



PROJECT AND PARTNER SESSION - INVITATION

The North Sea Conference 2014

25-27 June 2014, Aberdeen, Scotland / UK

AC 14 SESSIONS

Background

The interactive sessions 14:00-16:00 on day 2 (26 June) of the North Sea Conference will have a focus on discussing potential (new) projects ideas for the 2014-2020 NSR Programme.

The 20 minute sessions will be run by partners and stakeholders with an interest to initiate or further develop an ideas for projects. The sessions should be thought of as project idea fora, partner search and networking arenas all in one. To further provide networking opportunities, there will be an 'open café' after the sessions on day 2, before the closing plenary.

Topic orientation – Project ideas and future projects

The focus should be on project ideas and projects for the future, taking relevant Commission regulations and the draft Operational Programme (OP) (not yet published) of the NSRP 2014-2020 into account.

The sessions could be used for a wide range of purposes related to developing new ideas and projects, and could be used by stakeholders as a platform to brainstorm new ideas, create a short partner search session, discuss potential partnerships, etc.

As long as the topical orientation has a clear focus towards the 2014-2020 programming period, there are few limitations for the sessions.

Your contribution – 20 minute sessions

We would at this time like to invite stakeholders to contribute to the sessions, by submitting a proposal for an interactive session of 20 minutes.

The sessions 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 5-7 rooms and a number of sessions on different topics in each of the rooms.

At this stage the invitation will be quite broad and open, asking you: what would you like to talk about related to the North Sea Region Programme, the North Sea Commission and the North Sea 2014-2020?

There should be a clear connection to the priorities of the draft OP of the NSR Programme and potential projects for the future.

The concept as presented in this paper will make it necessary for the presentations to be quite short, to the point and action oriented. Innovative and action oriented presentations and sessions are strongly encouraged!

The sessions briefing paper will provide more details about the workshop practicalities – this will be sent out once all the ideas have been collected.

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 5 May.**

Once the replies have been collected, we will assess and structure the different proposals. Each presenter / team will then be given a 20 minute time slot to deliver a session.

Submit your proposal

Submit your proposal as described above to Henrik Josephson: henrik.josephson@northsearegion.eu

Relevant dates

4 April – Concept paper sent out and published online

5 May – Deadline to submit reply with expression of interest to present at the conference 2014

Mid May – Assessment and structure of workshops finalised and projects notified of outcome

Early June – Presentations submitted to Secretariat