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Session title: **Baltic Sea Region - an environmentally sustainable place: political strategies and technical solutions**

Session type: Workshop

Thematic priority: B - Sustainable development: Regional responses to climate change

Organiser: Baltic Sea Group

Venue: Centre of the Regions - Information Office Mecklenburg-Vorpommern to the EU

Date: 7/10/2008

Time: 10.30 – 13.00

Language spoken/interpretation: EN

Description: This seminar will provide a comprehensive overview of regional responses to climate change in the Baltic Sea area. Topics will include: current scientific evidence on existing and predicted changes; regional climate strategies and best practices; housing policies to reduce energy consumption; traffic, road and public transport policies; multi-stakeholder policy making, including knowledge models to support political decision-making procedures; hydrogen fuel cell technology, including the “H2 HUB West Jutland” project; the Baltic eco-energy Cluster (BKEE) using bio-mass for energy production in Northern Poland; and the EU CO2 80/50 project under which 21 European metropolitan regions plan to achieve an 80% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions by the year 2050.

Aim: to give an overview of how the regions of the Baltic Sea are meeting the climate change challenge, and to discuss regional approaches. Showcases of political strategies and technical solutions will serve as practical examples of how renewable energy and multi-stakeholder policy are empowering the regions to find innovative solutions on climate change.

Speakers:

- Prof. Hans von Storch, Institute for Coastal Research, GKSS Research Centre, Geesthacht (DE)
- Dagmar Gormsen, Climate Change Programme Co-ordinator, Environmental Department, City of Malmö (SE)
- Esa Halme, Executive Director, Region of Päijät-Häme (FI)
- Prof. Kiciński, Instytut Maszyn Przepływowych, Polska Akademia Nauk, Pomerania (PL)
- Leo Christensen, Sektor for Udvikling og Erhverv, Zealand (DK)
- Michael Sloth, ‘H2-logic’, Central Denmark
- Rainer Scheppelmann, Project Manager, EU CO2 80/50 project (Interreg IVC)

Moderator: Mrs. Esther Bülow Davidsen, Director of the Zealand Denmark EU Office