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A DISCUSSION PLATFORM ON NATURAL RESOURCES

The Koli Forum brings together eminent European opinion-leaders from the spheres of business, science, politics and culture, to search out the best solutions for a future that takes into consideration both the potential and the limitations of natural resources. This biennial event provides new survival knowledge and sets out perspectives for constructive public discussion over the years to come. The Koli Forum influences the decision-makers who shape our common future.

Objective

The aim of the Koli Forum is to serve as a forward-looking, informal discussion platform for European leaders. The Forum searches out new scenarios and ideas for tackling questions related to the sustainable use of natural resources, and aims to formulate feasible solutions – The Theses of Koli – to be implemented at local, national and European levels.

Venue

The venue of the Koli Forum is the Koli National Park in Eastern Finland.

Koli Forum 2009

The first Koli Forum on “Natural Resources – Solutions to Questions of Renewable Energy and the Mitigation of Climate Change” takes place from 22 to 24 October 2009.

An increasing dependence on imports of many natural resources such as oil, gas and minerals may become a risk for Europe’s economic development, competitiveness and even political independence. The newly adopted EU Climate Change and Energy Package puts forward a far-reaching set of proposals

to fight climate change and promote renewable energy up to 2020 and beyond. Koli Forum 2009 considers the economic impacts of climate change and the prospects for increasing the use of renewable energy, while also keeping in mind the competitiveness of Europe. The forest sector is used as a case example.

The forest sector, by its use of renewable natural resources, can help in replacing the use of non-renewable resources while at the same time supporting the competitiveness and economic development of Europe. This requires new thinking, however, as well as careful consideration of the main priorities for policy and decision making and a common insight among all European countries on how to meet the challenges.

The first high profile Forum is hosted by the Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and former President of Finland Martti Ahtisaari and the President of the Supreme Administrative Court of Finland Pekka Hallberg, who is also Chairman of the Koli Forum Advisory Board.

Participation

Participation is by invitation only and invited participants attend in their personal capacity rather than as official representatives of their supporting organisations. To encourage openness and free exchange of information, all discussions are confidential and the Chatham House Rule is applied throughout the seminar. There is no fee for participation, although participants are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation expenses.

Language

The official language of the Koli Forum is English.

Organisers and supporters

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