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Working together for sustainable labour markets

International tripartite conference of the Baltic Sea Labour Network (BSLN)

Dear Sir or Madam,

We want to work together with you for sustainable labour markets in the Baltic Sea Region.

The Baltic Sea Labour Network (BSLN) is a transnational cooperation project of 22 partners from 8 countries in the Baltic Sea Region. Never before have employees, employers, politicians and governments worked together to create sustainable regional labour markets in Europe.

To promote positive development in the Baltic Sea labour markets, we will organise the international tripartite conference of the Baltic Sea Labour Network (BSLN) on **11 May 2010 in Vilnius, Lithuania.**

The conference is built upon national and transnational tripartite collaboration. By bringing together politicians as well as active participants and experts from the labour markets, we want to combine knowledge and ideas in order to come up with strategies, policies and practical solutions.

The Conference will focus on three main issues:

- 1) Development of the social dialogue in the Baltic Sea Region
- 2) From grey to white economy
- 3) Migration and mobility of labour

The conference will give the opportunity for employer and trade union representatives, policy-makers and experts to discuss the day's themes and influence labour market policies concerning Baltic Sea Region.

This one-day conference will take place on 11 May 2010 at the Litexpo Conference Centre in Vilnius, Lithuania. The conference is organised by employers and trade union in cooperation with the Balttechnika fair - the biggest metal branch fair in the Baltic States.

Please note the attached preliminary programme about the meeting as well as the registration form. We would kindly ask you to register by the **9th April 2010**. We will provide further information closer to the meeting.

We are looking forward to your attendance at this event so that we can find together solutions for sustainable labour markets in our region!

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Preliminary conference programme

Venue: Lithuanian Exhibition Centre LITEXPO, Laisves pr. 5, LT-04215 Vilnius, Lithuania

Monday, 10 May

Time	Title/Speaker
8 pm	Conference dinner hosted by BSLN

Wednesday, 11 May

Time	Title/Speaker
9-11 am	Shuttles from hotel to the venue
10 am	Opening of Balttechnika
11 am	Opening of the tripartite BSLN conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moderator of the conference, Elina Egle, Director of Employers' Confederation of Latvia LDDK Asta Skaisgiryte-Liauskiene, Lithuanian Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, Presidency of the Council of the Baltic Sea States Vaclovas Šleinota, President of the Engineering Industries Association of Lithuania LINPRA
11:20 am	Key note speeches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EU Commission Harri Taliga, President of the Confederations of Estonian Trade Unions (EAKL) Employers' representative
12:30 pm	Lunch break
1:30 pm	Parallel working sessions
Workshop 1	Developing Social Dialog in the BSR Chair: Uwe Polkaehn , President of the Confederations of German Trade Unions Region North (DGB)
Workshop 2	From grey to white economy Chair: Dr. Thomas Klischan , General Manager of Nordmetall, employers association of the metal and electronics industry, Germany
Workshop 3	Migration and mobility of labour force Chair: Franz Thönnnes , MP Germany, former Parliamentary State Secretary, Member of the Standing Committee of the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference
3 pm	Coffee break
3:20 pm	Reports from the working groups
3:50 pm	Round table discussion
5 pm	Closing of the conference
5:30 to 9:15 pm	Shuttles to the hotel
7 pm to 9 pm	Evening event together with Balttechnika at the conference venue