



Call for Papers for the Annual Conference 2009

Call for Papers Sustainable Innovation for the North Sea Region

Aim and scope

We welcome submissions addressing the North Sea Region Programme Annual Conference theme:

Sustainable Innovation for the North Sea Region.

The EU policy framework on innovation highlights innovation to be an essential component to increase the competitiveness of regional economies in Europe with the ultimate goal to maintain our welfare and quality of life.

The conference will highlight the strong social and environmental dimension that innovation incorporates and the role transnational cooperation can play in this context. The overall conference theme emphasises that innovation is not just to be deployed to enhance economic performance. Innovation policy is placed in the context of the overall strategic policy agenda of the EU, particularly the renewed Sustainable Development Strategy of the EU (SDS) and the Lisbon Agenda.

For this purpose, a panel of high-level scientists, project managers, research scientists, practitioners and multipliers will be invited to present their most recent findings and ideas and to participate in workshop discussions. The conference will provide a unique international forum to facilitate the exchange of cutting-edge information through multi-disciplinary presentations. The successful papers will take transnational cooperation into consideration and link to one of the 4 Programme priorities and eventually to one of the areas of intervention in each of the priorities.

The presentations of the papers will be held in a workshop during the Annual Conference. There will be different workshops, one for each of the priorities, with a final discussion round at the end.

Presentations at the conference may use power-point slides.

On-line registration for submission of contributions for 'Sustainable Innovation for the North Sea Region' 2009 is now open. The deadline for abstract proposals is **1st of April 2009**.

Contributing to Sustainable Innovation for the North Sea Region in 2025

The North Sea Region Programme (NSRP) is designed to practically implement the EU policy goals in a transnational setting. The Programme builds on the key aspects of the Lisbon and Gothenburg Agenda – competitiveness through innovation and sustainability.

The continuing challenge is to reinforce the attractiveness by increasing the competitiveness. Sustainable innovation needs strong cooperation between different sectors. Transnational cooperation offers the opportunity to innovate in a territorial-based approach and to involve economic, environmental and social elements in order to ensure sustainable innovation.

We invite you to share your views on what the North Sea Region Programme could do to contribute to the long-term innovation strategies for the region. The aim is to advance projects that contribute to the North Sea Region combating climate change, ensuring sustainable transport, addressing demographic and social inclusion issues and managing natural resources more responsibly for the future. We are also specifically seeking suggestions on how to revise the concept of sustainable innovation to make it more effective.

Guidelines for submission:

- Abstracts should be a maximum of 5000 characters (standard font, size 12, double space). After the abstract has been approved by the Programme, the full paper should be a maximum of 10 pages including references.
- Submissions should include:
 - A separate title page, which clearly states full contact details, i.e. the name(s) of the presenting author(s) and the co-author(s), affiliation(s), complete mailing address, telephone / fax numbers and e-mail address(es) and the title of the paper;
 - The successful papers will take transnational cooperation into consideration and link to one of the 4 Programme priorities and eventually to one of the areas of intervention in each of the priorities or to the general theme 'regional development through transnational cooperation'. Please tick the relevant tick box in the enclosed Call for Papers Submission Form.

Important dates:

Submission of contributions (abstracts): April 1st, 2009.

Notification of acceptance: May 2009.

Final manuscripts (full papers) required: After the Annual Conference – July 10th, 2009.

For further information, please visit:

<http://www.northsearegion.eu>

Please, send your proposal either by mail or in electronic form to:

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About the Interreg IVB North Sea Region:

The North Sea Region Programme 2007-2013 works with regional development projects around the North Sea. Promoting transnational cooperation, the Programme aims to make the region a better place to live, work and invest in.

Enclosure: Call for Papers Submission Form