



HANSE-PARLAMENT

Hanse-Parlament e.V.
Rissener Landstraße 193
D-22559 Hamburg

HANSE NEWS

Tel.: +49 40 8224 470
Fax: +49 40 8224 4722
info@hanse-parlament.de

++++ DECEMBER 2007 +++++

NEWS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

General Meeting of the BSME Project

The last General Meeting of our BSME project took place in Vilnius from 8-10 November, 2007. Presentations and counsel on the completed project results, as well as future project results were the heart of this gathering. Within the scope of the BSME project, which ends on 31 December, 2007, all measures planned were implemented and all goals were accomplished. Moreover, a remarkable number of additional supportive measures were realized. All results are described concisely in the brochure „BSME Baltic Spatial development Measures for Enterprises“ in German, English, Polish and Russian. Please contact the secretariat if you need additional copies of the brochure for your own work or to provide to others who are interested.



Executive Committee of the Hanseatic Parliament

The Executive Committee was unanimously elected to the second term from 1 January, 2008 to 31 December, 2010 at the Members' Meeting of the Hanseatic Parliament in Vilnius on 8 December, 2007: Chairman: Dr. Jürgen Hogeforster; Deputy Chairman: Wiesław Szajda, President of the Gdansk Chamber of Handicrafts; Deputy Chairman: Dr. Vytas Navickas, Lithuanian Minister of Economy.

Due to his outstanding service, the assembly awarded the previous Deputy Chairman, Włodzimierz Szordykowski, as an honorary member.

Hanseatic Parliament's New Members

The following new members were inducted to the Hanseatic Parliament at the Members' Meeting by a unanimous resolution:

- The Baltic Institute of Finland, Tampere
- Belarus Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Brest
- Belarus Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Minsk
- Företagarna Skåne, Sweden
- Chamber of Handicrafts Wrocław, Poland
- Chamber of Handicrafts Russia, Moscow
- Masters of Crafts, Norway
- Norwegian Federation of Craft Enterprises
- Satakunnan Yrittäjät R.Y., Finland
- Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Crafts Panevezio, Lithuania

Thus, there are 40 general members from 12 countries that belong to the Hanseatic Parliament association, which together represent over 400,000 mid-sized companies. Additionally, a unanimous election of a sustaining member at the General Meeting took place:

- Pomeranian Office of Marshal (Gdansk Poland)

There are now four sustaining members of the Hanseatic Parliament.

We warmly welcome all new members and look forward to an intensive collaboration.

Important Dates

Business Management Courses

Within the scope of the Tacis Project, a business management course will take place in Kaliningrad on 24 and 25 January, 2008. Further information is available: Secretariat, Irene Bastron, Telephone + 49 40 82 24 47 16.

Business Start-up Courses

Also within the scope of the Tacis Project, a business start-up class will be held on 12-14 February, 2008 in St. Petersburg, which will be offered in conjunction with a project completion workshop for the Tacis Project. Further information is available: Secretariat, Irene Bastron, Telephone + 49 40 82 24 47 16.



Recognition of Vocational Education Degrees

Within the scope of the project „Baltic Education“, a procedure was developed for mutual recognition of a vocational education degree in the Baltic Sea area, featuring the profession of „painters“ in Germany, Finland, Lithuania and Poland. The resolution determined at the General Meeting on 8-10 November, 2007 in Vilnius was that this procedure should be applied on a voluntary basis by all partners interested. Thus, the mobility of trainees and specialists is increased and the quality of vocational education is supported. Further advice on these important tasks will take place at a workshop in Gdansk on 20 and 21 February 2008, which may be attended by project partners as well as members of the Hanseatic Parliament who want to apply this international recognition procedure. Those interested in further involvement may contact the Secretariat, Ms. Bokelmann, Telephone + 49 40 82 24 47 12, E-Mail: abokelmann@hanse-parlament.de at the latest by 10 January 2008. You will receive an invitation and a program to this workshop.

CURRENT PROJECTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Internship in Germany

Our sustaining member INITIATIVE e.V. is sponsoring a three-week internship in Germany for entrepreneurs, business managers and prospective entrepreneurs from Middle and Eastern European countries. The program includes:

- 2 Training Seminars in Bayreuth, Germany
- A 14-day internship in a German company
- Participation in an international conference in Prague

All costs for lodging, the seminar, spending money as well as health and accident insurance will be covered by INITIATIVE. The travel costs must be covered by the participant, although in difficult circumstances a grant for travel costs may be available. Applications must be received by INITIATIVE e.V. with the enclosed form at the latest by 15 March, 2008.

Vital Innovation Program for Medium-sized Companies Sponsored

The German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs announced it would sponsor the vital Innovation Program for medium-sized companies. The future project sponsor will advise, accompany and manage projects in two program modules:

- 1) FuE-colaborative projects between SMEs and SMEs with research facilities
- 2) Network projects

This important task may be of interest to German partners. Further information is available at:

www.bmwi.de/BMWi/Navigation/Service/ausschreibungen.did=225742.html

Educational Programs

The EU has published deadlines and the first piece of information for new educational programs. Further information is available at: http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/index_de.html

Effective Use of Project Results

The individual supportive measures were developed centrally by work groups and the secretariat. They were also tested on a practical level. The completed and tested documents are available to all partners for further use at no charge, so that partners can implement these measures and provide services for their members on an ongoing basis. The following advantages are associated with an ongoing implementation:

- Strengthening the competitive ability of the Baltic Sea area
- Supporting small and medium-sized companies
- Improving transnational collaboration
- Expanding the services of Chambers / Associations
- Enabling Chambers / Associations to target additional revenue

The following accountability was set at the General Meeting for further use and follow-up:



HANSE-PARLAMENT

Measures/Results	Follow-up by:
Virtual Communication	Secretariat
News Letter	Secretariat
Designing a general framework for SME's	all Partners
Analysis of educational systems + future development	Additional Projects
International utilization of educational capacities	All Partners
Multilingual internet appearance of member	All Partners
Recognition of educational degrees	All Partners
Documentation of outcomes at meetings	All Partners
Information material on the Hanseatic Parliament	All Partners
Project completion documentation (Results brochure)	All Partners
Speeches and Presentations	All Partners
Realisation of dual Bachelor degree programs	
- in Germany	Uni 21 + BA Hamburg
- in Poland	Gdansk Chamber + Uni
- in Lithuania	Vilnius Chamber + Uni
- in Finland	Uni Pori + Pori prof. school
English Course	All Partners
Beginning Export Seminar	All Partners
Advanced Export Seminar	All Partners
Business Start-up Course	All Partners
Product Design Course	All Partners
Train the Trainer Course	All Partners
Electronic Control and Controlling Systems	All Partners
Concept of Precisely Tailored Cooperation	All Partners
Baltic Cooperation	All Partners
Further Developments:	
- Baltic Sea Academy	Secretariat + Partners
- QUICK (Continuation of BSME)	Secretariat + Partners
- Suppliers of the North East Corridor	Secretariat + Partners
- Innovations for Mobility	Secretariat + Partners
- Lean Management	Secretariat + Partners



We wish all members, partners, friends and sponsors of the Hanseatic Parliament a blessed Christmas and a good, successful, healthy, joyful and Happy New Year.

The work of the Hanseatic Parliament is part-financed by the European Union (INTERREG III B).

