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Baltic Sea Strategy and the Internal Market

16-17 September 2010, Tallinn, Estonia

Conference Programme

16 September

19:00 – 21:00 **Welcome Reception** at the Nordic Council of Ministers' Office in Estonia, Lai 29, Tallinn

17 September

Conference at Swissôtel Tallinn, Tornimäe 3

09:30 – 10:00 *Registration and coffee*

10:00 – 10:15 **Plenary Session: Situation of the internal market in today's EU**
Session moderated by Mr Marko Mihkelson, MP, Chairman of EU Affairs Committee

Opening statements:

- Mr Juhan Parts, Minister of Economic Affairs and Communications of Estonia
- H.E Mr Uffe A. Balslev, Ambassador of Denmark, the Presiding Country of the Nordic Council of Ministers 2010
- H.E Mr Nicolaas Buyck, Ambassador of Belgium, the Presiding Country of the Council of the European Union, 2nd Semester 2010

10:15 – 11:15

- Mr Michel Barnier, European Commission, Commissioner for Internal Market and Services
- Mr Mario Monti, Professor, President of Bocconi University

The Nordic countries and border obstacles:

- Mr Johan Tiedemann, State Secretary for Nordic Cooperation, Sweden
- Mr Ole Norrback, Chairman of Freedom of Movement Forum, Nordic Council of Ministers

11:15 – 11:40 *Coffee break*

11:40 – 13:30 **How the internal market can be improved in the Baltic Sea region**
Session moderated by Ms Kaja Tael, Deputy Secretary General, MFA, Estonia

- *Progress made in pursuing the Polish flagship project*
Ms Magalena Ochej-Łokuciejewska, Head of Unit, European Affairs Department, Ministry of Economy of Poland
- *Identification of obstacles in the single market: the role of assistance services*
Mr Tom Corrie, Policy Officer, Internal Market Policy, DG for Internal Market and Services, European Commission
- *The new draft Estonian public commercial code and the services directive – an attempt to create clear, unified and hassle free legal environment for entrepreneurs offering goods or services*
Martin Hirvoja, Deputy Secretary General on Legal Policy, Ministry of Justice of Estonia

- *Cooperation in clusters and implementing the services directive*
Ms Merike Kompus, Deputy Secretary General for Internal Market, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications of Estonia
- *Role of the digital agenda in unleashing single market potential*
Mr Juhan Lepassaar, Director, EU Secretariat, State Chancellery of Estonia

13:30 – 14:30 *Lunch*

14:30 – 16:00 **Workshops**

Workshop 1: Implementing the services directive

Workshop moderated by Mr Siim Raie, Director General, Estonian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

- *Point of Single Contact – Estonian experience*
Mr Andres Ruubas, Project Leader, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications of Estonia
- *Standardisation and certification – important tools in ensuring the free movement of services*
Mr Johan Englund, Senior Adviser, Nordic Innovation Centre
- *Consolidation of what has been achieved under the Services Directive and future actions*
Ms Anneli Andresson, The Internal Market and Services Directorate General, European Commission

Workshop 2: Digital agenda and e-signatures

Workshop moderated by Mr Tarvi Martens, Development Director, Certification Centre of Estonia

- *Nordic collaboration on eScience and eInfrastructure*
Mr Fredrik Melander, Senior Adviser, Nordic Council of Ministers
- *PEPPOL - Pan-European Procurement Online*
Mr Olli-Pekka Rissanen, Ministry of Finance of Finland
- *STORK - Secure Identity Across Borders Linked*
Mr Arvid Welin, Swedish Tax Agency
- *Case-study: Company Registration and Management Across Borders*
Mr Ingmar Vali, Center of Registers and Information System, Estonia

16:00 – 16:30 *Coffee break*

16:30 – 17:00 **Discussions and conclusions of workshops**

Moderated by Ambassador Imants Gross, Acting Head of the Nordic Council of Ministers Office in Estonia, Head of Office in Latvia

The conference will be held in English.