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Baltic Sea Region Perspectives Safety and Security Objective in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

9th December 2008 in Helsinki

The City of Helsinki, the European Commission and the Council of the Baltic Sea States have the honour of inviting you to the **Baltic Sea Region Perspectives** conference in Helsinki on 9th December 2008. The theme of the conference is **Safety and Security**, with the particular aim of contributing to the preparations of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region.

The keynote speakers include Mr. Alexander Stubb, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland, former MEP and initiator of the European Parliament's Baltic Sea Strategy and Mr. José Palma Andrés, Director in charge of Territorial Cooperation in the Directorate-General for Regional Policy of the European Commission.

The conference is one out of four roundtable events organised as part of the preparation work on the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region. These round table discussions will give you a unique opportunity to contribute to the ongoing preparation process of the Strategy.

Looking forward to seeing you in Helsinki in December.

Yours sincerely,

Jussi Pajunen
Mayor
City of Helsinki

José Palma Andrés
Director
European Commission
DG Regional Policy

Karsten Petersen
Ambassador
Chairman of the Committee of
Senior Officials
Council of the Baltic Sea States

Venue: Helsinki City Hall, Pohjoisesplanadi 11-13
Registration form: Please consult the website www.hel.fi/helsi/bsrp

Please find enclosed the preliminary programme of the event. An updated conference programme, practical information and an overview of accommodation possibilities in Helsinki as well as a programme for the parallel roundtable sessions, can be downloaded from the conference website www.hel.fi/helsi/bsrp. The information on the conference will be updated on the site regularly.

Final date for registration is **24th November 2008**. Please register via the conference website www.hel.fi/helsi/bsrp.

We kindly ask you to make accommodation reservations directly to the hotel before 24th November 2008. After this date we can not guarantee the availability of hotel accommodation. You will find information about the hotels on the conference website.

The conference is free of charge and the conference language is English.



DRAFT PROGRAM
Baltic Sea Region Perspectives –
Safety and Security Objective in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

8-9th December 2008 at Helsinki City Hall

8th December 2008

19:00 Reception in the City Hall

9th December 2008

9:00 Registration & Coffee

9:50 OPENING SESSION

Moderator Mr. Björn Månsson, Journalist, Hufvudstadsbladet

10:00 Welcoming Speech

Mr. Jussi Pajunen, Mayor of Helsinki

10:15 Keynote Speeches

Mr. Alexander Stubb, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland

Mr. José Palma Andrés, Director, DG Regional Policy, European Commission

10:45 PLENARY SESSION

Urban Dimension in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

Mr. David Murakami Wood, Professor, Global Urban Research Unit,
Newcastle University

Mr. Colin Wolfe, Head of Unit, DG Regional Policy, European Commission
(tbc)

Mr. Jaroslaw Kochaniak, Deputy Mayor, City of Warsaw (tbc)

Mr. Uwe Döring, Committee of Regions (tbc)

12:00 Lunch

13:30 SAFETY & SECURITY ROUND TABLES (parallel)

Workshop A: CRIME PREVENTION

Moderator Mr. Jani Taivalanti, International Relations Officer, DG for Justice, Freedom and Security, European Commission

- **Combating Organized Crime**
Representative of BSR Task force on Organised Crime(tbc)
- **Secure Boarders**
Mr. Gil Arias, Deputy Executive Director, FRONTEX
- **Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, Drugs and Firearms**
Mr. Dirk Nonninger, EUROPOL (tbc)

Workshop B: CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Moderator Mr. Pekka Haavisto, MP, Finland

- **Multilateral Crisis Management**
 - Mr. Bengt Sundelius, Professor, Department of Security and Strategic Studies, Swedish National Defence College
- **Cross-border Emergency Management**
 - Mr. Henrik G. Petersen, Head of Department, Danish Emergency Management Agency, Presidency representative of the CBSS Civil Protection network
- **Protection of Critical Infrastructure**
 - Mr. Christer Pursiainen, Senior Adviser, CBSS Secretariat

Workshop C: MARITIME SAFETY

Moderator Mr. Pierre Schellekens, **Head of Unit**, DG for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

- **Maritime Surveillance System**
 - Mr. Isto Mattila, DG for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission
- **Oil Spill Accident Response**
 - Ms. Anne Christine Brusendorff, Executive Secretary, Helsinki Commission (HELCOM)/
Monika Stankiewicz, Professional Secretary HELCOM MARITIME & RESPONSE (Confirmed)
- **Transport of Dangerous Goods**
Representative of Dagob project (tbc)

Workshop D: SAFE AND SECURE EVERYDAY LIFE

Moderator Dr. Gabriele Kötschau, Director, CBSS Secretariat

- **Combating Communicable Diseases**
 - Mr. Karl Ekdahl, Professor, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
- **Accident and Injury Prevention**
 - Dr. Robert Ekman, WHO Safe Community Network, & Swedish Rescue Services Agency/ Centre for Lessons learned from Accidents
- **Fight Against Racism, Xenophobia and Intolerance**
Ms. Ilze Brands-Kehris, Director, Latvian Centre for Human Rights,(tbc)

16:15 REPORTS FROM THE WORKSHOPS

17:00 CLOSING REMARKS

Mr. Karsten Petersen, Ambassador
Chairman of the Committee of Senior Officials, CBSS