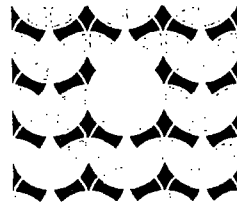


Sammenslutningen



af Danske Småøer

Til Folketingets Ø-kontaktudvalg

Strynø d. 15. august

## Ø-konference, 20. – 22. november, 2006, på den skotske ø Islay

### Kære medlemmer af Folketingets Ø-kontaktudvalg

I 2001 blev der etableret et samarbejde mellem småø - foreninger i Finland, Sverige, Skotland, Irland, Frankrig og Danmark, European Small Islands Federation, i daglig tale, ESIN.

I 2004 søgte vi og fik bevilget midler fra EU's Interreg-program til et fælles projekt **Inter – Island Exchange Project**.

Formål: At udvikle mere samarbejde mellem landenes øer.

At udveksle erfaringer til bæredygtig udvikling.

At informere nationale politikere og EU-parlamentarikere samt embedsmænd om ø-forhold.

Der blev udvalgt 18 ø-relevante emner (cases) som skulle beskrives. (Marine Development, Housing, Agriculture and Nature Preservation, Energy, Transports, mv.)

Hvert lands ø-forening fik 3 emner at beskrive, hvoraf de 2 skulle beskrives på baggrund af afholdte seminarer, hvor repræsentanter fra alle landes ø-foreninger deltog.

De erfaringer og forslag, som er opnået gennem projektet, vil vi præsentere og debattere på ovennævnte konference.

Så snart en uddybende dagsorden for konferencen foreligger, så vil den blive videresendt! Men se også vedlagte engelske invitation.

Vi håber emnet vil have udvalgets interesse, og at der kan findes plads i kalenderen til at deltage.

Med venlig hilsen

  
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## **Inter-Island Exchange Project**

**Dear Danish Members of Parliament**

**The European Small Islands' Network (E-SIN) was set up in 2001 to raise awareness of the development challenges experienced by Europe's smallest inhabited off shore islands and to promote inter-island co-operation on the subject of sustainable island development. The Danish Partners in the Project are Sammenslutningen af Danske Småøer and the contact person is Mr. Henry Larsen or Claus Jensen, [cj@danske-smaaoer.dk](mailto:cj@danske-smaaoer.dk)**

ESIN Inter-Island Exchange Project is being funded under the Interreg 111c Programme. The objectives of this operation, known as the ESIN Inter-Island Exchange Project, are to promote greater co-operation between small islands, to share the benefits of islands' experience of sustainable development and to influence national and EU regional development policies in favour of small island communities.

**ESIN IIEP also plans to host in 2006 a major conference on sustainable development on small islands in the EU which will involve senior policy makers from the EU institutions, national, regional and local governments as well as island organisations. The dates for this conference are the 21<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2006. The conference will be held on the Isle of Islay, Scotland. Delegates will be travelling to the island on the 20<sup>th</sup> where an opening and welcome reception will be held that evening. Delegates will be departing from Islay on the morning of the 23<sup>rd</sup> November. A full agenda will be available shortly.**

We hope you can join us in participating at this important event with your National, European and Local Government colleagues. Many other key policy makers will also be present and there will be various networking events organised throughout the conference.

**Yours Sincerely,**

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