



Maritime Strategies & Sustainable Islands

21 November 2006



Welcome to the B7
– Baltic Islands Network –
Annual Conference
Mariehamn, Åland



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The B7 Åland Chairmanship welcomes you to a conference on Maritime Strategies and Sustainable Islands in the Baltic Sea.

Date: 21 November 2006

Venue: Åland Parliament building, Mariehamn



The Chairmanship invites politicians, civil servants, persons working with environmental issues and Maritime Strategies from the B7 islands, together with representatives from the B7 countries, the Baltic Sea Organisations, and EU institutions.

The purpose of the Conference is to discuss the European Maritime Policy and how we together can influence the outcome of the green book.

Our ambition is that invited speakers give the foundation for discussions around different themes on the Maritime Policy Green book.

If you have any questions concerning the conference please do not hesitate to contact the B7 Secretariat.

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Programme

Monday 20 November

- 19.00 Reception for Early Arrivals
Mingle and refreshments
Sjöfartsmuseet / Åland Maritime Museum

Tuesday 21 November

- 08.30 – 09.00 Registration

- 09.00 – 11.00 Seminar on the Maritime Strategy Green book. As a part of the European Consultation process the government of Åland has invited Åland organisations and associations to comment and discuss the European Maritime Policy Green book.

The seminar is held in Swedish, interpretation to English.

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- 11.00 – 12.00 Lunch for conference participants and invited guests
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- 12.30 – 13.00 Registration

Conference Moderator: Agneta Karlsson, Dr. Oecon.

- 13.00 – 13.30 Introduction and Welcoming Speech
B7 Positions on the Marine Strategy and the Maritime Policy
Britt Lundberg, B7 President 2006 and member of the Åland Government
- 13.30 – 14.00 The Maritime Policy Green book
"Towards a future Maritime Policy for the Union: A European vision for the oceans and seas".
- 14.00 – 14.30 Shipping, the Baltic Sea and the Maritime Policy Green book
Lasse Wiklöf, Member of the Åland Government
- 14.30 – 15.00 Coffee
- 15.00 – 15.30 How is the Baltic Sea dealt with during the EU-Presidency of Finland?
Stefan Wallin, State Secretary and Future Minister of Environment of Finland
- 15.30-16.00 ~~cancelled~~ The Baltic Sea and a sustainable Baltic Sea Region
Maria Wetterstrand, Spokesperson of the Swedish Green Party
- 16.00 – 16.30 The Baltic Sea Organisations views on the the Maritime Policy Green Book and a sustainable Baltic Sea Region.
- Arne Ören, President of the BSSSC, Norwegian Chairmanship.
- Philipp Schwartz, Senior Advisor at the CBSS Council of the Baltic Sea States International Secretariat.
- Ritva Sarin Grufberg, UBC representative and Head of the City of Mariehamn.
- 16.30– 17.00 Debate and Discussion
Moderator: Agneta Karlsson, Dr. Oecon.
- 17.00 - 17.30 Closing remarks and Conclusions
- 19.30 Informal Dinner



The Conference language is English.

Practical

Date 21 November 2006
Start Tuesday 08.30
End Tuesday 17.30
Venue Åland Parliament Building
Mariehamn, Åland, Finland

Registration

Please use the form to register.
Registration Period 1 October – 3 November 2006.

The registration form does not constitute travel or accommodation.
Please consult your local travel agency for travel arrangement.

Accommodation

Rooms have been reserved at Hotel Arkipelag, Åland Hotels and Hotel Pommern in Mariehamn.

To hold the reservation *please book your room before 3 November* and state that you are a participant of the B7 Annual Conference.

- Hotel Arkipelag: www.hotellarkipelag.com, +358 18 24 020
- Hotel Pommern: www.hotellpommern.aland.fi, +358 18 15 555
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Travel

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www.vikingline ferries.org
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By air!

By plane from Stockholm and Helsinki.
www.airaland.com

Interpretation

The Conference Language will be English

Registration form

The Chairmanship is grateful for your registration on this form as soon as possible.

3 November at the latest.

Please send it by either

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Name	_____	_____
	<i>First Name</i>	<i>Last Name</i>
Title	_____	
Country / Island	_____	
Address	_____	
Telephone	_____	
Mobile	_____	
E-mail	_____	
Special requests	_____	

Early Arrivals

Would you be interested in participating at the reception 20 November for early arrivals?

Yes

No

Would you be interested in participating in the B7 Plenary Session, 22 November

Yes

No

Wednesday 22 November

08.00- 09.00

Breakfast seminar

- How to get people to stay on the islands and to attract new inhabitants. Host: Öland, Venue: Hotel Arkipelag

09:15- 11.30

B7 Steering Committee Meeting

11.30-12.30

Lunch

B7 Plenary Session 2006

12.30 – 14.30

B7 Plenary Session 2006

Chaired by the B7 President 2006, Britt Lundberg

On the Agenda

- The B7 Åland Chairmanship reports from 2006.
- Position Papers 2006 and how will we continue to work with the B7 position on the Maritime Policy Greenpaper.
- The Evaluation, a presentation of the result of the evaluation.
- The B7 Strategy, a strategy for a changing world.
- The B7 Bornholm Chairmanship 2007.

14.30 – 15.00

Coffee

15.00 - 16.00

Plenary Session continues

16:00

Departure