

Nordic Forum for Security Policy 2010
FREEDOM, SECURITY AND JUSTICE
COMMON INTERESTS IN THE BALTIC SEA REGION
St. Petersburg 26-28th of April 2010

INFORMATION SHEET

Registration

Please return the enclosed registration form as soon as possible, but no later than **22.3.2010**, to STETE's office by e-mail **stete@stete.org** or by fax **+358-9-260 0122**. We will confirm your registration. For any further information you are welcome to contact us at STETE office, +358-9-2600 131 / Project Coordinator Vera Lindman, vera.lindman@stete.org.

Facilities

The conference will be held in St. Petersburg at Sokos Hotel Olympic Garden (address: Bataisky pereulok, 3A). The locations of the side events will be mentioned later.

Languages

English and Russian.

Participation fee and accommodation

The participation fee is 280 €. It includes accommodation in Sokos Hotel Olympic Garden from Monday to Wednesday (including breakfast), the conference programme and related material, interpretation, local transportation (see below), meals (coffees, lunches, receptions), as well as the conference report which will be distributed afterwards.

STETE has made reservations in Sokos Hotel Olympic Garden. Please inform us about your willingness to stay at Sokos Hotel Olympic Garden and we will confirm the reservation (see registration form). To avoid overbooking, please do not make reservations to this hotel on your own. If you wish to stay in a different location or hotel, you are free to make reservations on your own but please inform us. In this case the participation fee will be re-calculated.

Please note that the number of hotel rooms arranged by the organisers is limited and they will be booked according to registration order.

The participation fee should be paid right after the registration on STETE's bank account: Ety-Yhdistys – Steten Tuki ry, Sampo Bank 800011-01540145 Reference number: 1274 (Address of the bank: Sampo Bank, 00075 Sampo, Finland).

Outside Finland: Ety-Yhdistys – Steten Tuki ry (SWIFT-BIC: DABAFIHH) / IBAN: FI48 8000 1101 5401 45 / Please write the name of the participant in the message field when paying the fee.

The registration is binding.

Travel arrangements

The participants must make their own travel arrangements. The participation fee does not cover the travelling costs. If you travel from Helsinki to St. Petersburg on Monday morning 26th and return on Wednesday 28th, we recommend buying train tickets through STETE: Departure from Helsinki railway station to St. Petersburg on Monday morning 26th at 07.23 (Sibelius, time of arrival 14.15). Departure from St. Petersburg to Helsinki on Wednesday 28th at 07.17 (time of arrival 12.35) or at 16.30 (time of arrival 21.48). Depending on the group size tickets are 29,50–60,20 € / one way.

You can also arrive in St. Petersburg by plane or buss.

Please inform STETE about your arriving and departure time.

Local transportation

For participants arriving at St. Petersburg Finnish Railway station (Finljandski vokzal) on Monday 26th at 14.15 STETE has arranged buss transportation to Sokos Hotel Olympic Garden. Buss transportation from Sokos Hotel Olympic Garden to Finnish Railway station also on Wednesday morning.

Participants arriving at Pulkovo Airport, please contact STETE for more details.

Visa

Please note, that participants will need a valid Russian visa to travel to St. Petersburg. Participants are asked to take care of their visa applications by themselves or via their own travel agency. For Finnish participants we suggest for example travel agency *Lähialuematkat* (address: Vuorimiehenkatu 3, 00140 Helsinki, www.lahialuematkat.fi, tel: +358 9 6689 570). The organisers advice to do all the visa arrangements as early as possible to make sure to have visa in time.

If you need a visa support from the Russian authorities for getting your visa, please contact the organisers. It can be done with the help of our local partners in St. Petersburg. The price of the visa support has usually been app. 20€.

If you need a visa support, please inform the organisers as early as possible so we are able to deliver the visa support in sufficiently early stage to make sure the visa to be ready in time.

Wednesday's programme

For those who are leaving on Wednesday 28th afternoon we are organising a panel discussion concerning Nuclear safety and radioactive waste issues in the Baltic Sea region. Please inform us if you are interested in participating.

We wish you Welcome to the conference!