

Input to the Baltic Sea and North Sea Commission

The fulfilment of the Lisbon as well as the Gothenburg agendas are crucial for Europe and all political actors need to co-operate to achieve the political goals which have been set up

There is a need for more and better ideas how to promote Europe in the international challenge for economic and social growth and the regional involvement is a corner stone for the possibility of success in this

The regions play an important role when it comes to prepare for research and innovation for instance through their responsibility for schooling and encouragement for higher education.

To promote young people to take advantage of their ideas and to help them to transfer them into business is of great importance and this is to a main extent a task for the local and regional levels.

Encouragement for women to develop their ideas and to start businesses is of special importance for the regions. The promotion of female entrepreneurship is a vital ingredient for a successful fulfilment of the Lisbon strategy

The regions are also the main actor when it comes to infrastructure which is of great importance for the business community when it comes to settlement and recruitment of personal.

In the struggle for a stronger and more innovative Europe it is essential the all regions will get the possibility to take part and it is therefore necessary the support from EU should make it possible for regions even outside the centre of Europe to become active.

The BSC and NSC therefore strongly support the work within the TN-RIS group.