



YOUTH HAS A VOICE!

Conference of youth parliaments around the North Sea 21-22 March 2019 in Sandnes, Norway

INVITATION, PRACTICAL INFO AND PROGRAM

Youth has a right to speak and to be listened to in political issues. The North Sea Commission would like to know how youth participation can be organised within the co-operation between coastal regions in the North Sea, and how youth views can be voiced at the meetings of the decision-making bodies of the North Sea Commission like the Annual Business Meeting, the meetings of the Executive Committee and at the meetings of the four thematic groups.

At the conference, which is hosted by the youth parliament of Rogaland County Council, these issues will be discussed and there will be presentations from them and from other transnational organisations that already have organised youth forums.

The conference is hosted by Rogaland County Youth Council's chairman Sander Olsen

PRACTICAL INFO

The conference will take place in Sandnes, a city in the county of Rogaland, close to Stavanger airport. The conference will be in the Quality Residence Hotel opposite the bus and railway stations of Sandnes, and rooms have also been reserved at the hotel for accommodation.

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS

We invite two delegates from youth parliaments (or other youth representative if no such parliament exists) in each member region of the North Sea Commission, accompanied by one adult person if required.

COSTS

Each delegate will have to cover travel and accommodation costs, the host will offer meals (two lunches and one dinner, breakfast is included in the hotel's room rate).

HOTEL

Quality Hotel Residence, Sandnes,

<https://www.nordicchoicehotels.no/.../sandnes/quality-hotel-residence>

Booking request to q.residence@choice.no

Please refer to **booking code 004355 Rogaland County Council**

REGISTRATION FORM

To register your participation please fill in the form in the link below:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=H75sAsQBmEalZi_EPr7HMYiBj92wHxNOuz_4Qk_jJu5URDRPNTBFS00yNTdDRUK3MkIDMjdTOVhNVy4u

Deadline for registration is March 15.

PROGRAM

21 March

12.30 Lunch at the hotel

13.15 Welcome by Solveig Ege Tengesdal, County Mayor and Sander Olsen, County Youth Mayor

13.25 Icebreaker

13.30 Introduction by Kerstin Brunnström, President of the North Sea Commission (NSC)

13.45 Coffee/tea break

14.00 BSSSC (Baltic Sea States Subregional Co-operation) and YRN (Youth Regional Network) share experiences of their involvement in international organizations

15.00 Coffee/tea and tapas break

15.30 Short presentations from all regions represented about their model for youth involvement and participation

16.30 Workshop; discussion on which strategies should be prioritized in the coming period for NSC

17.30 The end of day one

19.00 Dinner at Jåttå Upper Secondary Vocational School with musical entertainment by students from Vågen Upper Secondary school.

22 March

10.00 Welcome by Sander Olsen/Christiane Bowitz, Rogaland County Youth Council

10.20 Information on how youth can participate in and influence the development of the cooperation between the regions in the NSC, the priorities of the NSC in relation to the EU, the EEA and the cooperation between the member regions.

11.00 Coffee/tea and snacks

11.30 Workshop; group discussions on the following questions:

1. Discuss models for youth participation. How does it work now, what can be done better?

2. Discuss how the NSC can increase youth participation.

3. Discuss the NSC's draft for the priorities for the next period 2021 – 2027, where youth participation is regarded as a stakeholder-group.

13.00 Lunch

13.40 Presentations of the result of the workshop.

14.30 The end of day two