

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

THE RENEWED NORTHERN DIMENSION; A TOOL FOR ENHANCED REGIONAL AND CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION TALLINN, JUNE 9th, 2006

The conference is organized by the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Finnish Embassy in Estonia and the Representation of the European Commission in Estonia.

Venue: Reval Hotel Olümpia, Conference center, Alfa

9.00 Registration

- 9.30-9.45 **Welcoming words and introduction-Why the renewed Northern Dimension**
Chairman - Mr. Matti Maasikas, Secretary General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Estonia
- 9.45-10.05 **Significance of the Northern Dimension**
Mr. Urmas Paet, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Estonia
- 10.05-10.25 **The Northern Dimension and the Finnish EU Presidency**
Mr. Erkki Tuomioja, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland

10.30-11.00 Coffee

- 11.00-11.20 **Cross-border cooperation - Latvian experience**
Mr. Artis Pabriks, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Latvia
- 11.20-11.40 **The Northern Dimension and the role of regional and cross-border cooperation in the EU's external policies**
Mr. Janos Herman, Principal Adviser, European Commission
- 11.40-11.55 **Kaliningrad area and cross-border cooperation under the framework of the Northern Dimension**
Mrs. Barbara Krystyna Tuge - Erecińska, Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland
- 11.55-12.10 **The Northern Dimension Environmental Partnership**
Mr. Johnny Åkerholm, President and CEO of Nordic Investment Bank
- 12.10-12.25 **Russia and the Northern Dimension**
Mr. Sergey A. Ryabkov - Director, Department of European Cooperation, MFA of Russian Federation

12.25-13.55 Lunch

(Reval Hotel Olümpia, Restaurant Senso)

Chairman - Mr. Markus Lyra, Under-Secretary of State, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

13.55-14.05 **Comment by local government representative: Cross-border cooperation, experiences and prospects**
Mr. Vadim Petrukhin - Chairman of the State Committee for Economic Development and Property Issues, Russian Federation

14.05-14.25 **The role of CBSS in the Northern Dimension**
Mr. Hans Dahlgren, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden

14.25-14.35 **The Nordic Council of Ministers and the Northern Dimension**
Mr. Per Unckel, Secretary General of the Nordic Council of Ministers

14.35-15.05 Coffee

15.05-15.25 **The Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Wellbeing**
Mr. Viktoras Meizis, Head of Foreign Affairs Division, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Lithuania

15.25-15.35 **How to tackle HIV/Aids in the Northern Dimension area**
Dr. Zaza Tsereteli, International Technical Adviser for HIV/AIDS Expert Group of the ND Partnership of Health and Social Well-Being

15.35-15.45 **Transport and logistics, a possible new Northern Dimension partnership**
Mr. Harri Pursiainen, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Transport and Communications of Finland

15.45-16.00 **Discussion
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16.00-17.00 **Reception** (Reval Hotel Olümpia, Conference center, Foyer)

16.00-16.45 **Press Conference** (Reval Hotel Olümpia, Conference center, Omega)