

## **Announcement**

### **Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013 Opening Conference**

The Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg and the Joint Secretariat have the pleasure to announce the Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013 Opening Conference. We would be happy to meet you in Hamburg on 10-11 May 2007. Please mark these dates in your calendar!

The conference will offer you the chance to learn about the opportunities in the coming programme and discuss how projects will address four new themes: fostering of innovations, accessibility, Baltic Sea as common resource and improving competitiveness of cities and regions. The event will build upon experiences and results achieved through transnational cooperation in Baltic Sea INTERREG III B programme, which will come to a close at the end of 2008.

The conference will run in the framework of the German EU Council Presidency and the "European days" organised by Hamburg. More than 400 participants from running projects, programme stakeholders, pan-Baltic organisations, potential partners, the European Commission and the European Presidency will get together for a series of informative workshops and presentations from projects.

You will receive a formal invitation at the end of February. We look forward to seeing you there!

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in co-operation with

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Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013

Baltic Sea Region Programme 2007-2013 will support transnational projects working together for balanced and sustainable development of the European territory. The projects will foster innovations, improve accessibility of the region, build on Baltic Sea as common resource and improve competitiveness of cities and regions. The programme will run under European Territorial Co-operation Objective and will be part-financed by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) and Kingdom of Norway