

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 Hågglund	State Secretary, Ministry for Enterprise and Energy
Anders Knappe	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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September 8th, 2009

Palais des Beaux-Arts
Brussels, Belgium

For registration please visit

www.swedishregions.eu

Please register before

August 24th

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