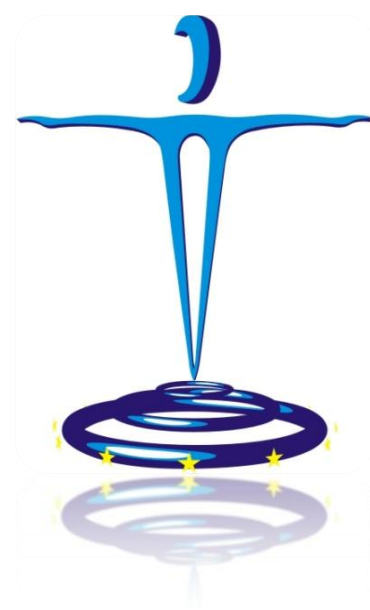


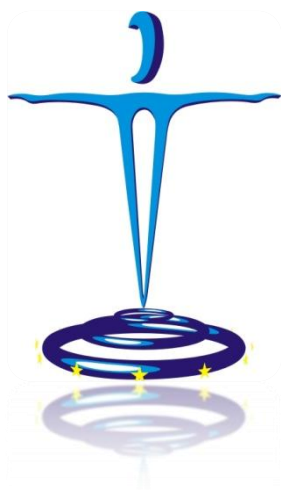
*An environment where ideas are found,
supported and implemented.*

Innovation Circle Network



Creating Attractive Communities

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Who we are

The Innovation Circle Network is a European and international association of local organisations, institutions and councils working for the benefit of smaller to medium-sized regions in Europe. We connect smaller towns and medium sized cities in Europe because dynamic rural regions are valuable assets for the European competitiveness. Therefore, we are active at the local and regional levels in relation to regional and local community development. We bring decision makers, specialists, business people and youths from different countries together to develop projects and events.

Mission Statement

Europe is more than capitals and big cities. Sustainable strategies should be made for the whole European territory to connect smaller towns and medium sized cities in Europe. The Innovation Circle Network works towards making these regions more sustainable and attractive to live in through raising awareness, promote youth engagement and encourage dialogue. The Network strengthens transnational cooperation and enhances awareness of cultural diversity, and political and religious traditions.

Why Join Us

ICN brings together grass root activists, politicians, planners, youth & cultural workers, artists, researchers, teachers and students as well as all interested parties including local municipalities and organisations to engage in dialogue for the benefit of smaller to medium-sized regions. In regular conferences we focus on topics such as regional development, European Transport Systems and the creation of a new “European identity” to implement ideas for a prosperous future. Speakers range from local authorities, experts, representatives from embassies and the European Union.



“Europe is changing; some regions will lose and some will actively meet the challenges. Small places need to stand together in order to get more power, attention and investments.”

Alf S. Johansen. ICN General Secretary



A part of our efforts are aimed at promoting transnational project cooperation. We have achieved a number of successes in this field; new partnerships have been created between regions, the three Interreg Projects (including PIPE, the IC Network and Trans in Form) was implemented as well as a range of small projects in the field of culture, youth and education.

The Network also has youth initiatives to engage and unite youths beyond the confines of national borders or cultural gaps. Our youth camps bring youths together to discuss politics, entrepreneurship and creativity.

“It brings new experiences and new knowledge... and the opportunity to make bigger things than you can do when you are alone and small.”

Jolanta Vaido-Zalite, PR Specialist for Pargauja Municipality



Issues

- Promoting Trans European cooperation
- Promoting Sustainable and competitive European transport networks
- Stronger local and regional governance
- Town planning and transformation
- Entrepreneurship and innovation
- For lifelong learning & inter-cultural dialogue



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