Study Visit of Midas Journalists in Finland

Journalists working for Midas Newspapers are going to visit Vasa/Vasaa from 19-25 February 2007. The Study Visit Programme is organized by the European Association of Daily Newspapers in Minority and Regional Languages (Midas), based at Eurac in Bolzano/Bozen (South Tyrol).

After Study Visits to the Basque Country, Catalonia and South Tyrol the this year programme seeks to provide opportunities for journalists of Midas member newspapers from Romania, Slovakia, Italy, Germany and Spain to maximize their knowledge on minorities and especially on the situation of the Swedish language group in Finland through the exchange of information.

The weekly programme integrates seminars given by distinguished experts as Prof. Kjell Herberts and Prof. Christer Laurén from Abo Akademi as well as Deputy to the Finnish Parliament, Mrs. Ulla-Maj Wideroos, on the situation of the Swedish language group in Finland.

In addition to these seminars the participants are assigned to learn about the editorial work in a joint editorial department for 3 Swedish newspapers. Under the guidance of the host-newspapers Jakobstads Tidning and Vasabladet the journalists will be introduced to new models of co-operation and technical facilities in order to strengthen the Swedish newspapers.

The Deputy Mayor of the City of Vasa/Vasaa will give an overview on the administration of a bilingual town. Visits of local enterprises such as Paper Mills and Ship industry, as well as visits of cultural events will give an overview about the life of the Swedish language group in Finland.

The objective of the study visit is, as in the last years, to become more familiar with the economical, cultural and political situation of a minority and to report about the Swedes in Finland.

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