

2002-2012 A Decade of Territorial Evidence

ESPON OPEN SEMINAR

Within the framework of the Danish Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2012
European Territorial Evidence for EU Cohesion Policy and Programming
Aalborg, Denmark
13-14 June 2012

PRACTICAL INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The word 'Denmark' dates back to the Viking age and is carved on the famous Jelling Stone from around 900 AD. However, Modern day Denmark is very different from its historical past. Between the 13th and 17th centuries, Denmark was a superpower whose influence was as powerful as that of the largest European countries. Today, the current size and influence of Denmark is the result of 400 years of forced relinquishments of land, surrenders and lost battles. For a small country though, Denmark still punches above its weight in many different areas including design, architecture, farming, green technology and pharmaceuticals.

Denmark time zone: Central European Time (GMT + 1 hour).

The currency in Denmark is Danish Krone (DKK). 1 EUR = 7.46 DKK

Electrical system: Local voltage is 220 volts. Electrical outlets use a two-prong plug typical for continental Europe. Most laptops will automatically work with 220-230 volts (check the back of your laptop for power input markings).

For emergency assistance (ambulance, police, fire fighters) call +45 112.

For the latest weather forecast please visit <http://www.dmi.dk>

Bank hours in Denmark: Monday – Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. In most hotels, restaurants, cafés and shops international credit cards are widely accepted.



2. AALBORG

Aalborg is a multi-faceted city - full of contrasts. All the major city attractions are concentrated within easy walking distance. The city's recently restored waterfront has much to offer with its many open-air sports and recreations areas. Near the waterfront you will find both the Seminar venue Nordkraft and the architectural astonishing Utzon Center (MC and ECP Meeting).

Until recently, Nordkraft supplied the people of Aalborg with electricity. However, after a reconversion in 2009, Nordkraft has become the cultural powerhouse of Aalborg. Nordkraft brings together culture, sports, and recreation, combining sports facilities, a cinema, theatres, and restaurants under one roof – all in a fusion of contemporary architecture and authentic industrial styles that create a very special atmosphere. With its unique, raw and industrial yet still stimulating look, Nordkraft truly reveals the identity of Aalborg.



Right next to Nordkraft is the Utzon Center, both situated at Aalborg waterfront. The Utzon Center was the last work of the architect Jørn Utzon who also designed the well-known Opera House in Sydney. He described it as “a place where good thoughts could come together and... a centre of excellence for architecture and humanity in the future.”



3. PROGRAMME OF THE OPEN SEMINAR

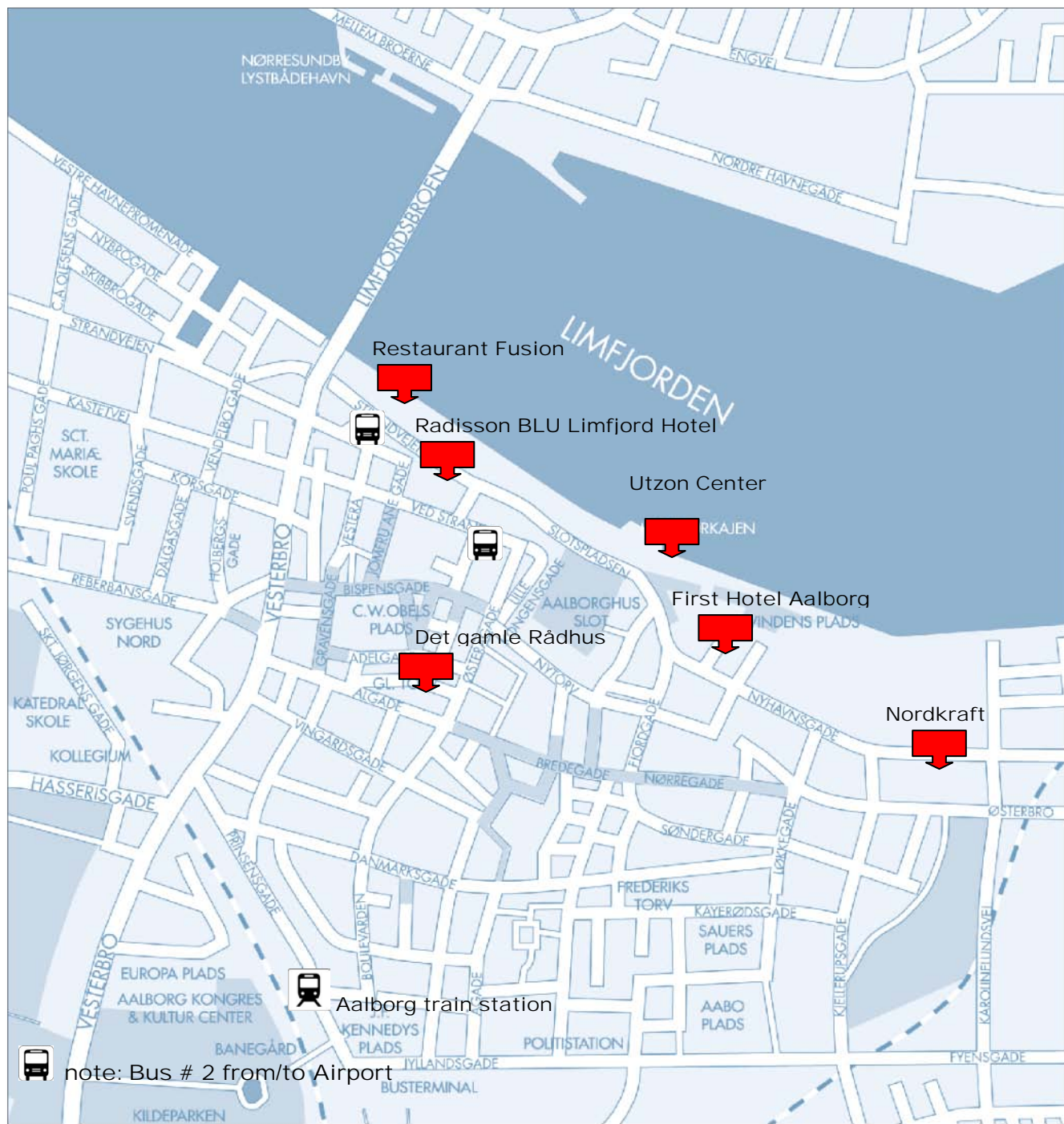
The programme of the Seminar can be downloaded from the ESPON website. The final, detailed version of the Seminar programme will be communicated to the registered participants in due time.

Please note that the Open Seminar will be in the English language only.

4. VENUES OF THE OPEN SEMINAR and ESPON MEETINGS

- **Welcome Drink:** Tuesday, 12 June 2012 from 19:00 to 20:00
Address: Det gamle Rådhus, Gammel Torv 2, Aalborg
- **Seminar Venue:** Wednesday 13-14 June 2012
Address: Nordkraft, Kjellerups Torv, Aalborg
Website: <http://www.nordkraft.dk/>
- **Anniversary dinner:** Wednesday, 13 June 2012 at 19:00
Address: Restaurant FUSION, Strandvejen 4, Aalborg
Tel.: (+45) 35 12 33 31
Website: http://en.restaurantfusion.dk/gourmetrestaurant_aalborg
- **MC and ECP meeting:** MC: 11-12 June 2012. ECP: 15 June 2012
This meeting is only accessible for ESPON MC and ECP Members
Address: Utzon Center, Slotspladsen 4, DK-9000 Aalborg
Tel.: (+45) 76 90 50 00
Website : <http://www.utzoncenter.dk/>

Map of the venues and hotels



5. WELCOME DRINK AND ANNIVERSARY DINNER

On Tuesday 12 June 2012 participants of the Open Seminar are kindly invited by the Aalborg Municipality for a welcome drink in **Det gamle Rådhus**.

On Wednesday 13 June 2012, The Danish Ministry of the Environment – Nature Agency will host the ESPON Anniversary Dinner at **Restaurant Fusion**. Restaurant Fusion is located in the heart of Aalborg and offers a unique view over the Limfjord and the newly established waterfront in Aalborg. Besides offering a unique view, it offers an extraordinary culinary experience.

5. ACCOMMODATION

Aalborg has no less than 1,500 hotel rooms in the city centre.

The local organizers have pre-booked a limited number of hotel rooms in 2 hotels with special rates. Rooms will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

By booking through this [link](#) or through [e-mail](#) to VisitAalborg you will benefit from special rates and, at the same time, make sure that there is plenty of opportunity to network with your colleagues outside the conference programme.

You will not be required to pay for hotel accommodation in advance, and changes in the booking are permitted until 2 days prior to arrival.

*Deadline for hotel reservation is **May 21, 2012.***

FIRST HOTEL AALBORG

First Slotshotel Aalborg is situated in the city centre, right on the waterfront with a beautiful view over the Limfjord. It is close to all the city's facilities and offers easy access to the waterfront which is turning into a very attractive district with a blend of green areas and world-class architecture. Staying at First Slotshotel Aalborg you are right next to the famous Utzon centre – enjoy a nice stroll and the fresh air after your meetings. All rooms have extra wide beds, TV, telephone and wireless internet. Sauna, table tennis, fitness centre and billiards are also available and there is a lift and handicap facilities.

First Hotel Aalborg
Rendsburggade 5
9000 Aalborg, Denmark
Distance to the seminar venue: 300 m
Distance to train station: 500 m
Distance to the airport: 5 km
Single room incl. breakfast: DKK 850 / EUR 115.00
Double room incl. breakfast: DKK 1050 / EUR 141.00
For more information on the hotel, please visit: [First Hotel Aalborg](#)



RADISSON BLU LIMFJORD HOTEL ****

Radisson BLU Limfjord Hotel has a particularly central and attractive location. Located right in the centre of Aalborg you can enjoy the view of the Limfjord and easy access to the city's new waterfront with all its exciting facilities. The waterfront is an attractive district with a blend of green areas and prize-winning, world-class architecture. The hotel has beautifully decorated rooms - all with mini bar, TV, film channels and hairdryer. You can enjoy a lovely Italian gourmet dinner in the hotel's restaurant. Casino Aalborg neighbors the hotel and gives guests a chance to try their luck.

Radisson BLU Limfjord Hotel
Ved Stranden 14-16
9000 Aalborg, Denmark
Distance to Seminar Venue: 1 km
Distance to train station: 600 m
Distance to the airport: 5 km
Single room incl. breakfast: DKK 1125 / EUR 152
Double room incl. breakfast: DKK 1325 / EUR 178
For more information on the hotel, please visit: [Radisson BLU](#)



For more information on the booking process, please contact:

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6. HOW TO GET THERE

By air

For foreign visitors, Aalborg is most easily reached by air.

There are direct flights from Amsterdam Schiphol Airport and Copenhagen Airport. Amsterdam Schiphol Airport is an airport hub, connected to 260 destinations worldwide, ensuring good connections to anywhere in Europe. From Copenhagen Airport there are more than 50 daily flights to Aalborg, with a flight time of only 35 minutes.

In addition to the frequent daily connections to and from Copenhagen, Aalborg Airport has scheduled airline connections with Oslo in Norway, Helsinki in Finland, London in England, Malaga in Spain and the Faroe Islands during the summer.

For further information about flights to and from Aalborg see Aalborg Airport's website:

[Aalborg Airport](#)

[KLM](#)

[SAS](#)

[Norwegian](#)

[CimberSterling](#)

By train and long distance bus

Intercity trains between Copenhagen and Aalborg run on an hourly basis. The travel time is approx. 4 to 5 hours. For more information on the rail network within Denmark, please visit www.dsb.dk

Nordjyllands Trafikselskab operates locally in the region and runs an extensive network of local buses in Aalborg. There are also long distance bus routes that link Aalborg with Copenhagen, Odense, Esbjerg and other major cities in Denmark as well as Europe, please visit <http://www.nordjyllandstrafikselskab.dk/> to arrange your travel.

Public transport in Aalborg

From Aalborg Airport, bus no. 2 brings you to the city two times per hour and takes approx. 10 minutes.

The bus fare is DKK 18 per person, cash only.

Please find the bus schedule in a separate document.

There will be no arranged transfer from the airport to the hotels or venue. However, on the last day of the Seminar there will be a bus transfer to the airport leaving from the venue after the closing session.

7. FOR FURTHER DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT:

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