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## PROGRAMME

**Key words:** Inspiration, knowledge, network

### FIRST WEEK

#### Monday 7 April

**09.00 – Walking tour in the European Union Institutions area, including a visit to the EU Info point**

(Inès will meet you at your residence at 09.00 and guide you all the way long.)

**11.30 – 12.30 - Stavanger regionens Europakontor**

You get acquainted with the office and settle down.

*I suggest that we have a meeting about your programme. If there are other points of interest that you would like to learn more about and to discuss and that are not in the programme, then we will work together to contact the right organization and person.*

We will also fix practical steps related to your stay, if necessary

**12.30 Sandwich lunch at the office**

**14.45 – 15.45 European Parliament** (*take the passport*)

**Audio guided visit** to the debating chamber of the European Parliament

**On the way out, short stop** at the Info point close to the Parliament

**17.00 – 20.00 Launch event at Friends of Europe: “Shell Energy Scenarios to 2050”**

Bibliothèque Solvay, Parc Léopold

137 rue Belliard, 1040 – Brussels (a few steps from our office)

#### Tuesday 8 April

**09.30 – 10.15 Mission of Norway**

Counsellor, Education

**10.30 – 11.15 Mission of Norway**

Counsellor, Science (EUs Research Framework Programme, COST, and the Norwegian Research and IT Forum)

**17.00 – 18.30 Everyday Democracy in Europe**

**The Centre and Demos invite you to the Brussels launch of the ‘Everyday Democracy Index’, followed by a reception**

**With:**

- **Margot Wallström, Vice-President of the European Commission responsible for Institutional Relations and Communication Strategy**
- **Paul Skidmore, co-author of the Every Democracy Index, Demos Associate and McConnell Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University**

**Wednesday 9 April**

**Lifelong Learning: Higher education**

National expert from Iceland seconded to the European Commission, DG Education and Culture

**Thursday 10 April**

*Thursday 10 and Friday 11: Invitation to attend a conference: Dialogue between Members of the Norwegian Parliament (Stortinget), EU institutions and industry representatives on the EU’s energy policy and Norway’s role – focusing on energy security and climate. Even if you are not directly involved in that topic, we think that to participate in that conference will give you a flavour of one of Brussels activity*

**15.00 – 17.00 EU’s energy policy**

Key note speaker Andris Pibalg, Energy Commissioner in the European Commission:

Main Features in EU’s energy policy

Comments by:

**Anders Wijkman**, MEP, Christian Democrats, Committee on Climate Change and EP Committee on Environment

**Arve Thorvik**, Vice President EU Affairs, StatoilHydro, Brussels

Debate

La Bibliotheque Solvay

137 rue Belliard

**Friday 11 April**

**0900-1200 How do EU and the oil industry deal with global threats to the environment?**

Introduction by **Maiken Ims**, Public Affairs, OLF

Key note speaker **Pierre Schellekens**, Deputy Head of Cabinet, DG for the Environment:  
EU's strategy to combat climate change

**From the petroleum industry:**

**Hans van der Loo**, Director for Shell Office Brussels: Post-Bali- How can the petroleum industry contribute as part of the solution to climate challenges?

**Dominique Chauvin**, Senior Sustainable Development Advisor, Total: The oil industry's answers to environmental challenges

**From NGO's:**

**Stephan Singer**, Head of the European Climate and Energy Policy Unit, WWF European Policy Office: the WWF position and comments

**Paal Frisvold**, Chairman of the Board, Bellona Europe: The Bellona position and comments

**Reflections from a large energy consumer:**

**Bjørn H. Tretvoll**, Senior Vice President, Hydro's EU office, Brussels

**Concluding discussion**

**14.30 Stavanger regionens Europakontor**

**Presentation of the office and activities, by Pål Jacob Jacobsen**, Director

<b>Saturday 12 April</b>
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**09.45 -12.00 A visit with ARAU "Brussels Art Nouveau"**

**This guided tour examines** the most innovative style in Brussels' architectural history: Art Nouveau, which originated in the designs of Victor Horta at the end of the nineteenth century. Now **recognised by UNESCO as World Heritage Sites**, Horta's buildings inspired other architects to develop the style as new suburbs were built around the city.

**The tour visits several districts:** the city centre, the avenue Louis Bertrand in Schaerbeek, the Squares district in Etterbeek, the Ixelles ponds, the avenue Louise and Saint-Gilles.

**A coach English guided tour**

**Meeting point:** Place De Brouckère, in front of the Metropole Hotel

**17.00 – 19.00 Bar l'Archiduc** (famous delicious jazz club down town).

**Jazz concert with "Les Archiducks"**, Free entrance



Peer Baierlein, trumpet; Cedric Raimond, piano; Rui Salgado, bass;  
Herman Pardon, drums  
Address: Rue Antoine Dansaert, 6 – 1000 Brussels –

### Sunday 13 April

#### Suggestion:

#### Morning until about 13.13

- Promenade Place du Grand Sablon, Open air Antics Market in an area with Art galleries and nice shop windows and café terraces.

And walking a street down,

- The "Marolles" is one of the oldest and most authentic districts of Brussels. Every day from 7-13 o'clock, there is a flea market on the Place du Jeu de Balle. You can find a lot of cheap products over here. Even if you're not into buying anything, it's a great place to wander around. It is one of my favorite places of Brussels!

## SECOND WEEK (Monday 14 – Friday 18 April)

(Exact days and time to be confirmed)

### Tuesday 15 April

#### *A day in Luxembourg*

14.00 Meeting the European Commission, DG Information Society and Media - eContent+ programme

[http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/activities/econtentplus/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/econtentplus/index_en.htm) -

Activities, experience, trends : comments and dialogue.

Meeting with Ms Krister Olson, European Commission, DG Information Society and Media, Unit E6 - eContent and Safer Internet

Website : <http://europa.eu.int/econtentplus>

- Introduction to Mr Anders Gjoen, a Norwegian lawyer working in Luxembourg as a consultant for i.a. Norwegian organisations interested in EU funding in different areas, including the ICT sector.

### Wednesday 16 April

### **11.00 – 12.00 Meeting with the European University Association (EUA)**

The European University Association (EUA) represents more than 750 universities and higher education associations in 45 countries.

Located in Brussels, the EUA secretariat is comprised of 30 staff members. EUA's mission is to promote the development of a coherent system of education and research at the European level through studies, projects and services to members.

- **Mission of EUA**
- **The Internationalization of the European Higher Education Area European Credit Transfer System (ECTS) in facilitating student mobility and international curriculum development**
- **Working with neighbors is successful. Some good practices in EU**

#### **[Members of EUA from Norway (for info):**

- Norges Handelshøyskole, Bergen <http://www.nhh.no> - Universitetet i Bergen <http://www.uib.no>
- Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB), Aas <http://www.umb.no>
- Norwegian University of Science & Technology, Trondheim <http://www.ntnu.no>
- The Norwegian Association for higher education institutions (UHR), Oslo Norway <http://www.uhr.no> - Universitetet i Oslo, <http://www.uio.no>
- Universitetet i Tromsø, <http://www.uit.no>

#### **Meeting with David Crosier, Project Officer, E-mail:**

Since joining the association in 2001, David Crosier has been working on a variety of projects. He is responsible for the Trends Project which is designed to gather reliable information about how the European Higher Education and Research Areas are being developed across the continent. He is an expert on the Bologna Process, especially regarding Joint Masters Programmes. He is also strongly involved in EUA's activities in South East Europe. As Programme Development Director, David Crosier pays close attention to the policy development of EUA.

#### **The Municipality of Brussels.**

Together with a group of HMS-directors from Norway, information about The Municipality in general, and HMS activities in the municipality organization in particular.

<b>Thursday 17 April</b>
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#### **10.00 – 11.00. Meeting with Kommunenes Sentralforbund**

On the role of KS - in Brussels.

#### **15.00 - 16.00. Meeting with information about the MediaFarm Project.**

At SRE office. Lillian Dale from SRE.

**Exhibition “It’s our history – 50 years of the European adventure** *(takes a couple of hours)*

*(In our opinion, this exhibition is to be visited by all means!)*

“For the 50th anniversary of the Treaties of Rome, the Europe Museum of Brussels organises a major exhibition that will plunge visitors into the European history since the end the Second World War. From the ruins of 1945 to the challenges of today, visitors will discover the history of Europe as well as their own history. 'It's our history' is not only a history and society exhibition, but it is also an art exhibition. Another way to learn about history, our history” .

Learn more about this: <http://www.expo-europe.be/index.php?lang=en>

**with EMMEN, the European Modern Music Education Network**

EMMEN is a European Network which brings together private institutions, schools and federations dedicated to education and training in the field of popular music.

<http://www.emmenet.org/index.html>

<b>Friday 18 April</b>
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**16.00 – 17.00. Meeting with Brüssels representative the European College of Economics and Management, Plovdiv - Bulgaria.**

Meeting regarding possible joint projectdevelopment and application for EEA Grants to Bulgaria. Partnership/EEA Financial Mechanism/Bulgaria.



## **THIRD WEEK**

<b>Tuesday 22 April</b>
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**10.00 – 13.00. Workshop on EU-Strategy for Baltic Sea Region.**

iBSG Baltic Sea Strategy Workshop.

**Thursday 24 and Friday 25**

**Two days in Lille, North of France with a group from Arbeiderpartiet (22 persons)**

**Programme based on:**

- Presentation: European Union and its development – France and its administrative structure
- Lille and Lille Métropole Communauté Urbaine
- Guided visit of Lille
- Lille: from an industrial declining area to a modern city and European Capital of Culture 2004 –

- Management of the “after” Lille 2004
- Dialogue with some actors of Lille3000
- Visit of some places still working after Lille2004: Maison Folie Moulins et Maison Folie Wazemmes. The so called “Maisons Folie” are Cultural institutions of a new type, born from the energy of Lille 2004 European Capital of Culture
- Socialist party – Unformal meeting to get acquainted and have a dialogue with the French brother Party
- Social security - Homeless population- toxicomany
- Social profile of Lille

<http://www.mairie-lille.fr/sections/site-fr>

### **Programme in Lille:**

#### **Thursday 24 April**

**Morning**, we travel from Brussels to Lille with the fast train (TGV)

#### **10.30 Challenges for European Union and European regions**

Presentation by Pål Jacob Jacobsen

#### **15.00 – 16.30 Lille Métropole Communauté Urbaine**

Presentation et dialogue. Organisation and fields of activities. Connections between the two entities. The social agenda.

#### **17.00 -18.00, Lille 2004 and the development of Lille.**

From an industrial declining area to a modern city and European Capital of Culture

- **18.00 Vernissage** (opening) of the exhibition Les Caprices de Goya.

**Overnight in Lille** at Hotel Holiday Inn

#### **Friday 25 April**

#### **09.00 – 09.45 Regional Council**

Presentation and dialogue

#### **12.30 – 14.00 Lunch. Presentation of the MediaFarm Project**

By **Lillian Dale**, from the Stavanger region European Office

**End of afternoon**, back to Brussels with fast train.

#### **Monday 28 April**

**11-00 – 12.00: Evaluation meeting with Inés and Lillian at SRE office.**

**Tuesday 29 April**

**11.00 – 13.00: Meeting with DG-Maritime Kathrine Angell-Hansen.**  
Maritime Blue book, Action Plans, Integrated Maritime Policy for the EU.

**Wednesday 30 April**

**Meeting with Pål Jacob Jacobsen at SRE.**  
Summary and Conclusions