

# INNOVATION THROUGH NEW GOVERNANCE AND URBAN – RURAL PARTNERSHIPS 30 Nov – 1 December 2009

**Location**: Kollona Hotel in Cesis, Latvia **Arrivals**: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November. More details will follow about transport from airport

## Arrival day – Welcome dinner at 19:00 in the hotel

## Day 1- Monday 30th November

10.00 Opening of the conference

Mr. Maris Niklas, Head of Cesis District Administration Ms. Rita Merca, Chairman of the IC Network

Mr. Bjørn Frode Moen, Trans-in-Form project manager

#### New Governance for urban and rural regions

10.15 Regional Concept of Polycentric Development and Postponement of Regional Reform in Latvia by PhD Māris Pūķis - Senior Adviser of LALRG

10.45 Development focuses in Vidzeme Planning Region after the reform

by Ms. Laila Gercane, head of the project and development department

11.00 Regional reform in Lithuania – what are the plans? by Mr. Andrius Valickas, LR Ministry of Interior, Regional politics department, regional development division chief specialist.

11.15 Introduction connected to key issues in Trans-in-Form project – by communication manager of Trans-in-Form manager Mr. Alf Sigurd Johansen

Plenary discussion - Are the reforms "The Emperor's new clothes" or new governance?

12.00 Lunch break

#### New urbanism in cities and at smaller places – From IC to Trans in Form

13.30 Principles of New Urbanism and how can it be applied at smaller towns and settlements?

by town planner and EU expert Mr. Michael Fuller-Gee

- 15.00 Urban Designing and Entrepreneurship Promotion Possibilities in Bauska and Aizkraukle by project managers Ms. Inga Berzina and Ms. Sigita Busa
- 15.30 Questions and comments about methodology and results how can we relate experiences to the Trans-in-Form project

16.00 Coffee break

## **Annual meeting**

16.30 Opening of the Annual meeting 2009 (separate agenda)17.30 Gathering of the new board

19.00 Dinner

## Day 2 – Tuesday 1st December

09.00 Trans-in-Form project - Status and plans

- by project manager Mr. Bjørn Frode Moen, Notodden Municipality
- 09.30 Question and discussions
- 10.30 Implementation of the "Regional Attractivity Barometer"
  - by Mr. Knut Vareide, Telemark Research Institute
- 11.30 Coffee break
- 12.00 Comments and inputs to the Attractivity Barometer
- 12.30 Information about Trans-in-Form Kick-off conference Summary and the end of the conference

13.00 Lunch

14.00 -16.00 Coordinator meeting for Trans-in-Form project



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