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Danish Maritime Safety Administration

To relevant authorities operating
in the field of maritime safety and security
in the Baltic Sea States and
services of the European Commission

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Invitation for 1st meeting regarding priority 13 on maritime safety and security in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

Denmark and Finland, acting in its capacities as coordinators for priority 13 in the recently adopted EU Strategy For the Baltic Sea Region, would like to convene representatives of relevant government authorities in the Baltic Sea States in order to establish a steering group for the said priority, aiming at becoming a leading region in maritime safety and security.

You are cordially invited to Copenhagen on **Friday 19 March 2010** for the 1st meeting of the steering committee for priority 13 in the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea.

The meeting will be held in the premises of the Danish Maritime Safety Administration at Ovengaden oven Vandet 62 B in central Copenhagen.

The meeting will commence in meeting hall no. X at 11.00h with the intention to finish around 16.00h in the afternoon. A buffet lunch is offered.

A draft agenda for the meeting is attached while a proposal for terms of reference for the steering group will follow shortly.

Kindly inform the Danish Maritime Safety Administration by close of business Tuesday 19 February 2010 about the composition of your delegation.

Yours sincerely,

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EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region
Priority 13 – to become a leading region in maritime safety and security

Constitutive meeting for the international steering committee

Draft agenda

1) Welcome by the Danish and Finnish coordinators.
Participants introduce themselves.
Brief presentation on the Danish Maritime Safety Administration.

2) The EU Baltic Sea Strategy – state of affairs. Briefing by the European Commission.

3) The strategy's priority 13 regarding the Baltic Sea Region as a leading region in maritime safety and security. Briefing by Denmark and Finland.

4) Brief presentation of the state of affairs in the flagship projects by the respective lead parties:

4.1 Conduct a technical feasibility study on a Baltic Sea Coastal Patrol Network (BSRBCC?)
4.2 Become a pilot region for the integration of maritime surveillance systems (The Commission)
4.3 Speed-up re-surveying of major shipping routes and ports (HELCOM / IHO)
4.4 Become a pilot region for e-navigation (Denmark)
4.5 Create a network of centres of excellence for maritime training (Poland)
4.6 Develop a plan to reduce the number of accidents in fisheries (tbd / Member States)

5) Mapping existing fields of cooperation and regional/international forums in the field of maritime safety and security and identification of possible gaps or overlapping initiatives. Briefing by Denmark/Finland.

6) Forming a steering committee for the EU Baltic Sea Region Strategy's priority 13
Discussion regarding the proposed terms of reference incl. such issues as composition, decision making and frequency of meetings. Cooperation with non-EU member states in the region.

7) Any other business.

Practical information

How to get there

From Copenhagen International Airport the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs is easily reached by Metro – a ride of some 12 minutes. It departs from a platform at the end of airport terminal 3 next to Hotel Hilton; a ticket office is located at the stairs leading up to the platform. Get off at the station Christianshavn (sometimes abbreviated Chr.havn), ascend to the surface and cross the street at the trafficlights. Continue on foot along the canal for a couple of minutes. The Danish Maritime Safety Administration is located at Ovengaden oven Vandet 62 B in a yellow building facing the canal.

Hotel information

In the absence of requests to the contrary, the Danish Maritime Safety Administration does not envisage to pre-book hotel accommodation in connection with the meeting, nor can we for reasons of principle recommend any particular hotel. But hotels Best Western City, Maritime, Opera and Strand are all within 10 minutes' leisurely walk to the Danish Maritime Safety Administration. The nearest Metro station is the next one after Christianshavn, when coming from the airport: Kongens Nytorv (sometimes abbreviated Kgs. Nytorv).

Most, but not all, hotels in town can be found on the website www.hotels-in-denmark.dk