

THE SWEDISH REGIONS INVITE YOU TO BE PART OF A TRULY INTERACTIVE AND LIVELY DEBATE IN A MARVELLOUS AND INSPIRING SETTING

# CLIMATE AND JOBS LOCAL SOLUTIONS?



These topics are being discussed all over Europe and we, the Swedish regions, would like to share our experiences with the rest of Europe. This conference is part of the official programme of the Swedish Presidency of the European Union 2009.

Keynote speakers at this event include:

**Christian Danielsson** Ambassador, Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU

**Lena Ek** Member of the European Parliament

**Jöran Hägglund** State Secretary, Ministry for Enterprise and Energy

**Anders Knape** President of the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions

**Luc Van den Brande** President of the Committee of the Regions

Listen to high-level speakers from the European institutions, the EU Presidency, local actors and the business community in a new and innovative setting, connect with experts who will inspire you, and take part in discussions that will help you develop new networks.

The conference will take place in one of Brussels most stimulating and inspirational venues – BOZAR. Moderators of the day are BBC journalist Shirin Wheeler, and Jacki Davis, Communications Director at the European Policy Centre.

## WELCOME!

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LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND REGIONS

**September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

Palais des Beaux-Arts

**Brussels, Belgium**

For registration please visit

[www.swedishregions.eu](http://www.swedishregions.eu)

Please register before

**August 24<sup>th</sup>**

## SPEAKERS CORNER

At Bozar you will find three Speakers' Corners. These will feature Swedish companies participating in a delegation organised by the Swedish Trade Council. You will meet companies active in the areas of transport, energy, health and IT who will share their experiences and debate interesting subjects. Take the opportunity to interact with them!



# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

**9.30-10.00 REGISTRATION**

**10.00-10.45 OPENING SESSION**

**Ms. Lena EK**, *Member of the European Parliament*

**Mr. Jöran HÄGGLUND**, *State Secretary, Ministry for Enterprise and Energy*

**Mr. Anders KNAPE**, *President of the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions.*

**10.45-11.15 COFFEE**

**11.15-12.30 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS**

## WORKSHOP 1 CLIMATE

**Mr. Muharrem DEMIROK**, Deputy Mayor responsible for Environment, City of Linköping

**Mr. Leif LARSSON**, Chairman of the Regional Council of Kalmar County

**Mr. Ilmar REEPALU**, Mayor, City of Malmö

Climate change is already happening. Its economic, social and environmental impact will become increasingly severe unless we take bold and urgent action to cut greenhouse gas emissions. Climate change has become a priority for European countries and is top of the European Union's agenda. Sweden has a long history of working actively on environmental issues. By fixing a target to increase the share of renewables in energy use to 49 percent by 2020, it has set the most ambitious goal of all the EU member states.

## WORKSHOP 2 JOBS

**Ms Monika JÖNSSON BRYDSTEN**, Advisor, Department for Regional Growth, Dalarna Regional Development Council

**Ms Catherine SZABO**, Regional Coordinator, Entrepreneurship & Employability, Östsm Regional, Development Council

**Mr Kent JOHANSSON**, Member of the Executive Committee of Region Västra Götaland, Member of Committee of the Regions, Member of the Board, Swedish Agency for economic and regional growth

The Lisbon Strategy sets the goal of making the EU the most dynamic and competitive knowledge-based economy in the world by 2020, capable of sustainable economic growth with more and better jobs and greater social cohesion. The EU's Social Agenda also states that investing in people is a core belief of the EU. Creating economically- and environmentally sustainable jobs is the biggest challenge of our decade.

**12.30-14.00 NETWORKING LUNCH**

**14.00-15.15 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS**

## WORKSHOP 3 INFRASTRUCTURE

**Mr Gustaf LANDAHL**, Head of Department, Planning & Environment, City of Stockholm

**Mr Gunnar SIBBMARK**, CEO, The European Corridor

**Mr Mikael STAMMING**, Director, The Öresund Committee

Infrastructure, usually defined as the basic physical and organisational structures needed for a society or enterprise to function, is a crucial part of a sustainable European future. Many member states are rapidly transforming their transport policies to align them with the environmental goals set up by the European Union. Sweden has a lot of experience in this area to share with the rest of Europe.

## WORKSHOP 4 ENERGY

**Mr Gunnar EIKELAND**, CEO, Luleå Energy

**Mr Anders JONSSON**, CEO, Sundsvall Energy

**Ms Lena SOMMESTAD**, CEO, Swedish District Heating Association

We are already witnessing the impact that the greenhouse effect is having on our climate. The seasons are changing, the summers getting longer and warmer. We need to respond to these changes in an energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly way. And we have to look at these challenges as opportunities to invest in energy efficiency and green investments. In Sweden, district heating and cooling and the use of heat generated from waste has a long tradition, and has contributed significantly to large reductions in emissions and increased energy efficiency.

**15.15-15.45 CLOSING SESSION**

**Mr. Christian DANIELSSON**, *Ambassador, Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU*

**Mr. Luc VAN DEN BRANDE** *President of the Committee of the Regions*

**16.00 CONCERT** with the Swedish Radio Choir in Galerie Ravenstein, opposite the Palais des Beaux-Arts