



KRISTIANSTAD - A STRATEGIC CHOICE

Kristianstad has made targeted efforts in the Baltic Sea region during the last years. This has resulted in that Kristianstad now is one of Sweden's most important market-places for business with the "new" East market. Kristianstad/Aarhus has a perfect position to this market by its location, Aarhus by the Baltic Sea and Kristianstad Airport only 15 km from the Port of Aarhus.

Today Kristianstad Airport has regular flight connections to Palanga/Kaunas, Lithuania, as well as to Copenhagen and Stockholm, and it is looking for other East and West European connections.

The Port of Aarhus has regular freight traffic to Klaipeda, Lithuania, as well as to Hamburg/Bremenhaven, Germany. The port is also developing new partnerships in Europe.

The Port of Aarhus and Kristianstad Airport have shown impressive growth in the number of passengers and cargo transportation the last years. To meet the increasing demand, the Municipality of Kristianstad has made considerable investments for the future, approximately 200 million Swedish kronor (SEK).

A new terminal in the Port of Aarhus for passengers and Ro-Ro traffic (35 million SEK).

A face lift and new terminals along with a longer and wider runway at Kristianstad Airport (100 million SEK).

Rearmament of roads to the airport and the harbour (60 million SEK).

These important investments along with a well developed network of contacts around the Baltic Sea region have created a good and creative environment for the business life. New companies are daily entering the "new" market. This gives Kristianstad and Southern Sweden a really good push into one of the most interesting markets in Europe* * *

FUNBOARD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN ŁEBA

1997 year is an exceptional one for Łeba. On July the 8th Łeba celebrated its 640th anniversary of civic rights. On that day several inhabitants and tourists participated in the especially organized march through the main streets. Numerous artistic shows made the event very attractive for the participants.

In 1997, 640 years old Łeba is sending best regards to 1000 years old Gdansk.

The little town has been developing very dynamically in the recent years. In September, the construction of the concrete bridge on the Łeba river will be completed. The bridge is on the way to the World Biosphere Reserve and to the new marina (the opening of the yacht port is predicted for spring 1998) and to the biggest camping site in Poland, where the 60th World Camping and Caravan Rally will take place in 1998.

In June 1997 Łeba hosted 118 competitors from 18 countries during the European Windsurfing Funboard Championships. The event turned out to be a big organizational and sport

success. Mr. Michael Levin, the president of IFCA came from the USA for the Championships and the international jury guaranteed high level of the competition.

Łeba is interested in the bilateral cooperation with a similar city on the

Baltic Sea Coast.

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With this last photo of the bulletin, the Editorial Board takes off to some well-deserved surfing on the shores of the Baltic Sea.