

BASAN FINAL CONFERENCE SECURING DYNAMIC RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE BALTIC SEA REGION

Preliminary PROGRAMME

**Chairman: Niels Anker Kofoed, Former Danish Minister of
Agriculture and member of the European Parliament**

Day 1. Setting the scene

Welcome

- a. 10.00 – 10.30:
Niels Anker Kofoed. Former MEP and Minister of Agriculture

The Baltic Sea Region – needs for changes

1. 10.30-11.00:
Challenges for Latvian Agro-industry and Rural Areas in the Context of EU: *Aivars Lapins*, deputy State secretary of Latvian Ministry of Agriculture
2. 11.00-11.30:
Innovation policy for SME's in Latvia: Director *Janis Stabulnieks*, Latvia
3. 11.30-12.00:
Mr. Thor Gunnar Kofoed. Member of Danish Parliament
4. 12.00-12.30:
The Baltic Sea Agro-industrial Network – Basan, Outcome of the network activities.
Research Director *Finn Rexen*, Bioraf Denmark Foundation.
5. **12.30-13.30 Lunch**
6. 13.30-14.00 :
Agriculture based Innovations and Entrepreneurship in Rural Areas: Professor *Pirjo Siiskonen*, University of Helsinki
7. 14.00-14.30:
Activating the chances for agriculture: Examples of successful co-operation strategies: Dr. *Rainer Langosch* and professor Dr. *Birger Kropshofer*, Criterion Consultants, Hamburg.
8. 14.30 –15.00:
Die Stellung der Landwirtschaft bei der Non-Food Produktion und Verarbeitung in Mecklenburg–Vorpommern. (Situation of Agriculture in regard to non-food Production and Processing in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. Professor Dr. *Ch. Gienap*, Landesforschungsanstalt für Landwirtschaft, Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania.
9. **15.00-15.30 Coffee break**

Regional Success Stories

1. 15.30-16.00:
Pures Cehs, marmalades and ingredients for the food industry. A Latvian success story: *Zimants/Gundega Lapina*
2. 16.00-16.30.
Stropoli, Straw boards for house construction, *Ralf Groepper, Germany*
3. 16.30-17.00:
“Zostera Dämmstoffe” Sea-grass from the Baltic Sea coasts – a natural product for insulation: *Bernd Anders*

Excursion to Bioraf Denmark Foundation, exhibition of regional products.

20.00: Dinner at hotel Romantik

Day 2. Recommendations for future actions

New Business opportunities for the Baltic Sea area

- a. 08.30-09.30: Food products
 1. Trends in the food sector. Functional foods, food ingredients, the virtual Vita Wheat company
Director Finn Holm, Food-group, Denmark
 2. Raw materials for functional foods and cosmetics from fish processing
Industries: *Dr.M. Betz, Germany*
- b. 09.30-10.00: Biofuels.
Liquid and solid: Perspectives for the Baltic Sea region: *Rolf Olsson, SLU, Sweden*
- c. **10.00.-10.15: Coffee break**
- d. 10.15-10.45: Non-food products based on agricultural raw-materials – future potentials. Pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, paints and varnishes, fine chemicals, fibre products, paper and board etc.
Head of division Melvyn Askew, CSL, UK

Initiating and Securing dynamic rural development in the Baltic Sea region

1. 10.45-11.15 Introduction
Karl Erik Olsson, member of European Parliament
2. 11.15-12.15. Importance of local incentives and constraints.
 - Access to knowledge and training, local research centres and universities.
 - Access to international, national and regional funding
Moderator: Jörg Köhn, Germany
 - Geographic location, joint marketing of agricultural products
Moderator Michael Sturm, Germany

3. 12.45-13.15: Lunch

4. 13.15-14.15:Agro(bio) industrial and research clusters

- Utopia or part of a solution ?
Introduction and moderation: Finn Rexen, Denmark
- Micro clusters.
*Introduction and moderation:
Poul Anton Hansen. Green Centre, Denmark*
- Research clusters:
Introduction and moderation: Dr. Arion Fichte, Germany.

5. .14.15-15.15:Local biorefineries as technology locomotives
*Introduction and moderation: Aleksander Szeptycki/
Magdalena Rogulska, Poland?*

6. 15.15-15.30: End of Conference