



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
- * Establish a North Sea Schools Sustainability Project
- * Establish 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) Group members profile questionnaire 2) Fact sheets	Adviser	Ongoing	Adviser	Create a member profile data-base/ Fact sheets data-base on NSC homepage
North Sea 2020	Joint conference to be held in Zeeland, the Netherlands	IEG Strategic Group / the NSC thematic groups / NSC Secretariat	9 – 10 March 2011	NSC thematic groups / NSC Secretariat	Contribution to the work with North Sea 2020
IEG meetings for all members	Plan group meetings in cooperation with local organisers	IEG Strategic Group and host county	October / November 2011 in Fife, Scotland	Strategic Group, Adviser and local organiser	Sharing best practise, "educating" group members
NSC General Assembly	GA in Brugges, Belgium	NSC / North Sea programme	21 – 24 June 2011	NSC	
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
PROJECT SHADOWING - The North Sea Screen Partners - Build with CaRe - THE North Sea Schools Sustainability Network School projects:	Interreg IVB programs: www.northseascreeen.eu http://www.buildwithcare.eu/ a) "Healthy Living" b) "Connect, Create, Sustain"	Adviser Ms Julie Craik Lead partner: Kirkhill School, Scotland Lead partner: Dundee College	Started in 2009 September 2009 – June 2011 September 2009 – June 2011	IEG adviser / Partner schools / Members of the IEG / NSC	Knowledge transfer/best practise/networking Healthy food. Traditions. Recipes. Healthy living, physical activities.
Energy / Renewable energy	1) Energy theme in IEG meetings 2) Work towards an Innovation & Energy conference, a joint event with other thematic groups and the Baltic Sea Commission	Sustainable Development Group and Innovation & Education Group	1) Group meeting in October / November 2011 in Fife, Scotland 2) 2012 (?) after the North Sea 2020-event	Main responsibility: Sustainable Development Group and Innovation & Education Group	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. The BSC is invited to all IEG meetings.	IEG Strategic Group	Ongoing	IEG Adviser	Identify areas of mutual interest.