

## 4th Working Meeting on the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)

11 April 2013 | Espoo, Finland

# Preliminary Agenda

Date 11 April 2013

Venue Aalto University Dipoli Congress Centre, Otakaari 24, 02150 Espoo, Finland ([www.aalto.fi](http://www.aalto.fi))

### Day One Thursday, 11 April 2013

*Meeting moderated by Timo Rajakangas, National Contact Point for the EUSBSR, Finland*

08:00-09:00	<i>Registration</i>
09:00-09:30	<p><b>Opening of the meeting</b>  <b>Welcome addresses</b></p> <p><i>Charlina Vitcheva</i>, Director of Directorate H, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission          Representative of Finland (tbc)</p>
09:30-10:30	<p><b>Embedding of the EUSBSR in European Structural and Investment Funds</b></p> <p><i>Charlina Vitcheva</i>, Director of Directorate H, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission</p> <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p>
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00-15:15	<p><b>Parallel Workshops</b></p> <p><i>Lunch break will take place during the parallel workshops</i></p>

<b>ENVIRONMENT</b> (including energy efficiency and renewable energy)	<b>CONNECTIVITY</b>	<b>SMART SPECIALISATION</b> (including R&D, innovation, entrepreneurship and education)
<p><i>During the workshop discussion will be focussed on the following issues<sup>1</sup>:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>to ensure and accelerate implementation of the most urgent and impact producing measures of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan;</i></li> <li>- <i>to agree on the activities contributing to maritime traffic safety and spill over pollution prevention and remediation measures in the Baltic Sea;</i></li> <li>- <i>to explore cooperation</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>During the workshop discussion will be focussed on the following issues<sup>2</sup>:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>to agree on a coherent and articulated implementation of investment in major transport corridors of international importance for the macro-region;</i></li> <li>- <i>to focus on sustainable forms of transport by supporting TEN-T approach.</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>During the workshop discussion will be focussed on the following issues<sup>3</sup>:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>to consider systematically the macro-regional context and possibilities for synergies and complementarities when designing the national Smart Specialization Strategies for RTDI;</i></li> <li>- <i>to identify linkages between R&amp;D, innovation, entrepreneurship and education.</i></li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> See the Discussion Paper on Environment

<sup>2</sup> See the Discussion Paper on Transport

<sup>3</sup> See the Discussion Paper on Smart Specialisation

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*mechanisms for the  
implementation of the Energy  
Efficiency Directive.*

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15:15-15:45

*Coffee break*

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15:45-16:45

**Panel discussion: feedback from the Workshops**

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16:45-17:00

**Closure of the meeting**

*Charlina Vitcheva*, Director of Directorate H, Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

*Timo Rajakangas*, National Contact Point for the EUSBSR, Finland

*Riitta Ahdan*, Coordinator INTERACT Point Turku

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*End of the Day*