



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?

The provisional programme for the “Lisbon” Seminar builds on the decisions taken at the meetings on 17 June 2005 and 4 July 2005 of the NSC Executive Committee.

This seminar will focus on strategic, cross-sectoral issues surrounding the Lisbon and Gothenburg Strategies.

This seminar is an action arising from the Resolution put forward by Västra Götalandsregionen, and adopted by the NSC General Assembly in June 2005, on “the interdependence of the EU’s Lisbon Strategy and the Gothenburg Agenda”. The title and other aspects of the seminar will reflect the view of the NSC that the Gothenburg Strategy underpins the Lisbon Strategy.

The need for this seminar was identified following the NSC Education & Research Group’s conference in Aalborg in September 2004, which raised awareness of the EU paper “Education and Training 2010”.

Aims of the seminar:

- to determine how the North Sea Commission can help its member regions respond to Lisbon
- to determine how the North Sea Commission can help officers of member regions to implement Lisbon
- to show how the Gothenburg Agenda underpins the Lisbon Strategy and to highlight sustainability as an essential component of innovation
- to influence the process of the Lisbon Agenda – where are the regions in the discussion process and how can they become involved?
- to make a link between regional policies and the Lisbon Agenda
- to provide conclusions leading to actions which support the North Sea Region to become one of the best performing regions in Europe.

The venue, Trollhättan, has been chosen because this location demonstrates many aspects of economic and social regeneration, which can provide study tour examples to illustrate the theme of the seminar.

The North Sea Commission is supporting this seminar, and is grateful to Västra Götalandsregionen for offering its services as host.