



Innovation Circle Network IX ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2016

In cooperation with **Vidzeme Planning Region** and the **TENTACLE** project

RIGA 01-02 December

EUROPEANS ON THE MOVE

Between urban hubs and rural towns

PROGRAM

Wednesday 30.11: Arrivals and check in

Reception and mingle: 19.00 Place: Hotel Roma

Day 1 - 01.12

09.00 Registrations and morning coffee

09.30 Opening of the conference

Welcome address by Hardijs Vents, Chairman of Development Council of Vidzeme Planning Region

09.40 How will the TEN-T core network influence transport and logistics within the Baltic Sea Region and Latvia's role? Mr. Andris Maldups, Director of transit policy department, Ministry of Transport of Latvia

10.00 Transport-corridors and regional growth. TENTACLE project in relation to North Sea-Baltic corridor and Scan-Med corridor, TENTACLE project manager Mr. Wiktor Szydarowski

10.20 Urban hubs and rural towns development in the light of new global and European transport routes, Prof. Emeritus Dr. Cliff Hague, Heriot-Watt University

10.45 Comments, questions and answers

11.00 Coffee break

11.20 Improved accessibility in north-eastern Baltic Sea Region – NSB CoRe project, Mr. Talis Linkaits, Head of the VASAB secretariat

11.40 Connecting the Baltic regions with Rail Baltica

Ms. Baiba Rubesa, CEO and Chairperson of the board RB Rail AS

12.00 Helsinki-Tallinn Fixed link in a wider regional perspective.

Mr. Kaarel Kose, Harju County Government

12.20 Fast trains within Central Scandinavia with the focus on Oslo-Stockholm

Mr. Jörg Westermann, CEO Norsk Bane AS

12.45 Questions and answers

13.00 Lunch break

14.00 Cities and hinterlands. Benefits and threats from faster transport connections within metropolitan regions? Prof. Dr. Petter Næss, University of Life Science(NO)

14.45 TENTACLE cases

- Vidzeme mobility plan, Mr. Andzejs Stepancuks, Vidzeme Planning Region
- Fehmarn-Belt case, Ms. Katja Höltkemeier, Port of Hamburg Marketing
- Scandinavian Borderland, Mr. Alf S. Johansen, Border Com. Värmland-Østfold

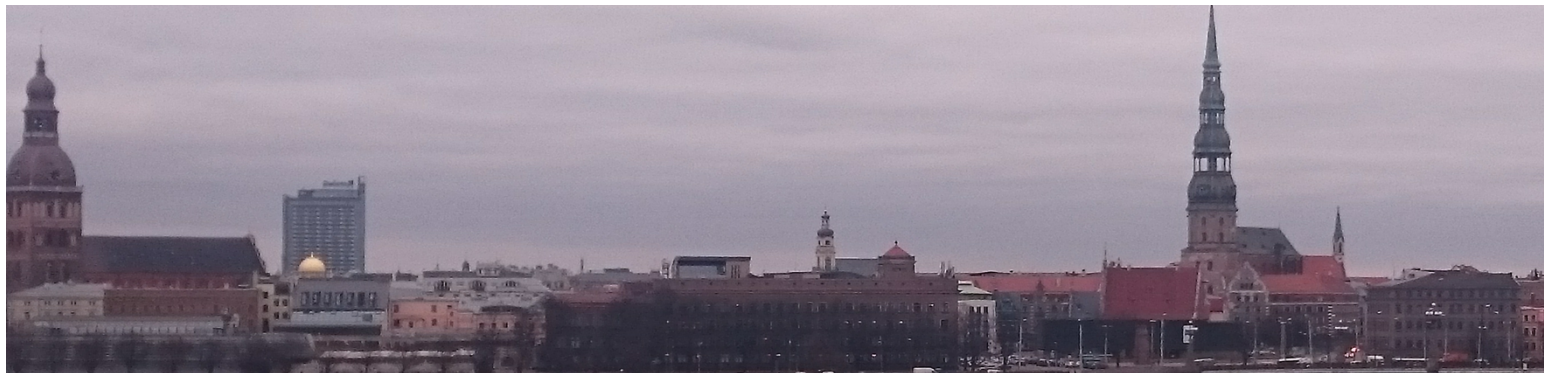
15.15 Summary of the day

15.30 Coffee break

16.00 Annual meeting Innovation Circle Network (for members)

19.00 Dinner at Hotel Roma





Day 2 – 02.12

- 09.00 New rural routes - how to exceed expectations?
Ms. Petra Biberbach, CEO PAS (Edinburgh, Scotland)
- 09.20 Regional growth through long distance bicycling,
Expectations to the Union Trail project, Mr. Alf S. Johansen, Project manager
- 09.40 Rural tourism based on local food and products. Inputs from the RUNO Network of food
excellence, Ms. Olga Lakimenko, Leontief Centre (St. Petersburg, Russia)
- 10.00 Youth participation in communities . Lessons learned from the Young Eyes project
Ms. Ewelina Suchocka, Project coordinator in Suwalki city,
- 10.15 Vocational training – and creative learning. Lessons learned from Kedainiai Vocational School
Ms. Rima Puzauskaite, Project manager
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 10.30 New projects already in the pipeline
- "Youth for sustainable future", by Ms. Christina Svensson
 - "Active Lifestyle Innovation In Nature Areas" by Ms. Triin Pärna, Türi municipality
 - "Training Advocacy & Promotion" by Mr. Alf S. Johansen
- 11.30 Open forum (speakers corner, new initiatives are welcome)
- 12.15 Summary and closing of the conference
- 12.30 Lunch and departure
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Registration:

Deadline for registration is 15th November 2016

The conference will take place at Hotel Roma. The price for single rooms will be 45 Euro.

Rooms will be paid by each partner directly to the Hotel Roma.

There is no participation fee for ICN members, for TENTACLE project partners or participants from Latvia. (Others may be charged 50 Euro for meals etc., depending on the number of participants)

Registration to the conference will be online by filling in a form at www.innovationcircle.net

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