

**MEETING OF THE CHAIRMEN OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEES  
OF THE BALTIC AND NORDIC PARLIAMENTS**

**Reykjavik, Iceland  
30. November – 1. December 2008**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME  
(31 October 2008)**

**Sunday 30 November**

- 15.30-15.45 Arrival of delegations to Keflavik Airport (on flights FI205, FI307 and FI319 via Copenhagen, Stockholm and Oslo). Transfer from the Terminal to the Icelandic Defence Agency
- 16.30 Visit to the Icelandic Defence Agency  
Briefing by Director Ellisif Tinna Vidisdóttir
- 19:30 Dinner hosted by Mr. Bjarni Benediktsson, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of Althingi.

**Monday 1 December**

- 09.00 Meeting of the Chairmen of the Foreign Affairs Committees of the Baltic and Nordic Parliaments.  
*Venue: Austurstræti 8 – 10 (Committee Building), 2nd. floor, Room no. x*

**Opening** by Mr. Bjarni Benediktsson, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of Althingi,.

**Topic 1: The Global Financial Crisis.**

The experience of Iceland.  
Introduction by Mr. Bjarni Benediktsson.

**Topic 2: The Relations with Russia.**

Status and prospects of relations with Russia after the war in Georgia.  
Introduction by Mr. Göran Lenmarker, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Swedish Parliament.

**Topic 3: Transatlantic relations**

Prospects of transatlantic relations after the U.S. presidential elections.  
Introduction by Mr. Sven Mikser, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Estonian Parliament.

- 12.00 Lunch hosted by Ms. Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir, Minister for Foreign Affairs.
- 14.00 Visit to Nesjavellir Geothermal Power Plant 30 km east of Reykjavik.

**Topic 4: Renewable Energy in the North.**

The energy landscape of Iceland and energy security in the North.

Introduction by Professor Þorsteinn Ingi Sigfússon, Director of Innovation Centre Iceland.

19.00 Dinner hosted by Mr. Bjarni Benediktsson.

**Tuesday 2 December**

Individual departure of delegations.