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## **First Meeting of the Baltic Sea Region Bioeconomy Council**

**1<sup>st</sup> March 2016, Copenhagen, Denmark**

### **Time and Venue:**

From 10:00 to 15:00

Nordic Council of Ministers Secretariat, Ved Stranden 18, 1061 Copenhagen, Denmark

### **Background**

The BSR Bioeconomy Council is an informal platform for policy and strategy dialogue between key bioeconomy actors in the Baltic Sea Region. Members have been invited from the ten countries involved in the European Union Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR) as well as Iceland.

The BSR Bioeconomy Council has the potential to benefit its members in multiple ways:

- Sharing information on development and implementation of bioeconomy policies and strategies in the 10 countries, from the local and national level to the macro-regional and international level.
- Contributing to the successful implementation of the EU BSR Strategy on Bioeconomy.
- Identifying the key drivers, enablers and bottlenecks for accelerating the transition towards the bioeconomy in the Baltic Sea Region.
- Receive inspiration from experts and entrepreneurs presenting their bioeconomy applications and solutions and enter dialogue with practitioners on how better policies may correct current inefficiencies.
- Network with peers for learning and identifying opportunities for further cooperation.

For additional information on background and objectives please refer to the attached document on the BSR Bioeconomy Council.

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## Agenda

Moderator: *Niels Gøtke*, Head of Division, Danish Agency for Sciences, Technology and Innovation and a member of the European Bioeconomy Panel.

- 10:00 Introduction by the Nordic Council of Ministers and an overview of NCMs bioeconomy activities.
- 10:30 Short reports from Members on status of the Bioeconomy in the Baltic Sea Region (A short catalogue including main policies and references in the countries will be prepared and distributed to members ahead of the meeting).
- 12:00 Lessons learned: A facilitated dialogue focusing on the current state of policies; private sector engagement; research, technology and innovation; civil society engagement; and communication efforts and needs.
- 12:30 Lunch.
- 13:15 Henning Klarlund, Roskilde University, presents the plans for a new impact study: Which impacts and their pathways that might be most relevant for addressing and overcoming the key persistent bottlenecks for realizing the bioeconomy in the Baltic Sea Region.
- 13:40 Policy dialogue continues, including a discussion of how the Council can actually and practically support its members, thereby adding value to ongoing bioeconomy efforts at local, regional, national, macro-regional and global level.
- 14:45 Next meeting and future work of the panel.
- 15:00 End of meeting

## Practicalities

*Travel costs:* We assume that most of you have an opportunity to cover your travel costs through your own systems. For those members of the panel which have a problem in doing so we have allocated a limited number of travel grants. Please let us know as soon as possible if you want to take advantage of that offer.

*Travel from the airport:* The most convenient way to travel from the airport is to take the metro to "Kongens Nytorv", which is a 5 min. walk from the meeting venue. Below is a map with the meeting location.

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