



# NORTH SEA COMMISSION INNOVATION AND EDUCATION GROUP

## WORK PLAN 2010/2011

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### Introduction

The Innovations and Education Group (IEG) was formed in 2006 by bringing together the Economic Development and Education & Research groups.

The IEG is chaired by Councillor Ole B. Sørensen from Region North Denmark.

Vice Chair: Councillor Kate Dean from Aberdeen City Council.

Vice-chair: Councillor Ellen Marie Solheim from Rogaland County Council, Norway

Mr Erik Lindboe, from Rogaland County Council in Norway is the advisor of the group.

We have developed a Mission Statement:

**“Through engagement with our members we look to develop innovative economic activity and R & D within the North Sea region.”**

From such a mission statement we have developed a work plan which places emphasis upon several areas of interest:

- \* Linking innovation and education via a project which expresses this link.
- \* Establish a North Sea Schools Sustainability Project
- \* Establish and then maintain a model for co-operation with the Baltic Sea Commission
- \* Food

On behalf of the group,

Councillor Ole B. Sørensen

IEG Strategies	Actions	Responsibility	Timescale	Resources	Output
IEG's Strategic Group	Plan activities and actions	NSC IEG Strategic Group	Ongoing	IEG chair, vice-chairs, adviser and officers	Systematic Strategic IEG planning
IEG Members' Network	1) Send profile questionnaire to group members 2) Fact sheets	Adviser	Ongoing  To be developed in 2010	Adviser	Create a profile data-base/ Member regions Fact sheets data-base on NSC homepage
IEG meetings for all members	- 10. – 11. February 2010 in Aalesund, Norway - Buskerud county, fall 2010	IEG Strategic Group and regions	2010	Strategic Group, Adviser / local organiser	Sharing best practise, "educating" group members
Market the IEG and the North Sea Commission	Publish news-letters/ Fact sheet / press releases etc	Strategic Group/Adviser	Ongoing	Strategic Group/Adviser	Increase the knowledge of the NSC and the IEG
The North Sea Schools Sustainability Network	Project: "Talking about Food around the North Sea"  Project: "Healthy Living"	Lead partner: Invergowrie Primary School, Scotland  Lead partner: Kirkhill School, Scotland	September 2008 – June 2010  September 2009 – June 2011	IEG adviser / Partner schools	Encourage pupils and families to widen their food experience. Healthy food. Traditions. Recipes. Healthy living, physical activities.
- The North Sea Screen Partnership	Shadow this Interreg IVB program	Adviser	Started in 2009	Members of the IEG / NSC	Knowledge transfer/best practise/networking
Food	Hold a food event / conference, joint event with other thematic groups	Strategic group. Cooperation with other groups. Connect to Interreg- and school projects (?)	Discuss this further in 2010	The IEG / thematic groups / group advisers	Focus on a variety subjects on Food,+ better food safety
Knowledge transfer / Best practise	The "Scandinavian triangle model"	IEG Adviser and expertise from Telemark (Norway)	To be presented at IEG meeting 2010	IEG adviser / expertise from Telemark	Knowledge - business development schemes.
Energy / Renewable energy	1) "Build with CaRe"  2) Energy theme in IEG meetings 3) Work towards an Innovation & Energy conference, a joint event with other thematic groups and the Baltic Sea Commission	IEG Adviser / Strategic Group  Strategic Group	Ongoing  2010 – 2011  Conference in Aalborg, Denmark, in spring 2011.	IEG Strategic Group  Strategic Group	1) Shadow Interreg – project  2) – 3) Share best practice / Focus on sustainable energy issues around the North Sea
Cooperation with the other NSC Thematic Groups	Develop and encrease co-operation with the NSC thematic groups on projects, meetings, conferences etc	Strategic Group	Ongoing	IEG, NSC Secretariat and other Thematic Groups.	Identify topics of mutual interest, develop joint meetings, projects, etc.
Co-operation with the Baltic Sea Commission	Develop the contact with the BSC. Joint meetings.	Chair/Vice-chair Adviser	Ongoing	Strategic Group	Identify areas of mutual interest.
The North Sea Strategy (NSS)	Contribute to NSC's work to develop the NSS.	Strategic Group	Ongoing	Strategic Group	