

# **NSC / BSC joint conference on EU Maritime Policy Stavanger, 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> November 2006**

## **WORKSHOP – Innovation and Education Group**

The workshop discussed what practical actions which can be taken by the NSC Innovation and Education Group, i.e. actions related to EU's Maritime Policy.

The workshop thought it will imperative to develop practical projects in a number of fields, and to establish cross-country partnerships to approach maritime issues in the North Sea area.

Co-operation programmes were mentioned as a kind of umbrella for this work. For example, the North Sea School Project on Global Changes, which is planned these days. This project is a part of the IEG Workplan, and schools from different countries around the North Sea will be partners.

It is important to create awareness among children/youngsters on the maritime issues.

Other co-operation programmes may include projects on fisheries, innovation, business, pollution, spatial planning, Interreg programmes, a.s.o. Of course, this may also include joint projects between the NSC thematic groups. The aim is to get a common understanding on maritime issues.