



Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg

Ministry of Social, Family Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection

Department of Family - Land Youth Office -

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We are the future you are planning for!

Invitation to our youth conference in the framework of the

European Commission's Strategy for the Baltic Sea

Hamburg, 3 - 4 February 2009

On behalf of the Hamburg Youth Authority we would like to invite 100 young persons from the Baltic Sea area (Europe and North-western Region of the Russian Federation) to our youth conference in the framework of the European Commission's Strategy for the Baltic Sea, Hamburg, 3 - 4 February 2009. The young persons should be between 18 – 30 years and experienced, active and well used in discussing Baltic Sea topics.

The European Commission is preparing a European strategy for the Baltic Sea region which will be adopted under Sweden's European Council presidency in the second half of 2009. So the youth conference has the following objectives:

- Realize the influence of young people to the "EU Baltic Sea Strategy" in real "Nothing about us, without us" way
- Development of a youth view as part of the "EU Baltic Sea Strategy"
- Including a youth dimension / youth mainstreaming into the "EU Baltic Sea Strategy"
- Using the Structured Dialogue as tool for including stakeholders from local, regional, national and supra-national level into the process

The results of the conference will be presented in the 2nd stakeholder conference on the EU Baltic Sea Strategy (high level politicians e.g. Foreign Minister, EU-Commission, minister-president, ministers) in Rostock, 5 – 6 February 09.

Information's about the programme you will find in the attachment.

Please send your application form by email to: herbert.wiedermann@bsg.hamburg.de till **19. January 2009**.

Once you have booked your flights / your train please let us know the details as below:

- Flight Date
- Arrival Time in Hamburg
- Flight Number / Train Number.

We will provide lodging, city transportation and meals for the delegates.

You will need to arrange and pay for:

- your travel to Hamburg and back again.
- your insurance (if applicable)
- your Visa (if applicable)
- any spending money.

We very much hope you will be able to join us for our youth conference in the framework of the European Commission's Strategy for the Baltic Sea, Hamburg, on 3 - 4 February 2009.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best Wishes

Dr. Herbert Wiedermann

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Hamburg, 3 - 4 February 2009

Draft Programme

Tuesday, 3. February 2009

13:00 Registration of participants

Venue:

B und B Hotel Hamburg Altona

Stresemannstrasse 318, 22761 Hamburg

Tel: + 49 (0) 40 851 806-0

hamburg-altona@hotelbb.com

www.hotelbb.de

14:30 Sightseeing tour city of Hamburg

17:00 Evening Welcome

Venue:

Kulturpalast Billstedt, Öjendorfer Weg 30A, 22119 Hamburg

Workshops in the framework of the European Commission's Strategy for the Baltic Sea:

- Graffiti
- Nu Style (Dance)
- Break-dance
- Rap
- Film

Dinner with politicians

European Party with your favourite records

(Please bring your favourite song on USB-Stick or MP3-Player)

23:30 Back to Hotel

Wednesday, 4. February 2009

09:00 Plenary: Opening Session

09:05 Welcome speech – Ministry of Social, Family Affairs, Health and Consumer Protection, Hamburg

09:20 Introduction – Colin Wolfe, European Commission, DG Regio

09:35 BSSSC Youth Network - Alexandra Ehlers, Gert Tarand

10:00 Parallel Thematic Sessions

Pillar 1: To make the Baltic Sea region an environmentally clean place

Pillar 2: To make the Baltic Sea region a prosperous place

Pillar 3: To make the Baltic Sea region accessible and attractive

Pillar 4: To make the Baltic Sea region safe and secure

13:00 Buffet Lunch/Cocktail

14:00 – 15:30 Parallel Thematic Sessions

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 Plenary Session – Report Back

18:30 Closing the Conference

20:00 Dinner / Party

24:00 Back to Hotel



Freie und Hansestadt Hamburg
Behörde für Soziales, Familie, Gesundheit und Verbraucherschutz
Amt für Familie
Überregionale Förderung und Beratung / Landesjugendamt

If you wish to supply additional information, or do not have sufficient space for your answers please provide an additional sheet.

Your Country:	
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SECTION 1 – PERSONAL & CONTACT INFORMATION

Last Name / Family Name:		
First Name:		
MALE <input type="checkbox"/>		FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/>
Preferred (Nickname) Name: (for badges etc)		
Date of Birth: ___ / ___ / 19__		Age:
ADDRESS:		
Tel:	[+]	
Fax:	[+]	

Email:	
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Do you have any dietary or disability requirements, including vegetarian?

SECTION 2 – THE CONFERENCE

The conference will include Plenary sessions and group work (Pillar 1 – 4). The group work may mean that you are away from your delegation and you are together on your pillar with some participants from another country.

Please select from the list below which pillar you would like to concentrate on. (We will try to accommodate participants first choices wherever possible)

Areas of Baltic Sea Strategy	1st Choice	2nd Choice	3rd Choice
To make the Baltic Sea region an environmentally clean place			
To make the Baltic Sea region a prosperous place			
To make the Baltic Sea region accessible and attractive			
To make the Baltic Sea region safe and secure			

If you have strong reasons for selecting any of the above and would like this to be considered when we discuss the topics, please provide details here.

By submitting this form I agree that
I will be responsible for making my own arrangements for travel and health care insurance.

I understand that should I require a visa to attend the Gathering of Baltic Youth in the City of Hamburg,
I will be responsible for applying for and securing my visa as well as any costs incurred.

TYPED FORMS SUBMITTED BY EMAIL TO
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