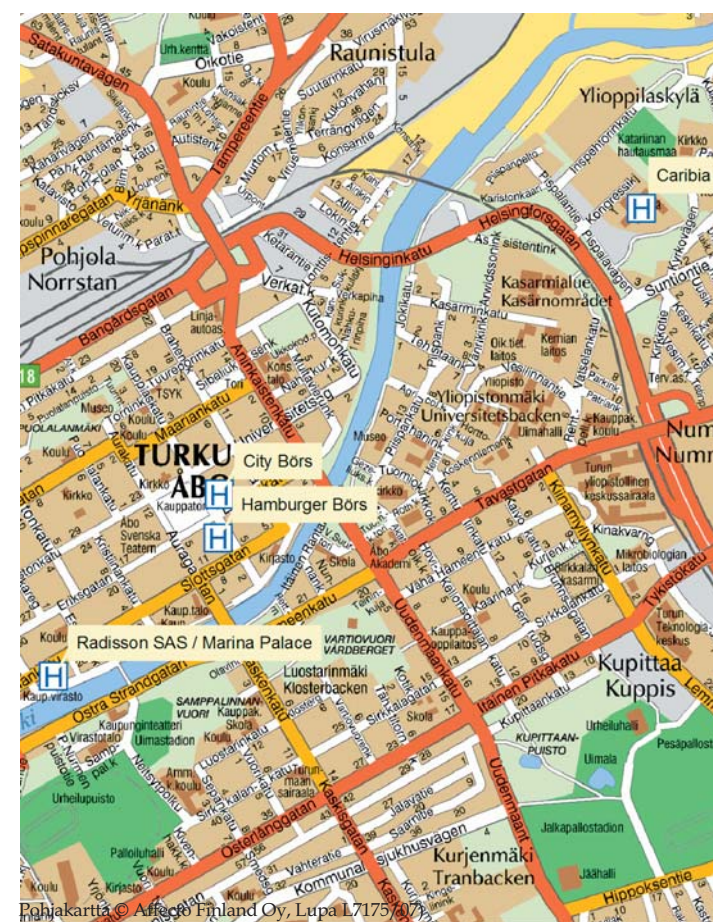


City Map



Tourist maps

Tourist maps can be found from <http://www.turkutouring.fi>

General information

City of Turku

City of Turku is a fascinating mixture of old and modern. With its 175 000 inhabitants this former Finnish capital now serves as a regional capital of Southwest Finland. With its four universities and over 30 000 students it's also a centre for science and technical research. Welcome to visit our city!

Transportation

Participants arriving by air, by sea or by train can safely use either public transportation (buses) or taxis in order to continue to their hotels. Turku Airport is situated 10 km, the Port of Turku 3 km and the main railway station 500 meters from the city centre.

The host will organize buses for participants arriving by air on most popular flights.

Bus connection has been arranged between the conference venue (Hotel Caribia) and other hotels (Radisson SAS Marina, City Börs and Hamburger Börs) on conference days.

Project exhibitions

There will be a best practise project exhibition in Hotel Caribia on Thursday 13th of September 2007.

Youth participants

The host, Regional Council of Southwest Finland, will offer the premises for youth meetings. Youth participants are also welcomed to join lunch and dinner on 13th of September. Please indicate on the registration form if you are a youth participant.

Partner Search Forum

Please indicate on the registration form if you will only attend the Partner Search Forum on Friday 14th of September 2007.

Invitation/Visa

Please indicate on the registration form if you need an invitation for Visa application.

Language

The official language of the conference is English. In Finland there are two official languages, Finnish and Swedish.

Currency

The official currency in Finland is Euro.

Smoking

Please notice that smoking is legal only outdoors under the open air (i.e. no smoking by the doorways) according to the current law change in Finland. Smoking indoors is strictly prohibited.

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Accommodation

We kindly ask you to make your own arrangements for travel and accommodation. The host, Regional Council of Southwest Finland, has negotiated fixed hotel prices for the following hotels. Please note, that there are direct links for these hotels on the registration sheet.

Hotel Caribia



Fixed hotel prices single room 110 €/night
double room 130 €/night
Kongressikuja 1, 20540 Turku
Tel. +358 2 651 111

Hotel Hamburger Börs



Fixed hotel prices single room 84 €/night double room 99 €/night
Kauppiaskatu 6, 20100 Turku
Tel. +358 2 337 381

Radisson SAS Marina



Fixed hotel prices single room 93 €/night double room 111 €/night
Linnankatu 32, 20100 Turku
Tel. +358 20 1234 710

Hotel City Börs



Fixed hotel prices single room 69 €/night double room 79 €/night
Eerikinkatu 11, 20100 Turku
Tel. +358 2 337 381

Updated Programme and information:
www.bsssc.com

Registration: http://congress.utu.fi/bsssc_regform.pdf

The last day for registration is July 31st 2007.

Please note, if you register after this date the host does not guarantee hotel accommodation with fixed prices.

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Welcome to Southwest Finland

The Baltic Sea States Subregional Co-operation (BSSSC) and the host region Southwest Finland are pleased to invite you to the 15th BSSSC Annual Conference in Turku, Finland.

In the Conference our main speaker will be EU Commissioner Mr Andris Piebalgs. The special focus will be on renewable energy sources, energy efficiency as well as relations to the climate change debate. The supply of energy as well as the use of energy in relation to climate change will be one of the major challenges in the decades to come.

The conference will include among others four parallel sessions on different aspects of sustainable energy, a special programme for the youth participants, a best practise project exhibition and a partner search forum for new project ideas

We hope to see you all in Turku.




Arne Ören
Chairman of BSSSC




Risto Ervelä
Chairman of the
Assembly of the Regional
Council of Southwest
Finland



Conference Programme

Venue, Hotel Caribia

12 September Wednesday

- 16.00-18.00 Youth seminar on Sustainable Energy and Climate Change – preparatory meeting 1
- 19.00-22.00 Evening arrangement for the young people – Icebreaking, dinner and get together
- 20.00-22.00 Dinner for board members

13 September Thursday Moderator Prof. Alf Rehn

- Preparing stands for project exhibitions
- 8.30-12.30 Board Meeting
- 9.00-11.00 Youth seminar on Sustainable Energy and Climate Change –preparatory meeting 2
- 11.00-12.30 Annual Meeting of the Youth delegates
- 12.30-13.00 Press Conference
- 12.00-15.00 Lunch
- 15.00-16.00 Opening of the 15th BSSSC Annual Conference
- Session 1 - Opening Speeches**
- Mr. **Arne Ören**, Chairman of BSSSC
 - Mr. **Risto Ervelä**, Chairman of the Assembly of the Regional Council of Southwest Finland
 - Mr. **Jarkko Virtanen**, Deputy Mayor, City of Turku
 - Ms. **Paula Lehtomäki**, Minister of Environment
 - Mr. **Artis Pabriks**, CBSS, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Latvia
 - Mr. **Gerhard Stahl**, Secretary General of CoR

- 16.00-17.00 **Session 2 - ENERGY and CLIMATE - we have to act now!**
- Mr. **Andris Piebalgs** EU Commissioner, EU commission action plan for Energy - sustainable energy for the future
 - Dr. **Juha Honkatukia**, Research Director of the Government Institute for Economic Research (VATT), Finland, Global Trends in Production and Use of Energy and Impacts on the Climate - a regional perspective
 - Ms. **Ingeborg Gjaerum**, Nature and Youth, Norway, Climate change and energy issues from a bottom-up perspective - regional and local contribution to a better future

- 17.00-17.30 Coffee break
- 17.30-19.00 **Session 3 - Energy Production and Use in the Baltic Sea Region: Actions taken at local and regional level make a difference!**
Parallel sessions/workshops, presentation of best practice examples and discussions.
1. **Sustainable Energy Systems and Regional Climate Change strategies related to Innovation and Business Development (Innovative Energy Measures in sustainable Regional Development - contributing to growth and jobs)**
 - Moderator: Mr. **Bjarne Rasmussen**, Region Zealand, Denmark
 - Introduction: Mr. **Tyge Kjær**, Roskilde University, Denmark
 - Political intervention: Mr. **Brunon Synak**, BSSSC Board, Pomeranian Region, Poland (tbc)
 2. **Climate and Energy in the Transport Sector Focus on sustainable transport – a key issue to meet the threats of the climate change.**
 - Moderator: Mr. **Hans Gulliksson**, Director, Energy Agency Southeast Sweden, Växjö
 - Introduction: Mr. **Paal Frisvold**, Bellona Europe
 - Political intervention: Ms. **Christel Liljeström**, President of the Baltic Sea Commission/CPMR
 3. **Renewable Energy Sources Focus on environmental aspects of energy use and consequences for the climate change**
 - Moderator: Mr. **Risto Veivo**, Baltic 21 Secretariat
 - Introduction: Prof. **Eva-Mari Aro**, University of Turku
 - Political intervention: Mr. **Knud Andersen**, BSSSC Board, Danish Regions
 4. **Sustainable Energy Policies on Regional Level Energy in a Regional Development perspective (energy efficiency, awareness, role of regions and interregional cooperation)**
 - Moderator: Mr. **Björn Grönholm**, Head of Environmental Secretariat of UBC, Turku
 - Introduction: Ms. **Anne Ahtiainen**, Director, Energy Agency of Southwest Finland
 - Political intervention: Mr. **Arne Tiilk**, BSSSC Board, Association of Estonian Cities
- 19.00-20.00 National delegations' meetings
- 21.00-23.30 Dinner hosted at SAS Radisson Marina Hotel. Hosts Mr. **Jarkko Virtanen**, Deputy Mayor of the City of Turku, and Mr. **Juho Savo**, Executive Director of the Regional Council of Southwest Finland.

14 September Friday Moderator Dr. Timo Vuorisalo

- 9.00-10.30 **Session 4 – Energy and Climate Change – challenges and needed actions, Panel debate:**
- Ms. **Käthe Sarparanta**, Information chief, TVO (Industrial Power Company), Finland
 - Ms. **Satu Helynen**, Technical Research Centre of Finland
 - Dr. **Klaus Rave**, Investitions Bank Schleswig-Holstein, Germany
 - Dr. **Alexander Stubb**, Member of the European Parliament, Finland
 - Ms. **Inger Linge**, Stockholm Region and member of BSSSC Board, Sweden
 - Mr. **Paal Frisvold**, Bellona Europe, Brussels
- 10.30-11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00-13.00 **Session 5 – BSSSC Work on Maritime Policy and Transport and Infrastructure**
- Maritime Policy – BSR as a model region
 - Mr. **Stefan Musiolik**, Ministry of Justice, Labour and European Affairs of Land Schleswig-Holstein
 - Towards a Pan Baltic Transport Strategy - Mr. **Uno Aldegren**, Skåne Region and Chairman of the High Level Group on Transports for Sustainable Growth in the Baltic Sea Region.
 - Youth voice in BSSSC Mr. **Oddvar Skaiaa**, Chairman of the working group on Youth Policy and Mr. **Lasse Lehre**, youth representative in the BSSSC Board
 - Closing speeches by Mr. **Arne Ören** and Mr. **Risto Ervelä**
 - Conference Resolution
 - Welcome to the next conference 2008
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch
- 14.00-16.00 Post Conference tour to Aker Yards. Turku (tbc)
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- 14.00-18.00 **Partner Search Forum**
Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007 - 2013
- Introduction to the New Programme for transnational cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region 2007 - 2013 - focus and priorities
 - Parallel workshops with presentation and discussion of project ideas:
Workshop 1: Fostering innovations
Workshop 2: External and internal accessibility
Workshop 3: Baltic Sea as a common resource
Workshop 4: Attractive and competitive cities and regions.
- 18.00 Reception/dinner hosted by the BSR programme at Holiday Club Caribia