

INVITATION



CREATIVE WORKSHOP IN BRUSSELS JANUARY 26TH, 2010

The Swedish municipality of Sandviken is in many ways an energetic and innovative municipality. New approaches are used in everything from caring for the elderly and employment, to education and recycling/energy. As a part of the European Union they would like to find new forms for developing the ideas and projects they have today into an international setting. Therefore, Sandviken invites you to a workshop with the expressed purpose of finding and developing new contacts and initiate co-operation projects for the next few years. We have confirmed participants from Finland, Estonia, Croatia and Serbia but we would also like to welcome participants from other parts of the EU.

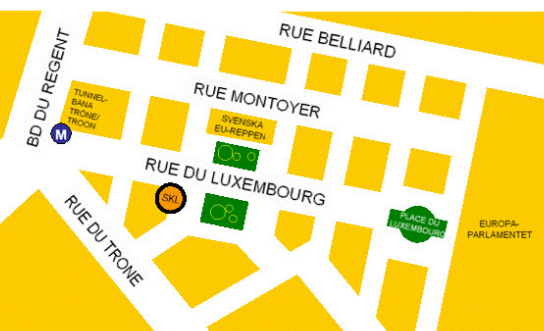
We are looking forward to meet you in Brussels for a day filled with possibilities for future co-operation!

When:

January 26th, 9.30

Where:

House of European Municipalities and Regions, Square de Meeûs 1, 1st floor, Brussels



PROGRAMME

9.00-9.30

Registration and coffee

9.30-10.00

Welcoming address and introduction.

Anders Lundell and Lena Lagestam.

Brief presentation of the participants

10.00-10.15

EU priorities for 2010

Ted Bergman, Acting Director, Central Sweden Brussels Office

10.15-10.30

Gävleborg Regional Development Council vision for international co-operation. *Jaana Kurvinen, PhD in Economy*

10.30-11.00

“To think outside the box”

Jacki Davis, Senior Adviser to the European Policy Centre

11.00-11.15

Coffee break

11.15-12.30

Creative workshop

The participants are divided into three working groups, Caring for the elderly, Employment and Recycling/Energy. Each participant or group has 5-10 minutes to present their organization/region or their project within their respective group.



Ted Bergman, Central Sweden



Jaana Kurvinen, Region Gävleborg



Jacki Davis, Senior Adviser to the European Policy Centre

12.30-13.30

LUNCH

13.30-15.00

Group discussions. Continuation from morning's work.

15.00-16.00

Conclusion of the day

16.00 -

Afternoon tea

The workshop has ended but Sandviken would like to invite all participants to an informal afternoon tea.

Each participant is kindly requested to prepare a 5 minute presentation of their organization's challenges and competences.

Please register no later than January 22nd to anders.lundell@sandviken.se. Indicate which workshop group you are interested in. (Caring for the elderly, Employment or Recycling/Energy)

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