

Nordic-Baltic ESPON/ENECON Workshop about “Sustainability and Sustainable Regions – Multi-faceted Concepts”

Venue: Nordregio, Holmamiralens väg 10, Skeppsholmen, Stockholm,
15-16 November 2012 (lunch to lunch)

The ESPON project ENECON addresses challenges and opportunities facing territorial development and spatial planning policies and practices, particular to the vast territory of the northern part of Europe. The overall aim of ENECON is to contribute to make clear the significance of the European perspective on territorial development and cohesion in a macro-regional context and perspective.

Sustainability and sustainable growth are concepts that are frequently used at the European research scene of today. In the Territorial Agenda 2020 and Europe 2020 sustainable growth is highlighted together with smart and inclusive growth as desirable development paths.

Sustainability and sustainable regions might, however, be interpreted in a lot of ways with many different ingredients. In “sustainability” and “sustainable regions” more dimensions might be included that not automatically is associated with economic growth. Even peripheral and/or shrinking regions might be sustainable if different preconditions are fulfilled.

The aim of this workshop is to interpret, analyze and critically discuss the dimensions of the concepts “sustainability” and “sustainable regions” and the implications for further regional and territorial research. Relevant themes will be introduced from complementary points of view by well-known researchers who are specialists in topics as sustainable urban and rural regions, regional growth vs regional development, regional spatial changes and regional planning shifts, sustainability and regional innovation systems, and sustainability and peripherality. Each introduction will be followed by interesting, critical and creative discussions among the participants in the workshop.

Information and Practicalities:

The workshop is free of charge

The participants must book their own accommodation but the arrangers can assist with advices and some help.

For hotels at discounted rate, see the link:

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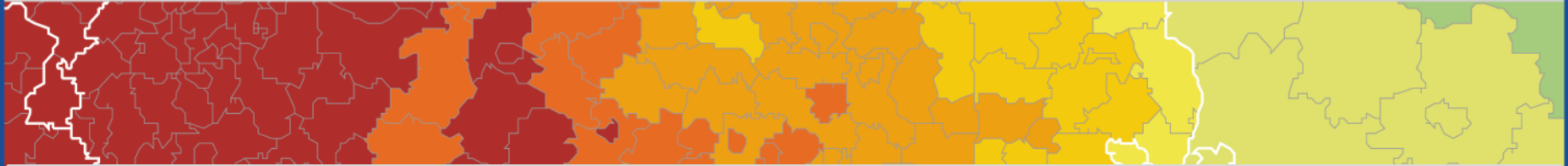
Brief Dictionary

ENECON= A networking project within the ESPON 2013 Programme, implemented by the ECPs from Norway (Lead Partner), Denmark,, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania and Sweden

ECP = ESPON Contact Point

ESPON 2013 = The European Observation Network for Territorial Development and Cohesion





Preliminary programme (to be completed, inputs are welcome)

Questions and discussions after every introductory speech

Day1, Thursday 15 November

Chair: Lisa Van Well (Nordregio)

11.30-12.30: Sandwich lunch

12.30-13.00: Words of Welcome,.

Olaf Foss (NIBR/ENECON),

Mats Johansson (KTH/ENECON),

Ole Damsgaard (Nordregio)

13.00-14.00: Economic crisis, regional development and resilience.

Hans Westlund (KTH)

14.00- 15.00 Defining and measuring sustainable regional development

- results and lessons from Germany.

Antonia Milbert (BBSR, Germany)

15.00-15.30: Coffee break

15.30-16.30: Sustainability, globalisation and regional innovation systems

Folke Snickars (KTH)

16.30-17.30: Sustainability and goal conflicts – short and long term aspects.

Discussion. Intro:

Hild-Marte Bjørnsen (NIBR)

Day2, Friday 16 November

Chair: Daniel Galland (Aalborg University/ENECON)

08.30-09.30: Shrinking regions – contrary to sustainable regions? Experiences from Northern Europe.

Lisa Hörnström (Nordregio)

09.30-10.30: Green economy: a development option and challenge for sparsely populated areas?

Rasmus Ole Rasmusen (Nordregio)

10.30-11.00: Coffee break

11.00-12.00: Sustainable spatial development of Nordic urban regions: is an eco-modernization approach sufficient?

Petter Næss (Aalborg University)

12.00-13.00: Sustainability and sustainable regions – Multifaceted concepts

Discussion. Intro:

Kjell Harvold (NIBR)

13.00-13.15 Closing words.

Olaf Foss (NIBR/ENECON),

Mats Johansson (KTH/ENECON)

13.15: Sandwich lunch

