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## 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Seminar

### TOP of EUROPE: WELFARE and ECONOMIC GROWTH

May 12, 2006 National Library of Estonia, Tõnismägi 2

#### Programme

- 13.00** Welcome speech: Kalli Klement, Director, NCM Office in Estonia  
Opening speeches:  
Jaan Õunapuu, Minister of Regional Affairs, Estonia  
Per Unckel, Secretary General, Nordic Council of Ministers, Denmark
- 13.30** **The Baltic Sea – a European lake.** Toomas Hendrik Ilves, Member of European Parliament, Estonia
- 13.50** **Nordic Welfare – a Burden for Economic Growth?** Research Professor Jaakko Kiander, VATT, Government Institute for Economic Research, Finland
- 14.10** **Top of Europe – a Region of Potentials?** The Baltic Sea Initiative, Per Unckel, Secretary General, Nordic Council of Ministers, Denmark
- 14.30 Coffee-break

#### Factors of Economic Growth:

- Moderator: Signe Ratso, Principal Adviser, European Commission Directorate General TRADE, Estonia
- 15.10** **Sustainable Development as Growth Factor.** MD. Martti Kulvik, ETLA, Finnish Research Institute of the Finnish Economy, Finland
- 15.30** **Economic Growth and Human Capital in Estonia.** Prof. Margit Sutrop, University of Tartu, Estonia
- 15.50** **Tourism for Growth.** Dr. Ossian Stiernstrand, CEO, Research Institute for Tourism, Sweden
- 16.10** **Family Politics Promoting Economic Growth.** Ragnhildur Arnljotsdottir, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Social Affairs, Iceland
- 16.30** Panel discussion
- 17.00** Closing

Working languages: Estonian and English (simultaneous interpretation)