



# WORKSHOP CONCEPT

## Joint Annual Conference & General Assembly 2013 A Better Place to Live

11-13 June 2013, Tylosand, Sweden

### AC 13 WORKSHOPS

#### Background

A key element of the Annual Conferences of the North Sea Region Programme (NSRP) has always been the workshops (WS) held during the event.

Based on the exceptionally positive feedback (on the WS) from the 2012 event and previous experiences, it has been decided to build on the 2012 concept for the workshops, with minor changes to keep it fresh and relevant, i.e. a number of sessions of 20 minutes in which projects and stakeholders present key areas and issues of interest in a short and concise format.

#### Topic orientation – draft regulation priorities and future perspectives

By mid 2013 there will be a level of clarification on many levels as far as the new 2014-2020 Programme is concerned, and this should be reflected in the conference content when possible and relevant.

The topical orientation for the individual workshop sessions will not be steered or directed in detail, but should use the draft regulations from the European Commission as a baseline and take relevant issues into consideration. Future perspectives for the region, projects and the Programme should also be considered.

#### Your contribution – 20 minute sessions

We would at this time like to invite projects and stakeholders to contribute to the workshops, by submitting a proposal for a workshop session of 20 minutes.

The workshops will be set up around a number of presentations in each room, with a mix of presenters and topics in the different rooms to encourage participants to move around and change rooms according to interest and topics discussed.

There will be 4-5 different workshop rooms and a number of sessions on different topics in each of the rooms. The workshops will not have a specific topic or thematic orientation, since this would discourage the interaction and participants changing rooms between sessions.

At this stage the invitation will be quite broad and open, asking you: what would you like to talk about under the umbrella of the conference, taking the priorities of the draft regulations and future perspectives into consideration? The topic should also reflect your project or organisation and key issue of relevance.

The content orientation and level of detail would largely be up to you, given technical and time constraints. In terms of the format for the presentation itself, there will be a specific format which presenters will have to follow, in order to meet the tight time lines.

The concept as presented in this paper will make it necessary for the presentations to be quite short, to the point and action oriented. The workshop briefing paper will provide more details about the workshop practicalities.

## **NEXT STEPS**

We would like to ask you to reply to us with your interest to participate, including contact details and a short outline of the orientation of the presentation. **Please reply by filling out the attached form no later than 8 April.**

Once the replies have been collected, we will assess and structure the different proposals according to themes and topics. Each presenter will then be given a 20 minute time slot to deliver a short presentation, post a question to the floor or make a statement to discuss around.

The idea is that each of the workshops in the end present a variety of different approaches and types of input, to make the workshops as interactive and dynamic as possible. It is anticipated that there will be around 30-40 sessions in total, spread over four to five workshops.

## **Submit your proposal**

Submit your proposal as described above to Henrik Josephson: **[henrik.josephson@northsearegion.eu](mailto:henrik.josephson@northsearegion.eu)**

## **Relevant dates**

Mid February – Concept paper sent out

8 April – Deadline to submit reply with expression of interest to present at AC 2013

End April – Assessment and structure of workshops finalised and projects notified of outcome

May – Presentations submitted to Secretariat