

The Joint North Sea Annual Conference 2006
14th to 16th June 2006, Aviemore, Scotland

'The North Sea Region – We have the courage to innovate' - *Making a reality of Lisbon and Göteborg*

Wednesday 14th June

Time	Item	Venue	Notes
09:00	NSC Executive Committee	Cairngorm Mountain	Meet in reception
10:30 onwards	Conference registration	Foyer	
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch	Peregrine Suite	
13:00 – 17:00	Partner excursion Highland Folk Park Newtonmore	Assemble in car park	
13:00 – 17:00	<p>Conference Plenary Session - "Making a Reality of Lisbon and Gothenburg: The present"</p> <p>Chair NSC President Gunn Marit Helgesen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alison Magee - Convener Highland Council • Kathleen Matheson - Highland Council European Spokesperson • Gunn Marit Helgesen - President North Sea Commission • Åsa Torstensson, Member of the Swedish Parliament • Linda Stewart , University of the Highlands & Islands Millennium Institute "The Lisbon and Gothenburg Agendas - Why the Highlands & Islands Economy needs the UHI " 	Auditorium	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions • Break • Viktoria Varga Lences, DG Regio, Unit for Territorial Co-operation • André Müller, Senior Adviser, German Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development "Territorialising Lisbon: Prospects for the New North Sea Programme". • Paul McAleavy, European Environment Agency • Questions • Concluding by Lorraine George Head of North Sea Programme Secretariat 	Peregrine	
17:30 – 18:30	NSC National Meeting TBC	Meeting rooms TBC	
19:00 – 20:00	Opening of INTERREG Projects Exhibition and drinks reception	Osprey Arena	
20:00 -	INTERREG Formal dinner	Peregrine Suite	

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09:00 – 09:30	Plenary Session - "Making a Reality of Lisbon and Gothenburg: Into The Future" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audrey Findlay, Vice President NSC - "Welcome to day 2" • Elsbeth Attwooll MEP • Audrey Findlay, Vice President NSC - "Today's programme and INTERREG thematic session introduction" 	Auditorium	
09:40 – 12:00	Choice of agenda items		
09:40 – 12:00	1) INTERREG Thematic Seminars <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seminar 1 - "Capitalizing on our capacity for innovation" Facilitator Adrian Healy • Seminar 2 - "Challenging accessibility" Facilitator Olav Hauge • Seminar 3 - "Managing our environment wisely" Facilitator Evert Kloosterboer / Govert Geldorf • Seminar 4 - "Sustainable Communities" Facilitator TBC 	Auditorium Strathspey Suite Alvie/Morlich/ Garten Grantown Suite	
Or			
09:40 – 12:00	2) NSC Seminar for Politicians - "From political visions to actions" Facilitator: Vivien Collie	Peregrine	
12:00-12:30	Introduction by NSC, D. Alexander and Hideo Kojimoto Closing Session - Audrey Findlay, Vice President NSC, "Concluding seminars and introduction to The Afternoon Programme"		
12:30 – 13:00	Lunch	Osprey Arena	
13:30 – 17:30	Parallel activities;		
13:30 – 17:30	13:30 – 17:30 NSC Thematic Study Tours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Culture and Tourism • Economic Development • Education and Research • Environment • Fisheries • Transport 	Off site	Coaches will leave from the car park
Or			
13:30 – 17:30	INTERREG North Sea Programme Exhibition will be open In the Exhibition Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner search for Objective 3 North Sea Programme • Drop in sessions • Consultation with Secretariat and National Contact Points 	Osprey Arena area	
14:30 – 17:00	Seminar on INTERACT project SPARC (Spatial Planning and Regional Competitiveness)	Strathspey	

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19:00 – 20:00	Drinks reception	Foyer?
20:00 onwards	NSC Formal Dinner (Scottish Theme) with music and Ceilidh Speaker: Tavish Scott MSP – Minister for Transport & Telecommunications	Peregrine Suite

Friday 16th June

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09:00 – 12:30	NSC Annual Business Meeting	Auditorium	
12:30-13:30	Lunch	Peregrine suite	
14:00 onwards	Excursion: Dalwhinnie Distillery A visit to Scotland's highest distillery	Off site	Coaches will pick delegates up in the main car park

Saturday 17th June

Excursion to Loch Ness

The boat trip along Loch Ness starts near Inverness, the Capital of the Highlands, and finishes at the famous Urquhart Castle. Coaches will pick up delegates to take them to historical sites such as Culloden Battlefield and Clava Cairns via some of Scotland's finest glens and mountains

Coaches will leave at 09:30 and the excursion will last all day.