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– a project for more women in IT and Technology

An overall objective of Swedish gender equality politics is that women and men should have the same power to shape the society and their own lives. The goal for the IT politics is for Sweden to be a sustainable information society for everybody.

However, there is an uneven distribution of sex in the IT and telecom sector at universities and colleges. The same situation exists among professionals in the industry. The government has instructed the Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth in cooperation with WINNET Sweden to conduct a national conference where equal IT is the theme for dialogue and conducting of an action-plan on how to cooperate nationally to increase women participation in the IT and technology field. WINNET Sweden's work in the project **Jämställd IT!** is the foundation/base for the national action-plan.

During the fall of 2010 WINNET Sweden will invite Swedish, Nordic and other European actors around the Baltic Sea to establish a platform for a equal development in IT and technology field. The goal is to get more women active in the area and an increasing number of women among entrepreneurs and innovators. The project has an Quadruple perspective to protect the interests of the public sector, IT companies, knowledge-intensive non-profit networks and organizations where Winnet Sweden and Europe is included.

The work of the project "**Jämställd IT!**" is carried out in cooperation and with funding from the Ministry of Industry, the Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth's RC programs and SIDA's Baltic Sea Unit. With support from SIDA, a Baltic Sea Conference will be held in November 2010, with focus on developing Baltic Sea cooperation in IT and equality with participation of RC's.

"**Jämställd IT!**" will lead to a national action plan for how sustainable equal IT will be an engine for an increased regional Economic Growth in Sweden, around the Baltic Sea and the rest of Europe. The national conference will be performed in December 2010. After the Baltic Sea Conference Winnet Sweden will together with the Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth develop a cooperation with actors around the Baltic Sea to produce a project in EU Baltic Sea strategy. The project start with a dialogue conference with an analysis of all of the action documents in the Structural funds programs eight areas, with focus on IT, gender and equality are presented and discussed. To the dialogue conference representatives of the eight Regional and Structural partnerships will be invited along with the Resource Center for Women and other actors with interest and mission in the area.

Activities

Dialogue Meeting

October 15, 2010 10.00-16.00 Stockholm, Arlanda

Research Meeting, Lulea

November 10, 2010,

"Jämställd IT!" Baltic Conference

November 18, 2010 09.00–17.00 Stockholm,

National Conference organized by the Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth

a cooperation with Winnet Sweden
December 8, 2010, Stockholm, Clarion Hotel

Conference Program "Jämställd IT!"

Conference program is under development and will be sent by email as soon as possible and will be available at www.winnet.se

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