Inclusive Europe - Connecting the Baltic Sea Region

*Inclusive Europe* is an initiative managed by Arbetsmiljöforum in Sweden and financed by The European Social Fund.

- The **vision** is to create a platform for transnational cooperation.
- The **aim** is to increase collaboration between individuals, organizations and projects in the Baltic Sea Region.

The region will be inspired, equipped and prepared for the next programming period, and meet up with the Baltic Sea Strategy and EUROPE2020.

**Transnational partners:** National Supporting Institution (Poland), Ministry of Employment and the Economy (Finland), ESF Agency Flanders, ESF Learning Network on Transnational Cooperation, Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs (Czech Republic), Society Integration Foundation (SIF)/ 2nd level Intermediary Body for European Social Fund in Latvia, The Baltic Sea Network –ESF, The European Community of Practice on Gender Mainstreaming, Ministry of Labor, Social and Family Affairs and Integration (ESF Managing authority Hamburg).

**The Polish -Swedish collaboration already a success story!**
The Polish-Swedish collaboration has already become a success! Last year Stockholm, the capital of Sweden, adopted a Polish model for Partner Search Forum – managed by NSI. The Partner Search Forum took place at the yearly event Working Life with over 1000 participants from European Countries such as Poland, Germany, Sweden, Czech Republic, Lithuania and Flanders. Over 70 ESF project were specially invited for the reason that they all needed help to find a transnational partners. The evaluation shows that over 93% in fact did! Thank you NSI-Poland!
Invitation to “Kick-off” for Transnational Cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region!
Inclusive Europe is proceeding and we are proud to invite our transnational colleagues and everyone interested to participate in our “Kick-off” that will take place the 13th March 2012, in Stockholm! We are happy to also arrange study visits before or after to conference. Just give us an idea of what you would like to experience and we will do our very best to meet your requests!

Program for “Kick-off” 13th of March 2012

- Get inspired by the Baltic Sea Strategy! - Oscar Wåglund Söderström, State Secretary to Minister for EU affairs Birgitta Ohlsson.
- What are the benefits of transnational cooperation? - Ingmar Paulsson, Regional director ESF, Stockholm region.
- How to find new transnational partners - the National Supporting Institution, Poland have the answers.
- Funding’s for Baltic Sea Cooperation - the Swedish Institute - Baltic Sea Unit and the Central Baltic INTERREG.
- Be the first to try out our website for transnationality – In cooperation with the Baltic Sea Network - ESF.
- Become better at networking – pros gives us their best tools.
- Certified training for Transnational Cooperation – Open College Network gives you the details.

Don’t miss this unique opportunity to mingle with, politicians, managers, EU coordinators and partners in Stockholm and the Baltic Sea Region!

Where: Fotografiska muséet, Stadsgårdenhamnen 22, Stockholm, Sweden
When: The 13th of March, 2012, 16-19 p.m.
RVS by February, 21 2012 by e-mail to: ida.gulbrandsen@arbetsmiljoforum.se

If interested, we will arrange a workshop/mingle area for you to market your organization/activities!
Certified training for Transnational Cooperation

In cooperation with www.OCN.se, NSI-Poland and the “Baltic Sea Network – ESF” Inclusive Europe is producing an international standard for transnational cooperation. The first workshop has taken place in Stockholm January 23 and the next step is to arrange a workshop/presentation at the next Baltic Sea Network-ESF meeting in Finland.

When we have agreed upon what the standard should cover it is time to have an international high level (half day) panel who will set the standard and agree on a training program.

The panel will take place in connection to the Baltic Sea Network-ESF meeting in Riga in May. Sweden will start the certified training for Transnational Cooperation in November 2012. It will be possible for a limited number of transnational partners to either participate in the training or do the tests to prove/validate that you qualify for the certification.

If you want more information or if you are interested to participate in the panel or the training program, please do not hesitate to contact lina.nilsson@arbetsmiljoforum.se

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Stockholm - Baltic Exchange Program

In October –November 2012 about 100 Swedish employees in the Stockholm region will engage in study visits in the Baltic Sea Region. They are very excited to meet people, organizations and projects working with labor market inclusion. The motto is to: learn, share and get inspired! The themes for the trips are:

1) Social innovations/entrepreneurship  
2) Rehabilitation  
3) Validation and work experience  
4) Equality, integration and prevention of discrimination

Swedish partners (Stockholm Region):

- Amphi Production – gender equality consultants  
- Basta Work co-operative - offers people a road away from drugs and criminality through qualified work, housing and a meaningful spare time.  
- City of Lidingö  
- City of Solna  
- City of Stockholm  
- Företagsakademin – competence development for businesses  
- Left is Right - Company that sell IT services by people with Asperger syndrome  
- Municipality Nacka

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• Municipality of Tyresö
• Municipality of Värmö
• Open Archipelago
• Stockholm City Mission
• Stockholm County Administrative Board
• Stockholm County Council
• Stockholm Gerontology Research Center
• Swedish Agency for Disability Policy Coordination
• Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth
• Swedish National Board for Youth Affairs
• Swedish Public Employment Service
• Swedish Social Insurance Agency
• The European Community of Practice on Gender Mainstreaming
• The Swedish Church
• The Swedish Disability Federation
• The Thematic Group on Equality – ESF

Do you know of any organizations and/or ESF-projects interested in cooperation with the Swedish organizations mentioned above? Please feel free to contact lina.nilsson@arbetsmiljoforum.se

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www.inclusiveeurope.se (the website will be released 13th of March!)