

# Commissioner for regional policy Danuta Hübner's visit to Northern Norway 27 – 30 June 2007

## Thursday 28 June 2007

- 09.00 am – 10.00 am      **A modern policy for Europe's regions**
- *Commissioner Danuta Hübner*
- Location: Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, Akersgaten 59, Auditorium R5
- Seminar hosted by The Delegation of the European Commission to Norway and Iceland
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- 11.50 am – 13.35 pm      Flight to Tromsø  
Transport by bus from the airport to Arktika
- 14.15 pm – 15.00 pm      **Lunch**  
Location: Arktika
- 15.15 pm – 18.15 pm      **Regional development in Northern Norway**  
Location: Arktika
- 15.15 pm – 15.25 pm      Northern atmospheres, Northern possibilities
- *Tove Karoline Knutsen, Member of the Storting and artist*
- 15.25 pm – 16.35 pm      Session 1: Research, development and innovation
- *Minister Åslaug Haga*
  - *Commissioner Danuta Hübner*
  - *Presentation by Jarle Aarbakke, Rector, the University of Tromsø*

- *Presentation by Steinar Pedersen, Head of Department, Norwegian Centre for Telemedicine*
- *Comments from the audience*

16.35 pm – 16.55 pm

**Coffee break**

16.55 pm – 17.45 pm

Session 2: Economic developments - Petroleum activity in Northern Norway and sustainable development

- *Liv Monica Bargem Stubholt, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs*
- *Presentation by Hans M. Gjennestad, Vice President Barents Strategy, Statoil*
- *Presentation by Bjørn Fosli Johansen, Head of department, Environmental management and mapping department, Norwegian Polar Institute<sup>1</sup>*
- *Comments from the audience*

17.45 pm – 18.15 pm

Session 3: Indigenous people in a global setting - Introduction to the Norwegian Sami

- *Presentation by Aili Keskitalo, President of the Sami Parliament*
- *Comments from the audience*

Press will be invited

Participants: European Commission, The Delegation of the European Commission to Norway and Iceland, Members of the Government, University of Tromsø and other relevant research institutions, The Polar Institute and other relevant institutions, Innovation Norway, SIVA, representatives from the petroleum industry, representatives from the business community in Tromsø, the county municipalities in Northern Norway, the Sami Parliament, the municipality of Tromsø etc. Approx. 50 participants

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<sup>1</sup> The Polar Institute is Norway's central institution for research, environmental monitoring and mapping of the Polar Regions.

18.45 pm – 22.00 pm	<p>Transport by bus to the harbour</p> <p><b>Dinner</b></p> <p>Location: Boat Trip along the coast with M/S Caroline Mathilde</p> <p>Warm clothes and shoes are recommended</p> <p>Press will be invited</p> <p><u>Participants:</u> European Commission, The Delegation of the European Commission to Norway and Iceland, Members of the Government, Innovation Norway, SIVA, municipality of Tromsø, county municipality of Troms, The Executive Committee for Northern Norway, Eastern Norway County Network, Regional Council for Western Norway etc. Approx. 35 participants</p>
23.45 pm	<p><b>The Coastal steamer (Hurtigruten) arrives in Tromsø</b></p> <p>Boarding from approx. 00.00 am</p> <p>Hurtigruten leaves at 01.30 am</p>
<b>Friday 29 June 2007</b>	<b>On the Coastal steamer</b>
From 08.00 am	<b>Breakfast</b>
09.00 am – 10.45 am	<b>European territorial co-operation</b> Location: Stadt
09.00 am – 09.20 am	<u>European Territorial Co-operation</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Inge Bartnes, State Secretary, Ministry of Local Governance and Regional Development</i></li> <li>• <i>Commissioner Danuta Hübner</i></li> </ul>
09.20 am – 10.15 am	<u>Presentation of Interreg projects:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Northern Maritime Corridor and Safety at Sea Presentation by Gunnar Eiterjord, Rogaland, Head of the Transport Department, the County Municipality of Rogaland and Lidvard Måseide, Head of the R&amp;D Department, Norwegian Coastal Administration</i></li> </ul>

- FEM - women's entrepreneurship and micro credit

*Presentation by Ingeborg Knevelsrud, adviser, District Office of Oslo and Akershus, Innovation Norway*

*Discussion*

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10.15 am – 10.45 am

**Coffee break**

10.45 am

The Coastal Steamer arrives in Risøyhamn. Minister Åslaug Haga disembarks the Coastal Steamer for 15 minutes. This section will be in Norwegian. Commissioner Danuta Hübner is welcome to participate.

**NB! Remember to bring your boarding card when leaving the Coastal steamer**

10.45 am – 11.00 am

**Small communities – improving small grocery shops**

Location: the harbour of Risøyhamn

The Norwegian Government has special measures for small communities struggling with declining populations, such as the programme MERKUR<sup>2</sup>. In Risøyhamn Minister Haga announces the Government's support of a project in the municipality of Andøy which aims at strengthening the services provided by small grocery shops in the area.

Press will be invited

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<sup>2</sup> MERKUR: Mercantile Competence Building Programme for Rural Detailers

Participants: European Commission, The Delegation of the European Commission to Norway and Iceland, Members of the Government

11.00 am Commissioner Danuta Hübner, Minister Åslaug Haga and State Secretary Liv-Monica Bargem Stubholt attend the seminar organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (see separate agenda attached)

11.00 am – 11.45 am **Regional development and capacity building at local level – perspectives from the Commission, Poland and Norway**  
Location: Folda

How to promote increased cooperation, contacts and awareness between EU-funds and the EEA Financial Mechanisms, within regional and local development, and to promote increased Polish-Norwegian cooperation.

Seminar lead by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Participants: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development, Polish Ministry of Regional Development, DG Regio, DG Employment, Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities, Association of Polish Cities. Approx. 15 participants

11.45 am – 12.30 pm **Future developments – shared challenges Discussion – closed session**  
Location: Vestfjord

- *Commissioner Danuta Hübner and Åslaug Haga*

Lunch will be served during the meeting

Parallel lunch for the rest of the group

12.30 pm – 14.55 pm **How to succeed in business in Vesterålen**  
Arrival in Sortland 12.30 pm. The Coastal Steamer continues to Stokmarknes. Transport by bus to

Stokmarknes. Reidar Johnsen, mayor in the municipality of Hadsel, will guide us on the bus. Visit to local enterprise, Nordlaks<sup>3</sup>, including light snack. Departure from Stokmarknes on the Coastal Steamer at 15.15 pm

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14.55 Transport to the Coastal Steamer

15.15 pm – 16.15 pm **Women entrepreneurs**  
Location: Vestfjord

Two women entrepreneurs, Grethe Stave, Reis og Ryk, and Anniken Fagerli, Nordnorsk klatreskole, tell about their experiences. Closed session

Press will be invited

Participants: Commissioner Danuta Hübner, Minister Åslaug Haga, Gunn Ovesen, Grethe Stave, Anniken Fagerli, press. Approx. 10 participants

16.30 pm – 17.30 pm **No programme**  
The Coastal Steamer passes the spectacular Trollfjorden

17.30 pm – 18.00 pm **Introduction to Lofoten**  
Regional development in Lofoten – future challenges  
Location: Stadt

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<sup>3</sup> Nordlaks is a company producing, processing and selling high quality Atlantic salmon and Rainbow trout world wide.

- *Presentation by Guri Ingebrigtsen, Head of The Regional Council of Lofoten*

Press will be invited

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18.30 pm

**Arrival in Svolvær**

Transport by bus to Galleri Espolin, Storvågan

19.00 pm – 20.00 pm

**Galleri Espolin**

Guided tour in the gallery

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20.00 pm

Transport by bus to Henningsvær



20.30 pm

**Dinner**

Location: Fiskekrogen restaurant, Henningsvær

Participants: European Commission, The Delegation of the European Commission to Norway and Iceland, Members of the Government, Innovation Norway, project participants, The Executive Committee for Northern Norway, Eastern Norway County Network, Regional Council for Western Norway, representatives from Vågan municipality in Lofoten, participants from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' seminar at Hurtigruten. Approx. 50 participants

Return to hotel Royal in Svolvær

**Saturday 30 June 2007 Return to Oslo/Brussels**