

# Workshop 1 – Intermodal transport system in the Baltic Sea Area Karlskrona, 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2006

Within the Baltic Sea Region we see increased exploitation of natural resources (seafood, petroleum, minerals, forest products etc.) resulting in increased transport demand as well as increased general trade due to strong economical growth. Important external factors that in particular will result in increased cargo flows through the region are the future economical growth in Russia and China and increased trade between these countries and Western Europe/ USA.

This situation will affect business development and living conditions in general and thus call for important political decisions. We might see future capacity problems and restrictions regarding transport through the region, making it a major issue to develop alternative transport corridors.

What can we regional representatives do to prepare for future trends? How should the transport system be improved? How can intermodality be encouraged, so that the most suitable transport modes are used on different parts of a journey? Which financial instruments are available?

## Programme

Moderator: (tbc)

- 1330 Welcome. Introduction to the Work Shop
- 1335 Presentation of InterBaltic Project  
*Mr Per Strømhaug, Project Manager InterBaltic project*
- 1350 Overview of the transport situation and relevant projects in the Baltic Sea Area -  
Presentation of report produced by BSSSC  
*Ms Annika Annerby-Jansson, Chairman BSSSC work group transport*
- 1410 Presentation of three projects in more detail:
  - Baltic Gateway
  - SEB Trans Link
  - North East West Corridor
- 1440 Questions and answers
- 1445 Coffee break
- 1515 “Networks for Peace and Development” - Conclusions of the report from the High Level Group chaired by Loyola de Palacio (EU)
  
- 1530 Where do we go from here ?  
Contributions/interventions from participants - discussion on how to achieve a common Baltic Sea Region Transport Strategy?
- 1630 Conclusions. Closing of the Work Shop

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