

#### Young European energy experts to Stavanger, January 2012

On the 25th of January, thirteen young energy experts from the European Commission travelled to Stavanger. The trip was organized by the Stavanger Region European Office with support from Statoil and Greater Stavanger. Travelling with the group was Andrea Bonzanni from Statoil and Matilda Brostrom from The Stavanger Region European Office. The purpose of the trip was twofold. Firstly, it aimed to increase the participants' knowledge and understanding of the Norwegian energy industry and its contribution to enhancing the EU's energy security, sustainability and competitiveness.

Secondly, the trip was a way to enable a dialogue between the young energy experts from the European Commission and Stavanger stakeholders. During the 26th and 27th of January the delegation visited Statoil, Lyse and the Offshore Northern Seas Foundation (ONS).

The group also had a meeting with the Mayor of Stavanger Christine Sagen Helgø and participated in dialogue dinners with representatives from Statnett, Greater Stavanger, International Research Institute of Stavanger, the Stavanger Chamber of Commerce and the Council.

Moreover, the trip included two visits to local museums (the petroleum museum and the Viking exhibition at Sjøhuset Wergeland).