



CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Morning sessions 11.00 – 12.30

1 Climate Governance

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Climate Governance covers mitigation and adaptation to climate change which are key priorities and allocations in the current North Sea Strategy and North Sea Region Programme.

EU policies and budgets are expected to prioritise climate issues even stronger during the next 10 years. Implementing measures requires intensive interactions between national, regional and local authorities, businesses, stakeholders and civic society organisations. Key words are multi-level governance, stakeholder involvement, acceptance and ownership.

The workshop will discuss climate governance in the context of the next North Commission Strategies and North Sea Region Programme to be developed for the next term.

2 Climate Adaptation

@Hedvigsholmen

Heavy rainfall, sea level rise, hot and dry summers – these are only some examples of climate change impacts we face in the North Sea Region.

We would like to invite you to our interactive WORK-shop in which different systems (cities, rivers etc.) affected by climate change will be considered. The aim is to come up with best practices and challenges in each system.

And even more importantly: We will seek to combine measures in different systems to benefit from their synergy. Where do you see smart solutions to make our North Sea Region more climate resilient?

Come 'n play and make our region OK!



3 Decarbonising Transport

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The European Environment Agency has reported that transport emissions are rising steadily in Europe. The North Sea Commission and the Interreg North Sea Region Programme support efforts to reduce CO₂ emissions in this sector. This workshop will focus on what is currently being done in the region to combat increases in greenhouse gas emissions that stem from passenger and freight transport in the region and explore other feasible solutions.

The first part of the workshop will consist of short presentations on:

- decarbonisation of the transport sector in Gothenburg and Västra Götaland, focusing on the heavier segments
- development of alternative fuels in public transport in the North Sea Region
- how automated road transport could contribute to a CO₂-neutral transport sector.

We will then break into small groups to discuss:

- whether the region has the infrastructure and technology to implement reduced CO₂ emission transport solutions
- how to overcome the barriers to implementing potential solutions
- how to best work together to make the solutions a reality.

We expect a lively and engaging interactive session. Please join us!

Afternoon sessions 14.30 – 16.15

4 Climate and Blue Growth

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The North Sea Region has started to unlock the potential of its blue economy. Blue growth is the EU's strategy to support economic growth in the marine and maritime sectors to increase jobs, welfare and competitiveness.

At the same time, it has to potential to contribute to the protection of the marine environment and ecologically sustainable development. Against this background, this interactive workshop will discuss the opportunities that Blue Growth offers in regard to climate change adaptation and mitigation.

How can Blue Growth business models contribute to addressing the causes and the consequences of climate change? How can we align Blue Growth and environmental protection? And what steps do we need to take to address the most pressing challenges?



5 Renewable and Sustainable Energy

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The North Sea Region is a world leader in renewable energy technologies and green industry and should also consolidate this position for the future.

The workshop is focusing on energy use and generation, energy investments and how to convert energy production as far as possible to use renewable sources. Against this background, this interactive workshop will discuss the opportunities that renewable and sustainable energy offers in regard to climate change adaptation and mitigation.

How can different energy business models contribute to addressing the causes and the consequences of climate change? How can we enhance and foster business models and investments of climate change in relation to renewable and sustainable energy for the future? And what steps do we need to take to address the most pressing challenges?

6 Climate Smart Food Production

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Food production both contributes to climate change and is affected by climate change. The North Sea Region needs to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions from agriculture and adapt its food-production system to cope with climate change.

In this workshop, you will meet a number of projects ready to present their results in the fields of carbon sequestration, energy savings in greenhouse production, saline farming, sea-based food production and regional food supply chains and hear about the political framework for smart local food production in Sweden.

Our discussions will take us around the best practices that can be found in the region, the challenges ahead and the potential solutions that are starting to emerge in a fun but focused interactive way.