

## **Media and Democratic Participation / Media on Conflict Resolution**

Mariehamn, February 4-10, 2008

### **Venue**

Mariehamn, the Åland Islands, Finland

Lodging in double rooms at Hotel Savoy (Nygatan 12, Mariehamn)

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### **Programme**

#### **MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

Travel to Åland

19.30 Welcoming dinner at Savoy

20.30 After dinner speech: **European perspectives on the protection of national minorities – directions for the future**, *Gunnar Jansson, Member of the Parliament of Åland, Second Vice-President of the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (Council of Europe).*

#### **TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

09.00 Introduction, *Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark, Justina Donielaite & Robert Jansson*

10.00 **Freedom of information and the need to protect the sources of journalistic work.**  
Presentations of and by the participants (10-15 minutes each)

12.30 Lunch at Savoy

13.30 **Minority media in practice, the language as uniting factor, the success magazine Volt**, *Barbro Teir, Editor-in-Chief, Hufvudstadsbladet/Volt, Helsinki*  
Discussion on media and democratic participation

16.30 **Authorities and media. Relevant media legislation**, *Roger Eriksson, Member of the Government of Åland*

17.00 **The relationship between politicians and media on Åland**, *Barbro Sundback, Member of the Parliament of Åland, Roger Jansson, Member of the Parliament of Åland, Niklas Lampi, Editor-in-Chief, Ålandstidningen.* Facilitator: *Björn Häggblom, Chairman, the Journalist Association on Åland.*

19.00 Dinner at Savoy

20.00 After dinner speech: **Children and youth as consumers of local media – an example of democratic participation on the local level**, *Nina Fellman, Editor-in-Chief, Nya Åland*

### **WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

- 09.00 **Media, freedom of speech, and minorities in media**, *Sia Spiliopoulou Åkermark, Jur. Dr., Associate Professor, Director, the Åland Islands Peace Institute*
- 13.00 Lunch at Savoy
- 14.00 Guided tour with information about trade and business and history of Åland.
- 17.15 Dinner at Restaurant Indigo (Nygatan 1), hosted by the Government of Åland
- 18.45 After dinner speech: **Internally displaced persons and media**, *Rhodri Williams, Research Fellow, the Åland Islands Peace Institute*

### **THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

- 09.00 Local media and democratic participation. Study visits and presentations (in groups of three persons)  
*Public service radio and TV station Ålands Radio & TV*  
*Local TV station Åland24*  
*Daily newspaper Ålandstidningen*  
*Daily newspaper Nya Åland*  
Work with own articles  
Lunch at Savoy before 14.00
- 16.00 Seminar arranged in cooperation with the Multicultural Association on Åland: **Immigrant Integration in the Åland Islands**, *Bogdan State, Student, London School of economics and former trainee at the Åland Islands Peace Institute*. Comments: *Kaveh Bahar, the Multicultural Association on Åland*
- 18.00 Dinner at Savoy
- 19.00 After dinner speech: **Evaluation of the media situation in the Caucasus – directions for the future**, *Salla Nazarenko, Project Manager, IWPR*
- 20.30 Participants' presentations of today's study visits

### **FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

- 09.00 Work on own articles, individually and in cross-border groups  
Lunch at Savoy before 14.00
- 14.15 **What is hate speech?**, *Robert Hårdh, Secretary General, the Swedish Helsinki Committee*
- 16.30 Roundtable discussion in cooperation with the Journalist Association on Åland, at Indigo Bar (Nygatan 1): **Freedom of speech, self-regulation and codes of ethics**. Welcoming words by *the Journalist Association on Åland*, introduction by *Robert Hårdh*
- 18.30 Dinner at Savoy
- 20.00 Mariehamn Winter Jazz. Concert at Mariehamn's Library (Strandgatan 29)
- 22.00 More jazz at Park Bar (Norra Esplanadgatan 3)

### **SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

- 10.00 Recreation
- 14.00 Lunch at Savoy
- 15.00 Presentation of and discussion on the own media projects and articles.
- 18.30 Dinner at Savoy
- 20.00 Evaluation