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South Finland EU Office and the Region of Päijät-Häme cordially invite You to the future-oriented dialogue on:

Rethinking the Concept of Lifelong Learning - Regional Aspects

**Tuesday, 23 March 2010 at 9 a.m.
Committee of the Regions, room JDE 53
Rue Belliard 99-101, Brussels**

Although the Finnish education system is one of the best in the world, we are facing a huge challenge caused by the rapid aging of population. In order to stay on the cutting edge in development, also in twenty years time and to ensure that there is enough skilled workforce in the region – with the right skills and competencies – and to increase the attractiveness of the region, in accordance, we need to adapt new ways of thinking and acting. Aim of this seminar is to find new approaches and rethinking the concept of education and lifelong learning from a cross-sectoral point of view.

Topics..

- Is there place for lifelong learning in the EU 2020 strategy?
- How to effectively anticipate needs for the future skills?
- How to provide real incentives for Lifelong Learning – for individuals and on the organizational level?
- ICT – is it a miracle worker?

Speakers..

- Ms Jaana Simola, Senior Advisor, Regional Council of Päijät-Häme
- Commissioner Ms Androulla Vassiliou, DG Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth (tbc)
- Mr Sebastian Stetter, Policy Coordinator, DG Employment
- Mr Pasi Reinikainen, OECD
- Mr André Richier, Principal Administrator, DG Enterprise and Industry

Including..

- Two expert panel discussions
- Q&A Sessions
- Project roundtable meeting

Please confirm your participation by completing the enclosed registration form and return it by 15 March 2010 by e-mail to southfinland@skynet.be . Because there is limited number of seats, we kindly advise you to register as soon as possible. Enclosed you may also find the seminar programme.

If you wish to participate in the project session in the South Finland EU Office after the seminar and /or you are interested in future cooperation with us, please leave us your contact and project information details (see the registration form attached).

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