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Festival mile and conference at the Fehmarnbelt Days in Lübeck

Live concerts, discussions, culinary delights and cabaret from 14-16 June 2025

Stronger Together! Celebrating Democracy and German-Scandinavian Friendship: From 14 to 16 June 2025, the Fehmarnbelt Days 2025 (FBD 2025) will transform Lübeck into a vibrant hub of cultural exchange, discussion, and celebration. Under the motto "Democracy in Action and German-Scandinavian Friendship," the event will highlight the opportunities and future perspectives of the Fehmarnbelt Fixed Link (FFBQ) while fostering cooperation across borders.

On 14 and 15 June 2025, the banks of the Trave around the Music and Congress Hall (MuK) will be transformed into a colourful festival mile with live concerts, discussions, culinary delights and cabaret, and on 16 June 2025, everything in the MuK will revolve around the FBD conference. In the 360-degree cinema "Infinity Dome" on the banks of the Trave, the developer of the Fehmarnbelt tunnel Femern A/S presents video material that impressively visualises the future tunnel. Musical highlights include the live performances of "Jeden Tag Silvester" and "Max & Friends" on the floating main stage on the Trave. Admission to the activities on the festival mile is free on both days. The Schleswig-Holstein state parliament will be on site with its new information vehicle.

Schleswig-Holstein's Minister for European Affairs Werner Schwarz emphasizes: "The construction of the Fehmarnbelt Fixed Link is a once-in-a-century project that brings us closer to our Scandinavian neighbours and offers immense opportunities for sustainable growth, economic dynamism and cultural exchange. We want to discuss and use this huge opportunity together with the citizens. It is particularly important to me to take people with me and to bring the spirit of the Scandinavian democracy festivals to Schleswig-Holstein. With the Fehmarnbelt Days in Lübeck, we are also setting an exclamation mark against autocrats and nationalists in the world. Our German-Scandinavian friendship stands for openness, democracy and cooperation across borders. Together, we are not only building a solid axis between Germany and Scandinavia, but also strengthening the connection between the people in Northern Europe and their ideas."

"Due to the construction of the Fehmarnbelt tunnel, Lübeck will be only two hours away from Copenhagen in the future. A new regional bond is emerging: the Hanseatic Belt region of Lübeck and the Danish region will benefit from this in many areas. For example, in the areas of business, logistics, tourism and education," adds Lübeck's mayor Jan Lindenau. "In order to present ourselves as the largest city on the axis between Hamburg and Copenhagen and to give citizens insights into this growing region and to show them the opportunities that the tunnel opening



offers, we are organising the Fehmarnbelt Days. A German-Scandinavian festival for the whole family and an economic forum for the whole region."

Celebrating the Fehmarnbelt region together

On the festival and democracy mile on the banks of the Trave, the project partners of the Fehmarnbelt region will present themselves. They invite citizens, day guests from the region and visitors from Denmark and Sweden to get to know each other, discuss and celebrate together.

"The supporting programme is dedicated to the diversity of our partner countries and to strengthening German-Scandinavian friendship and economic cooperation. It is important to us to achieve a balance between the communication of content, lively discussions, joie de vivre and festival atmosphere," explains Pia Steinrücke, Senator for Economic and Social Affairs of the Hanseatic City of Lübeck. "The conference offers representatives from politics and business the opportunity to network across borders and gain new impetus for the future of the Fehmarnbelt region."

"We want citizens and guests to stroll along the festival mile on the banks of the Trave in a relaxed manner, experience live performances by local and Scandinavian artists, eat, drink, inform themselves and discuss - in other words, feel comfortable with us and deal with the topics of the Fehmarnbelt region as a matter of course," says LTM Managing Director Christian Martin Lukas. "More than 40 associations, initiatives and companies from the Fehmarnbelt region will present themselves in the action areas and invite you to exchange ideas and neighbourly cooperation with interactive offers, exciting experiments and creative hands-on activities."

Action areas, stage programs and InfinityDome

In addition to the numerous offers on the action areas along the Trave, a total of four stages - on the water, on the theatre ship, the "Young Stage" at the mile and the 360-degree cinema "Infinity Dome" - offer a varied music and cultural programme. Exciting panel discussions with top-class guests from politics and society, inspiring insights into the future of the Fehmarnbelt region and rousing concerts will take place here. Musical highlights include the live performances by "Jeden Tag Silvester" and "Max & Friends" on the floating main stage on the Trave. The "Infinity Dome" on the banks of the Trave will become a spectacular stage for the Fehmarn Belt crossing and the multi-layered aspects of the project. With 360° video material, visitors are presented with the central connecting element of the following decades in an informative and immersive way. The "Infinity Dome" will be open for actions, information and discussion formats of the project partners throughout the entire period of the FBD. The programme at the festival mile will be rounded off by a culinary journey through the Fehmarn Belt. Information at www.fehmarnbeltdays.com.

Welcome to the Fehmarnbelt Days 2025 conference

From 15 to 16 June, the FBD conference in the Music and Congress Hall Lübeck will offer a meeting place for thought leaders, decision-makers and interested parties from the Fehmarnbelt region and beyond. The conference, which is organised by the Lübeck Chamber of Industry and Commerce together with STRING, invites you to an inspiring programme that includes exciting lectures, panels and discussions on cross-border topics such as infrastructure, sustainable development and the promotion of innovation.

"With the construction and completion of the tunnel, Schleswig-Holstein is moving up to an international league. The building now opens up unique opportunities for companies, workers and also culture," says Hagen Goldbeck, President of the Lübeck Chamber of Industry and Commerce. "The new axis from northern Sweden via the Hanseatic Belt with Lübeck in the centre and Hamburg to Sicily is the symbol of the dawn of a new era. A dynamic region is being created here on our doorstep, which we want to shape together with our partners in Denmark, Sweden and Hamburg." The FBD is therefore attractive for citizens from the three countries, but also for interested parties from the Ruhr area, Berlin and the economic centres in southern Germany, because they will also benefit from the fast connection between Central Europe and Scandinavia.

The core moment of the conference is to motivate people, companies and decision-makers alike and to encourage them to take the initiative. The conference will highlight opportunities and present success stories that have already emerged in the Fehmarnbelt region and beyond.

Good to know: The thematic guidelines and activities of the FBD 2025 are based on the UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030. The aim is to show the pioneering role that the Fehmarnbelt region already plays in the field of green growth and what challenges still need to be overcome.

All information at a glance

The organizers of FBD 2025 are the Hanseatic City of Lübeck and the State of Schleswig-Holstein (Ministry of Agriculture, Rural Areas, Europe and Consumer Protection) in cooperation with the other partners STRING, Femern A/S, the Fehmarnbelt Committee, Region Sjælland, the district of Ostholstein, the Chamber of Industry and Commerce (IHK) zu Lübeck and Lübeck und Travemünde Marketing GmbH (LTM). The Lübeck Chamber of Industry and Commerce is responsible for organising the conference together with STRING. LTM is responsible to organise the festival mile on the banks of the Trave. The FBDs have been organised every two years since 2012 by partners in the Fehmarn Belt region and are intended to strengthen the connection between northern Germany, Denmark and southern Sweden.

Further information is available online at www.fehmarnbeltdays.com.+++

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