

Pictures from the NORBA-conference in Stockholm 3-4 February 2011



The chair of NORBA **Heikki Eskelinen** opened the conference with more than 60 participants during two days.



Peter Billing (right) from the ESPON Coordination Unit gave a general background to the work in the ESPON programme.



Jean Peyrony from DG Regio at the European Commission introduced the work with the 5th Cohesion report that is focused on economic, social and territorial cohesion and how the EU, national and regional governments have contributed.



The Nordregio researcher **Alexandre Dubois** presented an ESPON project on spatial scenarios for Europe including the Nordic-Baltic countries.



The Icelandic ECP **Grétar Thór Eythórsson** professor at the University of Akureyri presented some results from the ESPON TeDi-project, with emphasis on the results from north Iceland.



Johanna Roto from Nordregio presented the ESPON DEMIFER project.



Andrew Copus , who represented both University of Highlands and Islands in Scotland and Nordregio, presented experiences and some of the main findings from the EDORA-project.



Lisa Van Well from Nordregio chaired the panel discussion on the first day. The participants are from the left **Ole Damsgaard**, Nordregio, **Jean Peyrony**, DG Regio, **Odd Godal**, Norwegian member of ESPON MC, **Sverker Lindblad**, Swedish member of ESPON MC and **Peter Billing**, ESPON CU.



Nils Boje Groth (KVL, Denmark) started day 2 with giving an overview on the different approaches in national spatial planning from a European point of view.



Carl Johan Engström from KTH talked about the need for interplay between international and national planning perspectives.



Timo Turunen from the Finnish Ministry of the Environment developed under the title "Finish planning meets Europe" how spatial planning in Finland has developed since the middle of 1990s.



Inguna Urtane (*Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia*) started the “Baltic session” by talking about how Latvia has developed different regional planning concept for the next program period.



Tavo Kikas (*Estonian Ministry of Internal Affairs, Estonia*) started by presenting the planning system in Estonia that consists of four levels – national, regional, general plans at municipality level but also detailed plans at municipality level.



Marija Burinskiene, who is Lithuanian ECP and professor at Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, talked about how regional planning in Lithuania has developed by checking different types of planning at different levels.



The **NORBA-team** already started to prepare the next steps: From left to right, Baltina, Roose, Hirvonen, Foss, Eskelinen and Eythórsson (Mats Johansson and Simon Falck were missing at the moment).



Mats Johansson closed the first NORBA conference.

