24th BSSSC
Annual Conference
Hämeenlinna, Finland

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Bridge Over Troubled Water
Value of Regional Co-operation in Challenging Times
Registration form  (Registration by 2nd of September 2016)

CONFERENCE FEE (Thu-Fri)
Including programme, conference services, lunches, dinners and coffee breaks
150 EUR / person
Payments by 9th September 2016
Payment details BANK: Osuuspankki, Hämeenlinna
IBAN: FI30 5680 0020 3344 27
SWIFT/BIC: OKOYFIHH
Payment reference: BSSSC, name(s) of the participant(s)

Note: The youth delegates participation is free of charge.

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www.hamk.fi/english

The City of Hämeenlinna
www.hameenlinna.fi/Kaupunki-info/english
Hämeen linna Castle (National Board of Antiquities)
www.nba.fi/en/museums/hame_castle
Dear BSSSC Family,

the 24th BSSSC Annual Conference will take place from 14th to 16th September 2016 in Hämeenlinna, Finland. This year the conference is dedicated to the European challenges we are facing today, but also overcoming them together, via co-operation within our common Baltic Sea Region.

We are looking forward to meet you in the Häme Region and City of Hämeenlinna, the World Capital of composer Jean Sibelius.

Welcome!

Mr Matti Lipsanen  
Region Mayor  
Regional Council of Häme

Mr Ossi Savolainen  
BSSSC Chairman  
Region Mayor, Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council

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VENUE:
Verkatehdas Arts & Congress Center  
Glass-roofed Hall, Vanaja Hall, Confrence Rooms 1 and 2, Studio  
Street address: Paasikiventie 2  
www.verkatehdas.fi/in-brief

HAMK University of Applied Sciences  
Visamäki Campus  
Street address: Visamäentie 35  
www.hamk.fi/english

The Old City Hall of Hämeenlinna  
Street address: Raatihuoneenkatu 15  
www.hameenlinna.fi/Kaupunki-info/english

Häme Castle  
Street address: Kustaa III:n katu 6  
www.nba.fi/en/museums/hame_castle

MODERATOR OF THE CONFERENCE:  
Ms Sari Rautio, Chairwoman of the City Board of Hämeenlinna
Tue 13th September

12.00-18.00 Conference Room 1
Interreg Baltic Sea Region Monitoring Committee meeting
Participation: MC members only

Wed 14th September

9.00-18.00 Conference Room 1
Interreg Baltic Sea Region Monitoring Committee meeting
Participation: MC members only

9.00-16.00 HAMK UAS, Visamäki Campus
The BSSSC Youth Event 2016
Participation: Youth Network only

13.00-16.00 Conference Room 2
BSSSC Board Meeting
Participation: Board members only

10.00-16.00 Studio
South Finland Regional Co-operation - meeting of the boards
Participation: members only

14.00-18.00 REGISTRATION OPEN

18.00-19.00 Old City Hall
BSSSC National Delegation’s meetings

19.00-21.00 Old City Hall
Reception hosted by the City of Hämeenlinna
Thu 15th September

Project Stands

8.00-9.00 REGISTRATION OPEN

9.00-10.30 Vanaja Hall
SESSION I Opening of the 24th BSSSC Annual Conference
Moderator: Ms Sari Rautio
Speakers:
• Mr Ossi Savolainen, BSSSC Chairman, Regional Mayor of Helsinki-Uusimaa
• Mr Jari Partanen, State Secretary, Ministry of Transport and Communications of Finland
• Mr Iisakki Kiemunki, Chairman of the Regional Council of Häme
• Mr Markku Markkula, President of the European Committee of the Regions
• Ms Helena Pihlajasaari, Vice President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

10.30-11.00 Coffee Break at Glass-roofed Hall

11.00-13.00 Vanaja Hall
SESSION II Value of Regional Co-operation in Challenging Times
Moderator: Ms Sari Rautio
Speakers:
• Ms Anke Spoorendonk, Minister for Justice, Culture and European Affairs, Land Schleswig-Holstein
• Mr Bernd Hemingway, Deputy Director General, CBSS
• Mr Alexander Somoza, European Commission, DG Regio

12.30-13.30 Networking Lunch at Glass-roofed Hall
13.30-16.00
SESSION III Parallel Workshops

WS1: Save the inland waters - save the sea
Organizer: Vanajavesi Foundation
Moderator: Ms Sanni Manninen Johansen, Secretary General, Vanajavesi Foundation
Speakers:
• Mr Lauri Arvola, Professor, University of Helsinki
• Ms Monika Stankiewicz, Executive Secretary, HELCOM
• Mr Mathias Bergman, Secretary General, Baltic Sea Action Group

WS2: Co-operation towards a greener future - Bio-economy
Organizer: Eastern Norway County Network
Moderator: Ms Mona-Anitta Riihimäki, Director of the Bioeconomy Research Unit, HAMK UAS
Welcome and introduction to the WS by Mr Roger Ryberg, member of the BSSSC Board
Speakers:
• Mr Geir Oddsson, Nordic Council of Ministers - Intro by PAC bio in the EUS-BSR
• Case1: Norway Oppland
• Case2: Lithuania
• Case3: Sweden

WS3: Blue Growth
Organizer: Smart Blue Regions project in cooperation with the Pomorskie Voivodeship
Moderator: Mr Adam Mikołajczyk, Director, Economic Development Department - Pomorskie Marshal’s Office, Poland
Speakers:
• Ms Joanna Przedrzymirska, Head of Project Management Centre of the Maritime Institute in Gdansk, Poland
• Mr Richard Tuffs, Director, ERRIN (European Regions Research and Innovation Network), Brussels
• Mr Jerzy Czuczman, Director, Association of the Polish Maritime Industries, Poland
• Ms Hilary Jane Lewis Karlson, Consultant, Danish Technological Institute, AgroTech division (Baltic Blue)
• Mr Juha Valtanen, Manager, Machine Technology Center Turku Ltd., Finland
**WS4: Culture - Driving force for regional integration and social inclusion**

Organizer: Ministry of Justice, Cultural and European Affairs of Land Schleswig-Holstein
Moderator: Stefan Musiolik, Ministry of Justice, Cultural and European Affairs of Land Schleswig-Holstein

**EUSBSR Policy Area Culture - possibilities of macro-regional cooperation**

Stefan Musiolik, Schleswig-Holstein (EUSBSR Coordinator PA Culture)

**Presentation of best practice:**
- Marta Siciarek, Immigrant Support Center, Gdansk
  Culture as a tool to integrate immigrants
- Jaana Simula, Union of Baltic Cities
  Best practice from UBC cities
- Lawrence Okey Ugwu, Baltic Sea Cultural Centre, Gdansk
  Multicultural dialogue through arts

**Panel discussions** (integrating the audience)

**What can and should politics do?**
- Bernd Hemingway, Deputy Director General, CBSS
- Jaana Simula, Chairperson, UBC Commission on Cultural Cities
- Lawrence Okey Ugwu, Director, Baltic Sea Cultural Centre, Gdansk
- Marta Siciarek, Immigrant Support Center, Gdansk
- Kari Lie, BSSSC Youth

**16.00-17.30 Vanaja Hall**

SESSION IV

Enhancing investments and sustainable growth in the Baltic Sea Region

Mr Johannes Koskinen, Member of Board Directors, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region

Moderator: Ms Krystyna Wróblewska, Deputy Director, Department of Economic Development, Pomorskie Marshal’s Office

Political dialogue

Contribution to the EUBSR Annual Forum

**18.30-22.00**

Dinner at the Medieval Castle of Häme

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Fri 16th September - Programme and project day

Project Stands

9.00-11.00 Vanaja Hall
SESSION V Programmes and projects in the Baltic Sea Region
Moderator: Ms Ann Irene Sæternes, Head of the International Affairs, Eastern Norway County Network
Interreg Baltic Sea Region
Interreg Central Baltic
Speakers:
• Programme and project representatives

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break at Glass-roofed Hall

11.30-13.00 Vanaja Hall
SESSION VI Reports from the Parallel Workshops
Moderator: Ms Sari Rautio
Workshop moderators
Youth representatives
Conference resolution
Conclusion of the conference days

Closing of the 24th BSSSC Annual Conference
Speakers:
• Mr Ossi Savolainen, BSSSC Chairman, Regional Mayor of Helsinki-Uusimaa
• Mr Roger Ryberg, incoming Chairman of BSSSC 2017-2018, Chairman of the Regional Cooperation Board of Norway County Network
• Host of the BSSSC Annual Conference 2017

13.00-14.00 Farewell lunch at Glass-roofed Hall

Post Conference Programme at Friday 16th September

SIBELIUS FANTASY
music, dance, sound and light effects
Hämeenlinna Market Square
HOTEL INFORMATION

Note!
Please use the reservation code, when booking a hotel:
Reservation code: BSSSC (only for the hotels below)

**Hotel Cumulus Hämeenlinna**
[www.cumulus.fi/en](http://www.cumulus.fi/en)
Street address: Raatihuoneenkatu 16, 13100 Hämeenlinna
Reservation by e-mail: my.reservation@restel.fi
Telephone: +358 20 055 055
Please notice that the block reservation is valid until 14.8.2016
Standard room
97 EUR / night / 1 person
117 EUR / night / 2 persons
Economy room
84 EUR / night / 1 person
98 EUR / night / 2 persons

**Hotel Emilia**
[www.hotelliemilia.fi](http://www.hotelliemilia.fi)
Street address: Raatihuoneenkatu 23, 13100 Hämeenlinna
Reservation by e-mail: myyntipalvelu@tawastia.fi
Telephone: +358 3 633 5150
Please notice that the block reservation is valid until 11.8.2016
90 EUR / night / 1 person
105 EUR / night / 2 persons

**Sokos Hotel Vaakuna**
[www.sokoshotels.fi/fi/hameenlinna](http://www.sokoshotels.fi/fi/hameenlinna)
Street address: Possentie 7, 13200 Hämeenlinna
Reservation by e-mail: vaakuna.hameenlinna@sokoshotels.fi
Telephone: +358 355 816 00
Please notice that the block reservation is valid until 23.8.2016
95 EUR / night / 1 person
114 EUR / night / 2 persons
MAP OF HÄMEENLINNA

Changes in the programme are possible.