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Invitation

International Conference on

The process towards Integrating a Gender Perspective in the Budgetary process (Gender Budgeting), - the Nordic Experience.

8-9th of November, 2006, in Helsinki, Finland.

The Nordic Council of Ministers has run a project on the integration of a gender perspective in the budgetary process in the Nordic States. The project was a cooperation between Denmark, Finland, Norway, Iceland and Sweden, with representation from Ministries of Finance and the Governments' Gender Units.

The Nordic Council of Ministers in cooperation with the Finnish Government is organising a conference to present ongoing initiatives and experience gained in the Nordic countries. The conference will focus on experiences gained in the course of integrating a gender perspective in the budgetary process. It will include work in relation to steering of, and instructions to, the budget process, gender analysis methods, and lessons learnt from the implementation process. As well as present products such as the Swedish and Norwegian attachments to the Budget Bill, describing economic distribution between women and men.

The conference is supported by The Council of Europe and UNIFEM.

Registration form and more information is attached. Deadline for registration is 22nd September.

Welcome!

Ulla-Maj Wideroos
Coordinate Minister for Finance
Finland

Conference information

Timing

The conference starts on November 8th 15.00 and end latest November 9th 16.30.

A reception will be hosted by Ministry of Finance on the 8th, all participants are invited to participate.

Language

The Conference will be conducted in English.

Cost

The conference is free of charge, including coffee, lunch and the reception. All participants have to pay their own travel and accommodation and make the necessary arrangements. Information about Helsinki, hotels etc. is for your convenience attached.

Registration

Deadline for registration is 22nd September. The attached registration form should be used and sent to lotta.sjoblom@vm.fi or by fax. +358 9 160 34856
A registration confirmation will be sent out.

Target group

The conference is aiming at politicians, managers within the public sector, budget officers and gender experts within public sector and other gender advisors/experts as well as others with meteorological interest.

Background:

- This conference is a follow-up to the Gender Budgeting conference in Brussels in 2001, organised by the Nordic Council of Ministers in cooperation with UNIFEM, IDRC and the Commonwealth Secretariat.
- It also links to The 6th European Ministerial Conference on Equality between Women and Men, 2006 arranged by the Council of Europe. Where a resolution was adopted, "Human rights and economic challenges in Europe – gender equality. Achieving gender equality: a challenge for human rights and a prerequisite for economic development".

<p>The resolution recommends the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. to undertake actions to assess the cost of the lack of gender equality in different fieldsb. to encourage the use of gender analysis and sex-disaggregated data to implement the gender mainstreaming strategy, including gender budgeting, in order to achieve de facto gender equalityh. to start preparing a recommendation on gender budgeting

- By signing the final document of the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995, the Nordic countries committed themselves to integrating a gender perspective in all political decisions (gender mainstreaming). This also includes the national budget that plays a key role in setting political priorities. A public budget with a consistent, visible and well-incorporated gender perspective has a vital role to play in ensuring development towards equitable societies in the Nordic countries. The objective of the project was to develop methods for integration of a gender perspective in the budget process, share experience through cooperation, and develop knowledge and competence through pilot projects.
- The project is based on the Council of Europe's definition of Gender Budgeting:
Gender budgeting is an application of gender mainstreaming in the budgetary process. It means a gender-based assessment of budgets, incorporating a gender perspective at all levels of the budgetary process and restructuring revenues and expenditures in order to promote gender equality.

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**8-9th of November, 2006, in Helsinki, Finland.
The White Hall, Aleksanterinkatu 16-18.**

Wednesday 8 November

15.00 Opening of the Conference
By *Sirkka-Liisa Anttila* Chairperson of the Conference, First Deputy Speaker
Parliament of Finland

**Key note speaker *Ulla-Maj Wideroos* Coordinate Minister for
Finance**

**Key note speaker *Dalia Grybauskaitė*
EU Commissioner for Financial Programming and Budget**

16.00 Panel Discussion

Moderator: *Per Unckel*, Secretary General of the Nordic Council of Ministers

Participants:

Maud de Boer-Buquicchio Deputy Secretary General Council of Europe,

Tuula Haatainen Minister of Social Affairs and Health Finland,

Norwegian minister

Danish minister

Icelandic minister

Swedish minister

17.15 Reception hosted by *Ulla-Maj Wideroos*, Ministry of Finance
at The White Hall, Aleksanterinkatu 16-18.

All conference participants are invited

Thursday 9 November

9.00 Opening of day 2

By *Sirkka-Liisa Anttila* Chairperson of the Conference, First Deputy Speaker
Parliament of Finland

Introduction speech

Presentation of the Nordic Gender Budgeting project

- Gender Budgeting in the Nordic Context
- Gender Budgeting development in the Nordic Countries today
- Main conclusions

Catharina Schmitz Project Director, Nordic Council Of Ministers

Strategies for implementing Gender Budgeting

- Strategies for sustainable gender mainstreaming in the budgetary process
 - Four strategic success factors for gender mainstreaming
- Anna-Marie Sandquist*, Desk Officer, Ministry of Industry, Employment and Communication, Division for Gender Equality, Sweden
- Guidelines for integration of gender analysis and gender statements in the departmental budget propositions.

Anne Havnor, Ministry of Children and Gender Equality, Norway

Undertaking Gender Analysis as part of governmental working procedures

- Gender Impact Assessment guidebook, *Hanna Onwen*, Program Manager, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health Finland.
- Undertaking a gender analysis in the preparation of the new law on Alcohol policy in Finland, *Reetta Siukola*, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health Finland
- Gender Analysis work in Denmark, *Vibeke Abel* Deputy Permanent Secretary Head of Department, Department of Gender Equality Denmark

12.00 Lunch

13.00 A gender perspective in the Budget Bill

Presentation of the Swedish and Norwegian Attachment to the budget bill

"Distribution of economic recourses between women and men"

Sweden

Kristian Tronstad, Adviser / Co-ordinator for Gender Statistics
Division for Social Welfare Statistics, Statistics Norway

Good Governance, the role of Gender Budgeting

Panel discussion

The Nordic approach, does it make a change?

Introduction by *Arni Hole*, Director General Department of family affairs and gender equality, Ministry of Children and Gender Equality
Norway

Moderator: *Arni Hole*

Participants:

Hilde Bojer, Associate Professor, University of Oslo, Department of Economics, Coordinator of a Nordic Research Network for Gender Budgeting in the Nordic/Baltic region

Lena Ek, Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Alliance for Liberals and Democrats for Europe

One governmental representative

16.00 Closing by *Sirkka-Liisa Anttila* Chairperson of the Conference, First Deputy Speaker Parliament of Finland

The conference is supported by

United Nations Development Fund for Women





**8 – 9th of November, 2006
The White Hall, Helsinki
Registration Form**

To be completed by each Delegate

Participants are requested to complete this form and return it by 22.9.2006 at the latest
to

Ministry of Finance, Ms Lotta Sjöblom:

by E-mail: lotta.sjoblom@vm.fi or by fax +358 9 160 34856

Personal details:

Surname	<input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	
First name	Title	
Organisation		
Office address		
Country		
Telephone	Fax	E-mail

Please note that when returning by e-mail you should first fill in and save this registration form as a Word document and then return it as an annex to us.

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Gender Budgeting

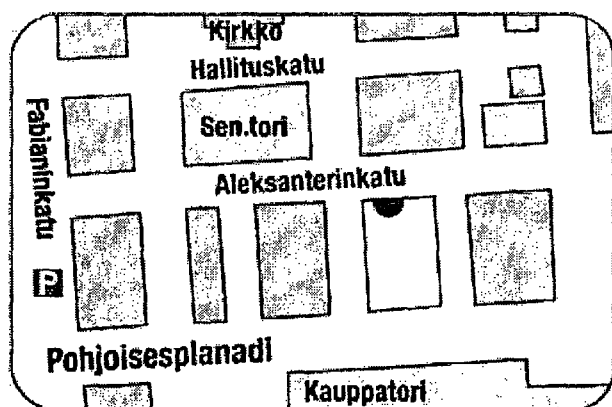
Wednesday, 8th of November – Thursday, 9th of November 2006
The White Hall, Helsinki

Venue of the Meeting

Valkoinen Sali – The White Hall

Address: Aleksanterinkatu 16-18, 00170 Helsinki

Tel. (09) 6871 8810



Getting there?

You can take the Finnair City Bus from the airport to downtown Helsinki. The bus operates daily according to the same schedule, in every 20 minutes. The bus departs from the International Terminal (T2) and then drives by the Domestic Terminal (T1). Bus fare is 5.20 euros. Detailed timetable can be found on: http://www.finnair.com/filecontent/com/citybus_com.txt

You can also travel inside Helsinki by metro or tram (but not from the airport!). When coming to the meeting venue by tram, bus, taxi or metro please find the timetables, routes and all relevant information on <http://www.ytv.fi/eng>.

If you are coming to the meeting venue directly from the airport the journey will take about 30-40 minutes by taxi. There are taxi stations right outside the Arrival Halls of the International terminals. The journey from the Helsinki-Vantaa Airport to the hotels recommended in this invitation or cost around 30-35 euros. In general, it is easy to get taxi from the airport. The taxis are very reliable and they have fixed prices by kilometre.



You can contact Taxi in Helsinki by direct calling 0100-0700 (booking from the dispatch centre) or 0100 0600 (advance booking). Airport taxi, tel. 0600 555 555, may have somewhat lower prices than other taxis when going to the airport or coming from there. Naturally, the personnel of the accommodation chosen will be glad to help you with this matter too.

Useful information

Time

Finland has adopted Eastern European Time, EET, which is two hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

Drinking water

Finnish tap water is of the highest quality and can be consumed safely throughout the country. Bottled mineral and spring water is available in shops and restaurants.

Smoking

Smoking is prohibited indoors in public such as airports, bus and railway stations, theatres and cinemas. In restaurants and licensed premises smoking is only allowed in designated areas. The no-smoking rule also applies inside the Presidency meeting venues.

Electricity

Electric current in Finland runs at 230 volts. Wall sockets are for two-pin plugs and adapter can be brought at airports, department stores, hardware stores and specialist shops.

Opening Hours

Banks

Banks are open from 09.00 to 16.30 Monday to Friday but are closed on Saturday and Sundays.

ATMs for cash withdrawal are widespread and open 24 hours a day. Office hours are generally from 08.30 to 16.30.

Currency & credit cards

The Finnish currency unit is the euro. Major credit cards are accepted in hotels, restaurants and shops



Shops

Weekdays: from 07:00 – 09:00 to 20:00 – 21:00

Saturdays: from 09:00 to 14:00 – 18:00

Sundays: Grocery stores with a floor space of less than 400 square meters may open between 12:00 – 21:00 throughout the year.

These times are a general guide and there are seasonal and regional variations.

Post Offices

Traditional post offices are open from 09:00 to 18:00 Monday to Friday. There are also franchised post offices, managed by groceries and service stations. These may stay open after office hours. Yellow mailboxes are for daily collections. Stamps are available at post offices, book and stationary shops, kiosks and hotels.

Hotels for your consideration

These below listed hotels are all well situated at the city centre of Helsinki. You can take a walk from these hotels to the meeting venue in 2-15 minutes. If you are staying in a non-listed hotel feel free to contact us in advance to get the directions to our meeting venue.

You can directly contact these hotels for your booking or use a website offering special prices to the hotels in Helsinki, such as following:

www.ebookers.com

www.opodo.com

www.gtahotels.com

www.yeego.com

www.booking.com

www.hotels.com

www.tripadvisor.com

www.orbitz.com

www.otel.com

Hotel Kämp ☆☆☆☆☆

From €184

Pohjoisesplanadi 29

00100 Helsinki

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Tel. +358 (0)9 576 111

Fax +358 (0)9 576 1122

E-mail: hotelkamp@luxurycollection.com

WWW: <http://www.hotelkamp.fi/en/Index/>

From €118

Kaivokatu 12

00100 Helsinki

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Tel. +358 (0)9 691 41

Fax +358 (0)9 691 4010

e-mail: helsinki.seurahuone@restel.fi

WWW: <http://www.restel.fi/?switch=eng>

The Hotel Seurahuone ☆☆☆☆

Crowne Plaza Helsinki ☆☆☆☆

From €96



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E-mail: helsinki.cph@restel.fi
WWW: <http://www.crowneplaza-helsinki.fi/?switch=eng>

Radisson SAS Royal Hotel ☆☆☆☆

From €96
Runeberginkatu 2
FIN-00100 Helsinki
Finland
Telephone: +358 (0)20 1234 700
Fax: +358 (0)20 1234 740
Email: reservations.finland@radissonsas.com
WWW: www.radisson.com

Sokos Hotel Tornii ☆☆☆☆

From €92
Yrjönkatu 26
00100 HELSINKI
tel. +358 (0)20 1234 604
fax +358 (0)9 4336 7100
e-mail: torni.helsinki@sokoshotels.fi
WWW:
<http://www.sokoshotels.fi/english/index.cfm>

Sokos Hotel Vaakuna ☆☆☆☆

From €86
Asema-aukio 2
00100 HELSINKI.
tel. +358 (0)20 1234 610
fax +358 (0)9 433 77 100
email: vaakuna.helsinki@sokoshotels.fi
WWW:
<http://www.sokoshotels.fi/english/index.cfm>

Holiday Inn Helsinki City Centre

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From €84
Elielinaukio 5
00100 Helsinki
Finland
Tel. +358 (0)9 5425 5000
Fax +358 (0)9 5425 5299
E-mail: Helsinki.hihcc@restel.fi
WWW:
<http://www.restel.fi/holidayinn/view.cfm?page=hotel.2>

Scandic Marski ☆☆☆☆

From €84
Mannerheimintie 10
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Scandic Simonkenttä ☆☆☆☆

From €83
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FI-00100 Helsinki
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Fax: +358 (0)9 68 38 111
E-mail: simonkentta@scandic-hotels.com
WWW: www.scandic-hotels.com/simonkentta

Scandic Continental ☆☆☆☆

From €77
Mannerheimintie 46
FI-00260 Helsinki
Finland
Telephone: +358 (0)9 4737 1
Fax: +358 (0)9 4737 2211
E-mail: continentalhelsinki@scandic-hotels.com
WWW: www.scandic-hotels.com/continentalhelsinki

The Hotel President ☆☆☆

From €70
Eteläinen Rautatiekatu 4
Helsinki
00100
Tel. +358 9 6911
Fax: +358 9 694 7886
E-mail: presidentti.ramada@restel.fi
WWW:
http://www.wcities.com/en/record/_83866/96/record.html

Hotel Helka ☆☆☆

From €70
Pohjoinen Rautatiekatu 23
00100 Helsinki, Finland, Europe
Tel. +358 9 613 580
Fax. +358 9 441 087
E-mail: reservations@helka.fi
WWW: <http://www.helka.fi/>



Useful WWWs and phone numbers

In all emergency situations dial 112

From these WWWs you can find information related to the topics such as

- general information about the capital city of Finland, Helsinki
- hotels
- attractions
- current main events
- museums
- sightseeing tours

Finnish Government

www.valtioneuvosto.fi/etusivu/en.jsp

Finnish Presidency of the European Union

www.eu2006.fi

Ministry of Finance

www.ministryoffinance.fi

Finnish Tourist Board

[www.visitfinland.com/w5/index.nsf/\(pages\)/index](http://www.visitfinland.com/w5/index.nsf/(pages)/index)

The City of Helsinki

www.hel.fi/wps/portal/Helsinki_en/?WCM_GLOBAL_CONTEXT=/en/Helsinki/

Helsinki Finland

www.hel2.fi/tourism/en/matko.asp

Virtual Finland

virtual.finland.fi/

Weather in Helsinki (and Finland)

www.fmi.fi/en/index.html

Helsinki-Vantaa Airport, Information 24h

Tel. + 358 200 14636 (Service numbers)

www.helsinki-vantaa.fi/home

Public transportation

www.ytv.fi/eng.

Taxi in Helsinki:

Tel. + 358 (0)100 0700 (booking from the dispatch center)

Tel. + 358 (0)100 0600 (advance booking)

www.taksihelsinki.fi/taksihelsinkieng/



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Airport taxi

Tel. + 358 (0)600 555 555

www.airporttaxi.fi/index_eng.html

Port of Helsinki

Tel. + 358 9173 331

www.hel2.fi/port/english/index.shtml

Tourist Information

Helsinki City Tourist & Convention Bureau

Pohjoisesplanadi 19

P. O. Box 1, FIN-00099 CITY OF HELSINKI

Tel: +358 (0)9 169 3757

Fax: +358 (0)9 169 3839

E-mail: tourist.info@hel.fi

Tourist Information is open: 2.5-30.9 Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, Sat and Sun 9am-6pm

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