



**Arbetarrörelsens nordiska samarbetskommitté (s)  
Joint Committee of the Nordic Social Democratic Labour Movement**



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**SAMAKs Annual Conference 28<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> of January 2013 at Folkets Hus Helsinki, Finland**

**PROGRAM**

**28<sup>th</sup> of January 2013**

12.00 Arrival at to Scandic Paasio hotel, Paasivuorigatan 5 and Folkets Hus

12.00 – 13.30 Lunch, check in

13.30 Music program

13.45 SAMAK: s leader Helle Thorning Schmidt opens the annual meeting

14.00 Jutta Urpilainen, Party leader of SDP Finland, talks about the political situation and about the theme of the annual meeting.

14.20 Sven Mikser, Party leader of the Social Democratic Party Estonia

14.40 SAMAK: s Nordic model project, Nordmod2030, presentation by FAFO Institute for Labour and Social Research.

15.20 Coffee break

15.45 Panel discussion among party leaders

Helle Thorning-Schmidt, Party leader of the Social Democratic party Denmark

Jens Stoltenberg, Party leader of the Labour Party Norway

Jutta Urpilainen, Party leader of the Social Democratic party Finland

Stefan Löfven, Party leader of the Social Democratic party Sweden

Dagur B. Eggertsson, deputy Party leader of the Samfylkingin Iceland

Moderator: Ann Linde, International secretary Sweden

16.50 Panel discussion among Union leaders

Harald Børsting, Union leader of LO Denmark

Roar Flåthen, Union leader of LO Norway

Lauri Lyly Union leader of FFC/SAK Finland

Tobias Baudin deputy Union leader of LO Sweden

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Gylfi Arnbjörnsson, Union leader of ASI Iceland  
Moderator: Nina Wessberg, Metalworkers Union

17.50 Guest from the Just Russia Party; Roman Vanchugov, MP State Duma

18.10 Lauri Lyly FFC/SAK leader speaks

18.25 Statements: financial, budget 2013, plans for 2013-2014.

19.30 Welcome to dinner at Folkets Hus with music and dancing to Högtryck, all evening. Lauri Lyly welcome.

**29 of January 2013**

**Baltic Sea conference, Östersjökonferens.  
UNION AND POLITICAL COOPERATION, YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT**

07.00 – 09.00 Breakfast

09.00 Jutta Urpilainen Party leader of the Social Democratic party Finland opens the Baltic Sea conference.

09.10 Foreign minister Erkki Tuomioja SDP Finland

09.25 The progressive Perspective in Europe, Sigmar Gabriel, Political leader of SPD Social Democratic party in Germany

**Theme 1:**

**09.50 How do we solve the youth unemployment? With free movement?**

Youth unemployment is a pan-European problem, but there are big differences around the Baltic Sea. What are the differences and what do they depend on? Is the free movement a part solution of unemployment? Do we have a vision of a common labour market around the Baltic Sea? What are the obstacles and problems? What does the solution look like and what can we learn from each other?

Hildur Boldt, Sorsa Foundation leads the afternoon

Presentation of the program and introduction

Moderator: Introductory speech by **Kaisa Penny**, leader of the Young European Socialists ECOSY

Panel debate:

**Boguslaw Liberadzki**, MP, European Parliament, deputy Party leader SLD Poland

**Camilla Gunell**, Political leader of the Social Democratic party Åland

**Tobias Baudin**, Deputy Union leader of LO Sweden



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**Monika Arvidsson**, Head of Research, A-smedjan Sweden

Group discussions

**11.40-11.50 Paus**

**11.50-12.00 Achim Post Secretary General PES on EU-election 2014**

**Theme 2:**

**12.00–13.40 Union political cooperation?**

How can the union and parties work together to find solutions for unemployment among youth? How can we organize cooperation? How should we pursue the practical politics? What are the opportunities and obstacles?

Presentation of the program and instructions

Moderator **Gero Maaß**, director of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES Nordic)

**12.05-12.20** Introduction: **Karl-Petter Thorwaldsson**, Union leader of LO Sweden

Panel debate:

**Harri Taliga**, Union leader EAKL Estonia

**Gerd Kristiansen**, Deputy Union leader LO Norway

**Mogens Jensen**, Deputy Party leader Social Democratic party Denmark

**Reijo Paananen**, Secretary General, Social Democratic party Finland

**Wolfgang Schroeder** State Secretary for the Labour and Social Affairs of the State of Brandenburg, Univ. of Kassel, where he works on the issues of union political cooperation in Germany and Europe.

Group discussion country wise.

13.50 Summary and closing

14.00 Lunch

15.00 Bus to the airport

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