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North Sea Commission Seminar

26-28 October 2005 in Trollhättan,
Västra Götaland, Sweden

The Lisbon and Gothenburg Agendas:
What are the opportunities for the North Sea Region?

Programme

Tuesday 25 October

Arrival, Registration for residents at the hotel

Wednesday 26 October; Innovatum Centre

08:30 Registration for non-residents at the Innovatum Centre

09:00 **Welcome to the seminar** – Councillor Roland Andersson, President of the Regional Executive Board Region Västra Götaland

Presentation of Trollhättan – past and present industrial development
Gert Inge Andersson, Chairman, Trollhättan Municipal Executive Board

Welcome from the North Sea Commission – President Gunn Marit Helgesen

09:30 **Keynote talks:**

- i. the Lisbon Strategy, an introduction
Colin Imrie (Colin Imrie is a former UK diplomat, Commission official and Head of Structural Funds and Communications Policy for the Scottish Executive. He is now Director of EUsolution.com Ltd, an Edinburgh-based consultancy services firm working on EU matters)
- ii. the interrelationship between the Lisbon and Gothenburg Strategies
Councillor Kent Johansson, President of the Regional Development Board, Region Västra Götaland

10:35 Learning objectives for the Seminar
Councillor Alec Thomson, Chairman, Education & Research Group

10.45 Coffee/tea break

11:15 **Discussion session;** Three parallel facilitated discussion groups for politicians, officers and practitioners Delegates choose to join **one** discussion group

- i. **Linking Lisbon to regional policy**
chaired by Councillor Annelie Stark, Member of the Regional Executive Committee, Region Västra Götaland
- ii. **Linking Lisbon to implementation at the regional level**
chaired by Councillor Kent Johansson, President of the Regional Development Board, Region Västra Götaland



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iii. How does Lisbon affect practitioners

chaired by Councillor Lars Nordström, President of the Cultural Affairs Committee, Region Västra Götaland

12:45 Lunch in the restaurant, Kunskapens Hus

13:45 The EC funding programmes which support the Lisbon agenda

Chairman – Councillor Alec Thomson

i Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme

John Fitzgibbon, European Business Advisor, East of England Partnership, Brussels Office

ii North Sea Interreg Programme

Lorraine George, Head of Programme Secretariat, Interreg IIIB North Sea Programme

iii 7th Framework Programme

Councillor Lars Nordström, President of the Cultural Affairs Committee, Region Västra Götaland

14:55 Plenary – questions and answers Chairman – Councillor Alec Thomson

15:20 Coffee/tea break

15:45 Workshop session

Five parallel workshop sessions in themed groups relating to different aspects of the Lisbon strategy. See separate workshop information. Delegates choose to join one workshop.

17:15 NSC President and vice-presidents etc. meet with rapporteurs:

Meeting to put together outcomes from workshops and discussion sessions

Buses leave the Innovatum Centre at 17:20 and at 18:00 to go back to the hotel

19:00 Buses leave hotel to go to evening dinner

19:30 Evening dinner

Thursday 27 October

09:00 Introduction to day 3

Plenary: Chaired by the NSC President, Gunn Marit Helgesen

Conclusions of the three separate discussion sessions and the workshop sessions – Vice-president Audrey Findlay

Conclusions for “Trollhattan Resolution” – the NSC President

10:20 Coffee/tea break



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- 11:10 **Response – What’s in it for the citizens in the NS Region?**
Councillor Kevan Lim, member of NSC Executive Committee, representing the UK Eastern Region
- 12:00 **Conclusions from the conference – the NSC President**
- 12:10 Lunch
- 13:30 **Executive Committee meeting**
(Conclusions from the seminar feed into this meeting)
Parallel programme – “Social” Study Tour - for participants not involved in the Executive Committee meeting

Thematic Group chairs, vice-chairs and co-ordinators’ meet during late afternoon or evening, to discuss conclusions before taking these to the Thematic Group meetings

- 19:00 **Evening Dinner**

Friday 28 October

- 08:30 **Thematic Group meetings** and study tours
- 11:30 Optional lunch

End of seminar

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Workshop details

Theme	Chair	Short inputs (10-15 minutes)	Rapporteur
1. Accessibility, competitiveness and sustainable development	Cllr Kevan Lim	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regional Enlargement, Project Manager Ms. Eva Normark, Association of Local Authorities in Västerbotten, Sweden 2. Regional airports and low cost carriers Co-ordinator NSC Transport group, Mr Jon Halvard Eide, Vest-Agder fylkeskommune, Norway 3. Competitiveness and sustainability through Integrated Coastal Zone Management: The K.E.R.N. Region in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. Dr Hans Meves, Director, Network Bureau Europe 	Jon Halvard Eide
2. Innovation and competence building	Cllr Jan Hallberg	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Innovation and competence building within the road freight sector, Mr. Lars Dagnæs, Development Manager, Institute for Transport Studies, Denmark 2. The Lisbon agenda and cultural tourism, Mr Tomas Olsson, Region Västra Götaland, Sweden 	Geir Sør Reime
3. Innovation and sustainable growth	Cllr Alison McInnes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sustainable Innovation in the province of Fryslân, the Netherlands – Mr Simon Tijsma, Head of the Department of Economy, Recreation and Tourism 2. to be confirmed 	Per Horberg
4. Building the knowledge society and tackling inequality	Cllr Alec Thomson	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Digital Nordjylland – Ms Nanna Skovrup, Head of Secretariat, Det Digitale Nordjylland, Denmark 2. How training can help increase professionalism in emerging services for the population (culture, environment, transport...) Ms Céline Quester, Région Nord Pas de Calais, France 3. Swedish example – Ms Lillemor Björnell Hedendahl, Region Västra Götaland, Sweden 	Dominique Robertson
5. Encouraging entrepreneurship	Cllr Rinska Kruisinga	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sweden's National Entrepreneurship Programme 2005-2007, Ms Annika Rosing, Programme Manager Entrepreneurship, at the Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth (NUTEK). 2. Developing entrepreneurs and innovation Mr Mats Lundqvist, Director Chalmers School of Entrepreneurship, Sweden 3. Encouraging women's enterprise (Ms Jackie Waring, Blue Horizons Ltd. Fife, Scotland) 	Erik Lindboe