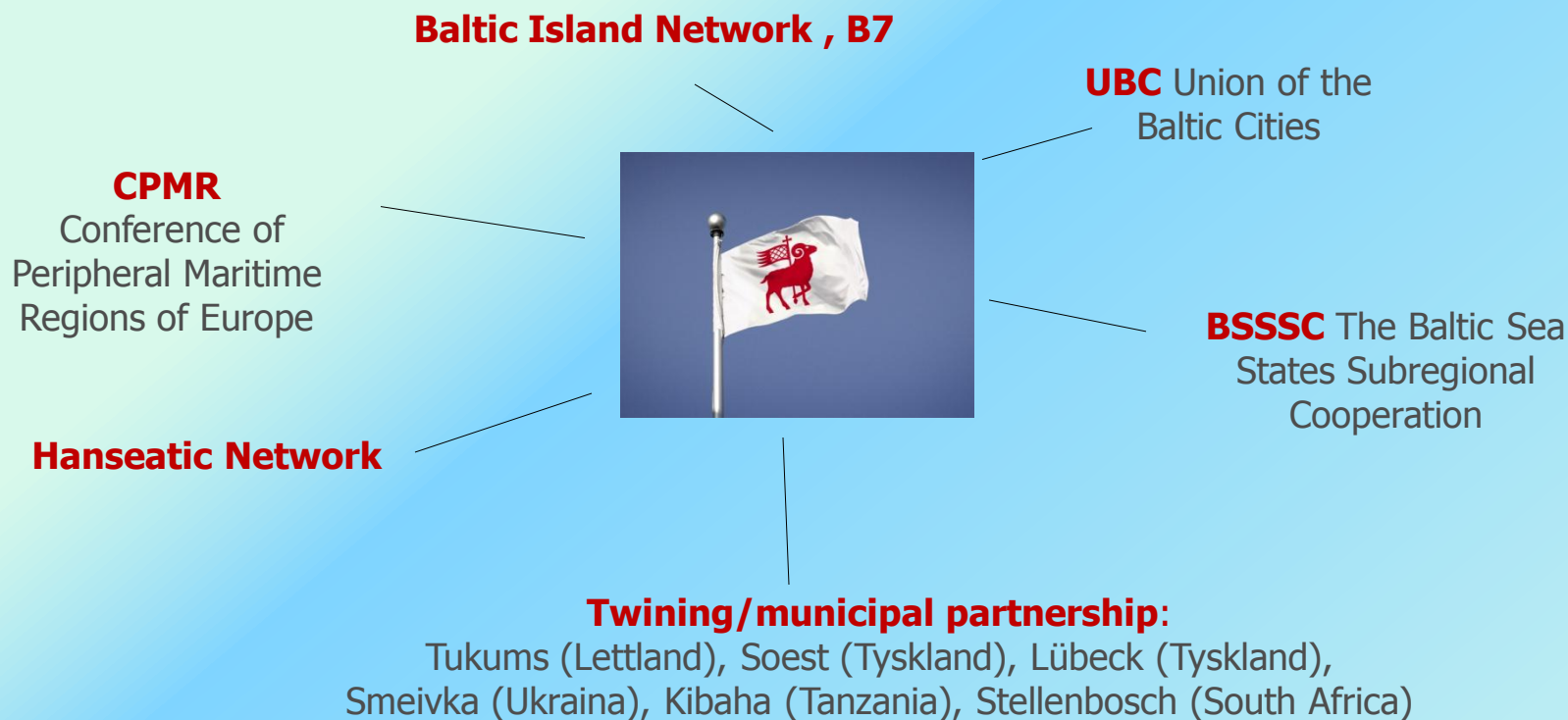
## *Annual events:*

Almedalen week, Medieval Week, Gotland Grand National, Folk Dance Festival...





# International cooperation



# ■ Visby – a living world heritage site

” ... an extremely distinguished example of a Northern European walled Hanseatic town which has in a unique way preserved its townscape and its highly valuable architecture, the form and function of which clearly express the importance of this human settlement.

*UNESCO'S World Heritage Committee*



■ Everyone is entitled to a good future

*The project*  
*Youth Power*  
*Youth Power*

■ Everyone is entitled to a good future

*"Our goal is to reach all young people who, for various reasons, do not complete their schooling"*

■ Everyone is entitled to a good future

*"Our vision is that our project, "Youth Power, will help young people to find a way into society"*



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■ Everyone is entitled to a good future

*"It is our idea to gather all the expertise from various areas in order to get them to interact."*



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# Everyone is entitled to a good future

## Quick references

- *Population (age of 16-24): approx. 7000 people*
- *High school students (age of 16-19): approx. 2300*
- *Young people receiving money from the social welfare system (age of 18-24):  
approx. 150 out of total 700 persons*
- *Unemployed young people (age of 18-24): 692*

# ■ Everyone is entitled to a good future

*The project "Youth Power" on Gotland is aimed at young people who, for various reasons, risk ending up passive and alienated.*



# ■ Everyone is entitled to a good future

*Each and every young person has a unique experience of school, contacts with municipal authorities/agencies and the labour market.*

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*For our project it is of importance to learn from these experiences.*



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*The starting point is an active outreach,  
identifying past experiences and life situations.*



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*The project "Youth Power" is a coordinated project with partners from different organisations.*



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*The project will initiate and develop new forms and methods for cooperation.*



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*The goal is that the project's methods and system for collaboration will be made permanent and financed by the main actors at the end of the project.*

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## *Youth Power today*

- *30 young people in the project*
- *The working group*
  - *1 project manager*
  - *2 social workers*
  - *1 teacher*
  - *1 careear counselor*
  - *1 youth coun*
- *Management team*
- *Reference group*

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*The project intends to participate in the national and international networks that will be established.*



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