



North Sea Conference 2018

Setting the course for the future

Breaking ground, transforming the region

13-14 June 2018, Fredrikstad, Østfold, Norway

Pre-Programme 13 June

@ Quality Hotel

For members of the North Sea Commission only

09.00 – 12.00	North Sea Commission Thematic Group meetings <i>(Please note the Transport Group starts at 08.30 and the Marine Resources Group starts at 08.45)</i>
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

North Sea Region Programme Workshops

09.00 – 17.00	Communicating for Impact Bootcamp
09.00 – 16.00	Idea Generation Camp

Main Programme 13 June

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

Opening and Networking Dinner

19.00

Welcome by

- Siv Henriette Jacobsen, Østfold County Council, Deputy County Mayor
- Kerstin Brunnström, President of the North Sea Commission
- Christian Byrith, Head of the North Sea Region Programme

North Sea Region Video Awards - presentation of winner and runner up by Kate Clarke, Norwegian National Contact Point and Senior Advisor at the Department for Regional Development of Hordaland County and Andreas Lervik, Vice President of the North Sea Commission



Main Programme 14 June

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

Setting the course for the future

09.00 – 12.00 **What is the status of the current course in the North Sea Region?**
Moderation: Magnus Engelbretsson, Executive Secretary of the North Sea Commission

Interventions and discussion round on the status quo and the future of the North Sea Region from:

- Kerstin Brunnström, President of the North Sea Commission
- Gregg Jones, Director of Finance and EU Programmes, Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions
- Ole Jakob Ottestad, President of the Norwegian SME, IPCO AS
- Christian Byrith, Head of Secretariat of the Interreg North Sea Region Programme

Coffee, Tea and Networking

How connected are we as a Region?

Moderation: Carsten Westerholt, Deputy Head of Secretariat, Interreg North Sea Region Programme

Interventions from speakers and interactive questions with the audience

Interventions from:

- Ton IJlstra, Senior policy official, Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature Conservation and Food Safety
- Sture Portvik, Manager Electro mobility. Agency for Urban Environment, City of Oslo, North Sea Region Programme project SEEV4-City

Introduction to the afternoons workshops sessions

12.00 – 13.00 **Networking Lunch**



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13.00 – 16.15 **Shaping the North Sea Region's course for the future**
Moderation: Sarah Holsen, Project Advisor, Interreg North Sea Region Programme

Interventions from:

- John Lamb, Vice President of the North Sea Commission
- Katharina Erdmenger, Head of Unit/Deputy Director, European Spatial Development Policy, Territorial Cohesion, German Federal Ministry of the Interior
- Pierre-Emmanuel Leclerc, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

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

Workshop sessions on:

- 1) Responding to climate change (in the room Blå Grotte)
- 2) Clean and efficient transport (in rooms 217+218)
- 3) Attractive Communities (in the room Diamant)
- 4) Maritime space (in room 219)

Coffee, Tea and Networking (in workshop rooms)

16:15 – 17.15 **Feedback from the workshops & panel debate about next steps**
John Lamb, Katharina Erdmenger, Pierre-Emmanuel Leclerc, Kerstin Brunnström, Christian Byrith

After-conference mingling

17.30 – 22.00 **Snacks & Networking**