



Annual event 2014 – Innovation Circle Network

Wednesday 12th – Thursday 13th November
Avalon Hotel, Riga

Baltic Sea Region 2020 – A Connected Region!

Target group:

- IC Partners in each municipality/region; politics, experts, NGOs
- Other actors working with community issues and regional development within Europe

Pre conference reception:

Tuesday 11th November at 19:00

Day 1 – Wednesday 12th November

- 09:00 -10:00 Registration and coffee/tea**
- 10:00 -10:30 Welcome and opening**
1. IC Network Deputy Leader Ms. Siv Henriette Jacobsen, Østfold County Council
 2. Address from the Norwegian Embassy in Latvia, including information about EEA grants, H.E. Mr. Steinar Hagen
- 10:30 – 11:00 Benchmarks of Latvia, the EU Presiding Country in 2015**
Director Ms. Karine Petersone, Latvian Institute
- 11:00 – 11:30 How to make BSR a connected and integrated region 2020 across national borders?**
- Sustainable, competitive and connected European regions
Mr. Alf S. Johansen, Innovation Circle Network
 - Sustainable, multimodal and green transport corridors
Mr. Wiktor Sydarowski, BSR transport cluster
- 11:30 – 11:45 Coffee break**
- 11:45 – 12:30 Focus on regional development and adequacy of the EU Baltic Sea Region strategy 2020**
1. Ambassador Mr. Eduardas Borisovas, Council of the Baltic Sea States
 2. Ms. Gunta Lukstina- Advisor of Environmental Issues of LALRG
(Latvian Association of Local and Regional Government)
 3. Dr. Visvaldis Valtenbergs, Vidzeme University
- 12:30 - 13:00 Questions and answers, plenary discussions**
Chaired by Dr. Visvaldis Valtenbergs
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch**

- 14:00-14:20 Promoting Nordic-Baltic cooperation**
by Nordic Council of Ministers office in Riga, Director Mr. Jan Widberg
- 14:20-14:40 Creating positive communities through active places**
Mr. David McAllister, PAS (UK)
- 14:40-15:00 Short introduction to the BSR programme 2014-2020**
Ms. Line Helene Nilsen, international advisor Østfold County Council
- 15:00-15:15 New IC members with new ideas and perspectives**
- Dalsland Regional Municipality Board , Manager Ms. Cristina Svensson
 - Rauna Municipality, Mayor Ms. Evija Zurge
- 15.30 -16.00 Coffe break**
- 16.00 -17.00 Annual meeting 2014 (Separate agenda)**
- 19:30 Dinner at Avalon Hotel**
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Day 2 – Thursday 13th November

- 09:30 – 10:00 Connecting European regions through cultural heritage**
Mr. Bjørn Frode Moen, international advisor, Notodden Municipality/UNESCO
- 10:00 – 11:00 Developing European communities and regions in transnational cooperation**
- “Regions in transnational cooperation”, Ms. Siv Jacobsen, Østfold County Council
 - “Small town development perspectives”, Ms. Grethe Skjelbred, Spydeberg Municipality
 - “Reaching out to next generations” , Mr. Sulo Särkinen and Ms. Triin Pärna, Türi Municipality
- 11:00 – 11:20 Coffee break**
- 11:20 - 13:00 Project café/speakers corner**
- Presentation of the project Young Eyes (Erasmus+)
 - Participants are invited to present new project initiatives and ideas
 - Summing up and closing of the conference
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch**
- 14:00 – 17:00 After conference program**
- Board meeting and separate meetings between partners for new projects and twinning
 - Town walk in Riga
- 19:00 Dinner**
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