

Main aims of the conference are to:

- **stimulate** countries and regions to participate in building the European Research and Innovation Area
- **exchange** experiences and best practices on the role of territorial entities and their contribution to the European Research and Innovation Area
- **mobilise** actors to prepare for the 7th Community RTD and the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework programmes.

Profiling

- The International Polar Year 2007-8 (IPY) is an international initiative through which research in the Arctic and Antarctic aims to gather new knowledge about the polar processes and their interaction with the global environment.
- The 7th Framework Programme (FP7) and the Competitiveness and Innovation programme which is the EU's chief instrument for funding scientific research and technological development over the period 2007 to 2013. FP7 is an important element in realising the Lisbon agenda for growth and competitiveness.



Full conference programme at the conference website:
www.n-iri.org

General information

Conference fee

Conference fee for open registration is
DKK 2,500.00/€ 330.

Registration for specific events is possible.

Language

The language of the conference is English
with no interpretation.

Location

The Event will be held in the centre of Copenhagen
at the hotel Scandic Copenhagen.

Further information

Further information on the conference website:
www.n-iri.org

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Investing in Research and Innovation

Exchanging European Experiences in a Nordic Content
Conference in Copenhagen 16–18 October 2006



Among the key speakers are Mr. Janez Potočnik, Commissioner for Science & Research, European Commission and Ms. Danuta Hübner, Commissioner for Regional Policy, European Commission.

Investing in research and innovation should be good medicine when facing the challenges of the aging work force and globalisation – but what are the key issues to be addressed to make investments work?

How can we move on with big initiatives to coordinate national and regional research and innovation efforts and where coordinated actions increase the chances for success?

Which good practices exist when it comes to cooperation and integration between research programmes in the creation of ERA-nets, and when establishing innovative technology platforms on key areas as e.g. energy? How can the future European 7th Framework Programme for Research be used as a catalyst for breakthrough activities?

How can we strengthen the chances for commercial success and how do we succeed in incubation and financing? How can a dynamic labour market for researchers stimulate effective research and innovation? What are the good Nordic experiences? And what are other good experiences that promote regional growth?

This is why Norden in cooperation with the European Commission has decided to organise this conference.

The initiative is inspired by the European partnership for growth and new and better jobs while focusing on research and innovation for growth.

The Baltic Sea Initiative will as a part of the event organise a seminar to promote creativity and knowledge based growth in the Baltic Sea Region. This event furthermore provides an excellent possibility for networking.

Main themes:

- Strategic aspects of integrating the European Research and Innovation Area
- Human potential – Researchers' careers and mobility
- Innovation, investments and commercialising
- Research and Innovation for regional growth – bringing regions faster into the knowledge economy



Draft programme for the conference

Day 1 – Monday 16 October 2006

14:30–17:30 Pre conference workshop: Opening up Nordic national research programmes

18:30 Welcome Reception and Networking
Copenhagen Town Hall. Welcome speech (tbi)

Day 2 – Tuesday 17 October

9:00–12:00 The Baltic Sea initiative 2010

Key note: Ms. Danuta Hübner, European Commissioner for Regional Policy. Chair: Mr. Per Unckel, General Secretary, Nordic Council of Ministers

12:00 Lunch

13:00 Investing in Research and Innovation

Key note: Mr. Øystein Djupedal, Minister of Education and Research, Norway, Presidency of the Nordic Council of Ministers (NCM)

Key Note: Mr. Janez Potočnik, Commissioner for Science & Research, European Commission

Intervention: Ms. Danuta Hübner, Commissioner for Regional Policy, European Commission

13:45–15:30 Plenary session

Theme: *Strategic aspects of coordination and integration in the European Research and Innovation Area*

16:00–18:00 Parallel sessions

Session 1: Innovation – the role of trans-national cooperation for incubation and finance

Session 2: A European open and transparent labour market for researchers: instruments to enhance the innovation process

18:00–18:30 Plenary, feedback from sub-sessions followed by general discussion

20:00 Dinner

Day 3 – Wednesday 18 October

9:00–10:00 Plenary session

Theme: *Research and Innovation for regional growth – bringing regions faster into the knowledge economy*

10:30–12:30 Panel session

13:30 Closing of the conference

Lunch