



North Sea Conference 2018

Setting the course for the future

Breaking ground, transforming the region

13-14 June 2018, Fredrikstad, Østfold, Norway

DRAFT PROGRAMME

This year's conference is all about the future of the North Sea Region! The European Union prepares for a new budget period with new programmes. The North Sea Commission is starting to write a post-2020 North Sea Region strategy. What are the takeaways from current policies and projects that we want to see in future strategies and programmes?

Pre-Programme 13 June

@ Quality Hotel

For members of the North Sea Commission only

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| 09.00 – 12.00 | North Sea Commission Thematic Group meetings |
| 12.00 – 13.00 | Lunch |
| 13.00 – 17.00 | North Sea Commission Annual Business meeting |
| 17.00 - 18.00 | North Sea Commission Executive Committee meeting |

For those working with communications in the Interreg VB North Sea Region Programme

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| 09.00 – 17.00 | Communicating for Impact Bootcamp |
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For project developers

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| 09.00 – 16.00 | Idea Generation Camp |
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Main Programme 13 June

@ Båthusteatret, Verkstedveien 12, 1671 Kråkerøy, Frederikstad, Norway

Opening and Networking Dinner

19.00

Welcome

Welcome speeches by Østfold County Council, the North Sea Commission and the North Sea Region Programme

North Sea Region Video Awards

Main Programme 14 June

@ Quality Hotel, Nygata 2-6, 1607 Fredrikstad, Norway.

Setting the course for the future!

09.00 – 12.00

Setting the course for today's discussions

Interventions on the status quo and the future of the North Sea Region from representatives of the Norwegian government, the North Sea Commission, and a North Sea Region Programme project.

What is the status of the current course in the North Sea Region?

Discussion round with previous speakers, the President of the North Sea Commission and the Head of Secretariat of the North Sea Programme.

Questions and answers

Coffee, Tea and Networking



Interactive round table discussions: How deeply are we integrated as a region around the North Sea and what role does regional cooperation have in it? Examples of cooperation areas:

- Innovation
- Climate and energy
- Transport
- Sustainable communities
- Environment
- Maritime space

12.00 – 13.00 **Networking Lunch**

Breaking ground, transforming the region

13.00 – 16.15 **Shaping the North Sea Region's course for the future!**

Interventions from the North Sea Commission, a North Sea Region Research Institution, the North Sea Region Programme, and a North Sea based SME.

What will be the future topics for the North Sea region?

Workshop sessions on

- 1) Responding to climate change
- 2) Clean and efficient transport
- 3) Attractive Communities
- 4) Maritime space

Coffee, Tea and Networking

16:15 – 17.15 **Feedback from the workshops, & panel debate about next steps**

After-conference mingling

17.30 – 22.00 **Snacks & Networking**