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Invitation to join

Baltic Sea Arena – Working Life 2013

The Baltic Sea Strategy – inclusion for all

Welcome to participate in the third transnational conference on implementation of the Baltic Sea Strategy. The conference will have a special emphasis on **benefits of transnational cooperation** and **about inclusion for all citizens** in the Baltic Sea Region. How we can promote prosperity and make the region more inclusive, accessible and attractive. All eight Member States are invited to participate. The event takes place in, **Stockholm, 25-26 November 2013**.

This is a unique opportunity for debating pressing issues such as youth unemployment, equality, disabled, green jobs, social innovations, education, gender etc. It is also a good opportunity for networking and inspiration for future cross-border collaborations and transnational projects.

Agenda

25th of November: "Developing project ideas for 2014 onwards" in which participants are encouraged in workshops to identify possible cooperation on problems/issues on the four below themes regarding the successful implementation of the Baltic Sea Strategy. Certification ceremony for all the trained participants in the exchange program of Inclusive Europe. Themes: Youth, Equality, Disability, Social Innovations

26nd of November: Seminars on Labour Market opportunities and The Baltic Sea Strategy - future challenges and opportunities. Examples of the implementation of the Baltic Sea Strategy in different Member States, both national and regional level, flagship initiatives, funding opportunities, etc.

Target Groups

Ministries, authorities, organizations and projects interested in participating in collaboration on how we can promote prosperity and make the Baltic Sea region more accessible and attractive.

Information and registration

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Website: www.inclusiveeurope.se – please register at the latest the 4th of November.

Participation in the event inclusive meals is at the courtesy of project Inclusive Europe for transnational guests and our Swedish partners. However travel costs and accommodation will be at your own cost.

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Different Themes – preliminary program

Youth Unemployment

This is one of the most important issues in the nearest future and there are several major initiatives to combat youth exclusion to the labour market. We will meet the Swedish *Theme Group on Youth* and listen to their knowledge of successful methods to get young people into the labour market.

We will also listen to some ongoing major initiatives to establish flagship cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region. But there will also be other examples of youth projects.

Equality

The *Theme Group of Equality* in Sweden will share the experience that they have gained during this programming period. Their publications about “Empowerment in the labour market”, “A sustainable working life”, “Norm critical approach”, “Involvement – methods on Equality”, among others will be presented.

Furthermore we will have the opportunity to listen to some successful project dealing with different issues on equality, inclusion and anti-discrimination.

Disability

The *Swedish Agency for Disability Policy Co-ordination* (Handisam) are responsible for the implementation of disability policy in Sweden. Their experiences are deep and we will listen to some of their experiences. We will also share the experiences from some projects focusing on the disabled.

Social Innovations

The *Swedish Research organization FORTE* (earlier FAS) are researching about the labour market, work and health and work organizations among other things. They will share some interesting findings about the need for social innovations in order to keep the welfare standards in society.

We will also learn from others that have made true social innovations in order to create inclusion opportunities for those excluded from the labour market.



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-*The vision* is to create a platform for transnational cooperation.

-*The aim* is to increase collaboration between individuals, organizations and projects in the Baltic Sea Region. The region will be inspired, equipped and prepared for the next programming period, and meet up with the Baltic Sea Strategy and EUROPE2020.

Inclusive Europe is managed by *Arbetsmiljöforum in Sweden* and financed by The European Social fund.

Transnational partners: The Baltic Sea Network –ESF (A network of the Managing Authorities for the ESF between the Member States concerned – Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Germany), National Supporting Institution (Poland), Ministry of Employment and the Economy (Finland), ESF Agency Flanders, ESF Learning Network on Transnational Cooperation, Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs (Czech Republic), Society Integration Foundation (SIF)/ 2nd level Intermediary Body for European Social Fund in Latvia, The European Community of Practice on Gender Mainstreaming, Ministry of Labor, Social and Family Affairs and Integration (ESF Managing authority Hamburg).

National Partners: European Social Fund in Sweden (Europeiska Socialfonden – Stockholmsregionen), International Program Office for Education and Training (Internationella programkontoret), National Thematic Group on Equality (Temagrupp Likabehandling, Swedish Agency for Disability Policy Coordination (Handisam), Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth (Tillväxtverket), Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions (Sveriges Kommuner och Landsting, SKL), Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency/Swedish Institute (SIDA/Svenska Institutet – Östersjöenheten), Swedish National Board for Youth Affairs (Ungdomsstyrelsen), Central Baltic INTERREG IV A Programme 2007-2013, Association for professional roles and learning (FYL, Föreningen för yrkesroller och lärande), Swedish Work Environment Authority (Arbetsmiljöverket).

Partners Stockholm Region: Amphi Production – gender equality consultants, Basta Work co-operative - offers people a road away from drugs and criminality through qualified work, housing and a meaningful spare time, City of Lidingö , City of Solna , City of Stockholm , Företagsakademin – competence development for businesses, Left is Right - Company that sell IT services by people with Asperger syndrome, Municipality Nacka , Municipality of Huddinge , Municipality of Järfälla, Municipality of Norrtälje, Municipality of Nynäshamn, Municipality of Södertälj , Municipality of Tyresö, Municipality of Värmdö , Open Archipelago, Stockholm City Mission, Stockholm County Administrative Board, Stockholm County Council, Stockholm Gerontology Research Center, Swedish Agency for Disability Policy Coordination, Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth, Swedish National Board for Youth Affairs, Swedish Public Employment Service, Swedish Social Insurance Agency, The European Community of Practice on Gender Mainstreaming, The Swedish Church, The Swedish Disability Federation, The Thematic Group on Equality – ESF.

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