

**The Finnish Presidency of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS)  
July 2013 – June 2014**

**International Discussion Forum: Baltic Sea Cultural Routes – Eastern Viking Forum II  
Tue 20 – Wed 21 May, 2014** will be held back-to-back with

**the Joint Meeting of three regional working groups in the field of culture:**

- CBSS Senior Officials Group for Culture (CBSS SOGC)
- Barents Joint Working Group on Culture (Barents JWGC)
- Northern Dimension Partnership on Culture Steering Committee (NDPC SC)

**on Wed 21 May, 2014 in the Maritime Centre Vellamo, Kotka, S-E Finland**

**21 May, 2014**

**Preliminary schedule of the joint meeting of three regional working groups**

12 – 13      Lunch with participants of the discussion forum

**Draft agenda**

- 13-13.30 Welcoming words and presentation of the participants
- 13.30-15 Exchange of information on state-of-play in the field of cooperation of three regional working groups (CBSS SOGC, Barents JWGC, NDPC SC)
- 15-15.30 **Coffee Break**
- 15.30-16.30 Possibilities to enhance coherence and cooperation between regional working groups and other actors in the field of culture and creative sector
  - State-of-play of the EU-Russia dialogue on cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region; people-to-people issues
  - Fostering the regional cooperation and defining objectives and themes of mutual interest for working groups and other cultural actors
- 16.30-17 Conclusions on regional objectives and themes of mutual interest as well as on more systematic approach in policy-making in the fields of cultural policy and cultural and creative industries

**18 – 20      Joint dinner of three working group's members**

Thursday 22 May 2014

9 – 17      **Back-to-back meeting**  
**The Eighteenth Meeting of the NDPC Steering Committee**

12 – 13      Lunch

13 – 17      Meeting continues