Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

the partners of the new EU project AMBER COAST LOGISTICS, which is funded under the Interreg Baltic Sea Region Programme, are kindly inviting you to the

„ AMBER COAST LOGISTICS Opening Conference “

Wednesday, 19 October 2011 from 9:00 to 15:30

Patriotische Gesellschaft, Trostbrücke 6, D-20457 Hamburg Germany

AMBER COAST LOGISTICS (ACL) is a collaborative logistics project that supports the coordinated development of multimodal Logistics Centres and thus fosters the connection of remote areas in the southern and eastern Baltic Sea Region. The project’s objective is to thereby improve cargo flows and accessibility both on sea and landside and strengthen economic ties between emerging eastern European countries like Belarus, Russian Federation and Ukraine and EU member states within the Baltic Sea Region, in order to facilitate sustainable mutual development. It comprises 20 partners from seven countries in the southern Baltic Sea Region.

During the conference we want to highlight the core aspects of ACL and face them within the current political and economic framework in the region. High level representatives from involved organizations will share their views while participants have the chance to ask questions in moderated discussions. Your attendance and active participation in the conference are highly welcome.

Please register by 7th October under http://www.hafen-hamburg.de/en/node/25238. The entry to the conference is free, but the number of participants is limited. Please notice that your registration is provisional until it will be confirmed (first come first serve).

We are looking forward to an interesting day of knowledge and expertise exchange!

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08:30  Registration & Coffee
09:00  Address of Welcome
       Stefan Herms, Head of International Relations, Hamburg Senate Chancellery

Session 1: Amber Coast Logistics and the Political Framework
09:15  Amber Coast Logistics (ACL) – a new initiative to cooperate
       Sebastian Doderer, ACL Project Coordinator, Port of Hamburg Marketing
09:45  The Baltic Sea Region as a dynamic and developing area
       Kurt Bodewig, Chairman, Baltic Sea Forum – Pro Baltica
10:15  Goals of the German Presidency of the Council of the Baltic Sea States
       Ambassador Gerhard Almer, Head of the Task Force of the German Presidency of the Council of the Baltic Sea States 2011/2012
10:45  Coffee Break

Session 2: The Transport Business Environment in the Baltic Sea Region
11:15  The EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region related to Transport
       Gytis Mazeika, EU Coordinator Transport Priority Area (tbc.)
11:35  Feeder and Short Sea Shipping in the Baltic Sea Region
       Bernd Bertram, CEO, Unifeeder Germany
11:55  Transnational Rail Freight Services – Trends And Challenges
       Marcel Sames, General Manager Sales & Business Development, Polzug Intermodal GmbH
12:15  Moderated Discussion
12:45  Lunch Break (Press Conference in Club Room)

Session 3: Logistics Centers to secure Regional Accessibility
14:00  Logistic Centers and Freight Villages – the European Perspective
       Kent Bentzen, Vice President, Europlatforms
14:20  Regional effects of Freight Villages
       Representative, Inland Terminal Operator
14:40  Logistic Centers in the Republic of Belarus today and tomorrow
       Dmitry Solomakho, Belarusian National Technical University
15:00  Moderated Discussion
15:30  Sum up and closing remarks