

Reception

The Swedish Chamber of Commerce
in Estonia

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Monday, February 15, 2010, 16.00 – 18.00

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The first 92 years - Nordic, with a twist

SCCE continues the tradition of celebrating Vabariigi Aastapäev – Estonia's Independence Day. In connection with this year's 92nd Anniversary of the Republic of Estonia, our theme will be Nordic and our 2010 Reception will be arranged in cooperation with the Nordic Council of Ministers Office in Estonia and the Danish, Finnish and Swedish Chambers of Commerce in Estonia.

As Estonia prepared for its upcoming membership in the EU, an exhibition was opened in Brussels to introduce the country to old and new EU-members. The exhibition was headlined 'Estonia – Nordic, with a twist' and put Estonia on the map as a Nordic country.

In 1991 Nordic Council of Ministers Offices were opened in Estonia as well as in Latvia and Lithuania. The format of the meetings between the Nordic Council and the three Baltic States used to be called "5+3" up until 2000 when the Estonian Foreign Minister of that time, Toomas Hendrik Ilves, took an initiative for a closer Nordic-Baltic cooperation named with a term expressing the enhanced unity; "Nordic-Baltic 8" (NB8).

Estonia as a Nordic country will be in focus at our 2010 Reception and during our evening together, Carita Pettersson – Head of the Nordic Council of Ministers Office in Tallinn, Marina Kaljurand - Undersecretary of Economic Affairs and Development Cooperation at Estonia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Martin Breuer – Chairman of the Foreign Investors' Council in Estonia, will tell us more about Estonia's past, current and future role in the Nordic unity.

Program

- 16.00 Get-together
16.15 Estonia as a Nordic country - addresses by:
- **Carita Pettersson** – Head of the Nordic Council of Ministers Office in Tallinn
 - **Marina Kaljurand** - Undersecretary of Economic Affairs and Development Cooperation at Estonia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs
 - **Martin Breuer** – Chairman of the Foreign Investors Council in Estonia
- 17.00 Reception - Wine and Snacks

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Venue The Nordic Council of Ministers Office, Lai 29, Tallinn

Register For planning purposes I would appreciate your early registration by February 8th latest: kristiina@swedishchamber.ee (+372) 501 9813

Cost Free of charge for members of the Danish, Finnish and Swedish Chambers of Commerce in Estonia

On behalf of the SCCE Council I wish you welcome to the 2010 Reception in connection with Vabariigi Aastapäev – Estonia's Independence Day and look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Kristiina Sikk
SCCE Ombudsman

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The Nordic road sign in
Kuressaare, Saaremaa



Carita
Pettersson

Marina
Kaljurand



Martin
Breuer



NB8 – Nordic-Baltic 8:
Finland, Estonia, Norway, Iceland,
Sweden, Denmark, Latvia,
Lithuania