

# Welcome to Rogów 2009

## Education in a Changing Climate



Students from around the Baltic Sea Region are invited to an upfront dialogue on how education can help turn the trend from climate change, strained ecosystems and global poverty and contribute to a future that is attractive, sustainable and fair. We hope to see you at the Baltic University Programme's Students' conference in Rogów, 22–26 April 2009.

The threat of climate change has brought global attention to the fact that human activities are altering our environment in catastrophic and irreversible ways, and the interrelated challenges of climate change, strained ecosystems and persistently high levels of global poverty are rapidly becoming the defining issues of our time.

While people around our planet are already suffering the impacts from climate change, we need to remember that climate change is fundamentally a generational issue. The young generation of today, and the generations to come, will pay the highest price if we fail to respond properly. The up-and-coming generation also has the energy and the creative ideas we need in order to move forward towards a future that is attractive, sustainable and fair.

Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) has developed as an important part in society's response to these challenges and we are now in the midst of UNESCO's decade for ESD. The role of education and research in creating a sustainable future is central, and this creates new conditions for how educa-

tion is organized, as well as its content and form.

The Rogów conference will address global climate and development challenges and their implications as generational issues. It will then move on to discuss how education can be shaped to contribute towards a sustainable planet.

### Programme and outcomes

The conference programme mixes lectures that present the latest science and best practices with workshops where conference participants actively work with the conference themes. The workshops will lead to one climate declaration aimed towards the international climate negotiations in Copenhagen in December 2009 and one declaration on Education for Sustainable Development that is aimed at the Baltic University Programme Rectors' conference in October 2009. In order to come prepared to the conference discussions, conference participants will be asked to do a minor preparatory assignment prior to the conference.



**About the conference** | April 22nd-26th 2009, students from the whole Baltic Sea Region will meet in Rogów, Poland at the Baltic University Programme Student's conference on 'Education in a Changing Climate'. The conference is hosted and co-financed by the Technical University of Lodz, co-financed by the Swedish Institute and is the second of a series of conferences that the BUP is organizing in

collaboration with Cemus at CSD Uppsala, that give a voice to the up-and-coming generation of the BSR and aim towards fresh, new ideas on how to move forward towards a future that is attractive, sustainable and fair. The process is leading up to the international climate negotiations COP15 in Copenhagen in December 2009.



# Preliminary Programme

## 22 April Wednesday

14.00 *Bus departure from Warszawa Centralna railway station to Rogów*

### Opening session

17.30–19.30 Conference opening

20.00 *Dinner*

“Without changing our patterns of thought, we will not be able to solve the problems we created with our current patterns of thought.”  
—Albert Einstein

## 23 April Thursday

08.30–09.00 *Breakfast*

09.00–09.15 Introduction to the themes of the day

### Session 1 A Changing Climate for Education and Society

09.15–10.30 Keynote: Global life-support systems and the challenge for society  
*Lars Rydén, Uppsala University?*

10.30–11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00–14.00 Workshop and lecture: Education and society in a changing climate  
*Sara Andersson & Jakob Grandin, Cemus, CSD Uppsala*

14.00–15.00 *Lunch*

### Session 2 Lodz programme

15.00 *Departure to Lodz*

16.00–19.00 Lodz programme

19.00 *Disco at Manufaktura*

24.00–01.00 *Departure from Lodz to Rogów*

## 24 April Friday

08.30–09.00 *Breakfast*

09.00–09.15 Introduction to the themes of the day

### Session 3 Towards a Roadmap for the Baltic Sea Region

09.15–10.45 Responding to a changing climate: Copenhagen and beyond  
*Richard Klein, Stockholm Environment Institute*

10.45–11.15 *Coffee break*

11.15–12.00 Practical campaigning for a sustainable future  
*Julia Michalak, Energy Campaigner, Greenpeace Poland*

12.00–13.00 Questions and discussion with Richard Klein and Magdalena Zowsik

“There is no such thing as a last chance in human affairs. But the post-2012 Kyoto framework comes close.”  
–Human Development Report 2009

Session 3 **Towards a Roadmap for the Baltic Sea Region (continued)**

- 13.00–14.00 *Lunch*  
14.00–16.00 Workshop: Climate and ESD declarations  
16.00–16.30 *Coffee break*  
16.30–18.30 Workshop: A roadmap for the Baltic Sea Region  
20.00 *Dinner and social activities*

**25 April** Saturday

- 08.30–09.00 *Breakfast*  
09.00–09.15 Introduction to the themes of the day

Session 4 **Education for Sustainable Development in Practice**

- 09.15–10.30 Keynote: Education for Sustainable Development  
*Paula Lindroos, Åbo Akademi*  
10.30–11.00 *Coffee break*  
11.00–13.00 Workshop: ESD  
*Tomasz Branka, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan and  
Tomasz Bergier, Krakow University of Science and Technology*  
13.00–14.00 *Lunch*  
14.00–17.00 Workshop: ESD  
*Paula Lindroos, Tomasz Branka and Tomasz Bergier*  
17.00–17.30 *Coffee break*

Session 5 **Concluding session**

- 17.30–19.30 Students' parliament:  
adoption of declarations and election of students' representative  
20.00 *Weather permitting: Bonfire*

**26 April** Sunday

- 08.30–09.00 *Breakfast*

Session 5 **Concluding session (continued)**

- 09.00–11.00 Closing of the conference  
11.00 *Departure for Warszawa*



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