

Preliminary Programme

Nordic and Baltic Regions in a European Development and Policy Context

March 14-15 2012, Oslo, Norway

Invitation to participate

On behalf of Regional Science Association Nordic and ESPON NorBa, Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR) is delighted to invite you to participate at a two-day conference in Oslo on March 14-15 2012. Please find attached the preliminary programme for the conference.

Important information:

Call for papers: The deadline is expired and there is only very limited space for late entries.

Registration: Please register by **March 4th**, to Frida.tommerdal@nibr.no.

Contact persons: Olaf Foss (olaf.foss@nibr.no) and Steinar Johansen (steinar@nibr.no)

This is a **low budget conference**, which implies that the organisers will not prepare common meals except lunches and coffee. We will, on the other hand, not have a conference fee, and lunches and coffee breaks will be free of charge for the participants.

Accommodation: The participants are asked to make their own hotel arrangements. However, NIBR has agreements with selected hotels in Oslo, which you may contact through e-mail or telephone. Surprisingly, hotel nights are not too expensive in Oslo, at least compared to many other capital cities, and you might find quite reasonable accommodation in the city centre.

1. "Best Western Karl Johan" (<http://www.karljohan.no/>). Book online or by email to: bookingsjef@karljohan.no. Refer to agreement with NIBR ("Avtale med NIBR").
2. "Thon Hotels"
http://www.thonhotels.no/booking/priskalender/?_s_ref=ieZ932M0S&kw=thon%20hotel&creative=9651685509&gclid=CMHY_ofV7a0CFdAvmAodAjBM4w) with many hotels in central Oslo. Book online or by email to: meeting@thonhotels.no. Refer to agreement with STATEN ("Avtale med STATEN via NIBR").

Conference Venue: The seminar will be held at Forskningsparken. Please, take the westbound subway line 3, 4 or 5 from any T-marked station in the city centre to *Forskningsparken Station* and walk towards Forskningsparken. We do not recommend you to go by taxi, due to the Oslo Toll Ring (which forces the taxis to take a detour). The seminar will be at the *ground floor* (actually called level 2, one level down from the entrance).

Programme structure

Wednesday, March 14				
11.30	Sandwich Lunch			Restaurant Area
12.30	Words of Welcome from NORBA and RSA Nordic.	<i>Olaf Foss, NORBA and Steinar Johansen, RSA</i>		Auditorium
13.00	Norwegian Regional Policy; Challenges, Means, Transnational Perspectives. Nordic-Baltic Regional Policy Cooperation	<i>Kristin Nakken, Ministry of Local Government and Regional Development</i>		Auditorium
13.45	ESPON 2013. Projects and results of Relevance for Regional Development in Nordic and Baltic Regions	Presenter: <i>To be Announced</i>		Auditorium
14.30	Coffee Break			Auditorium Area
15.00	Parallel 1	Parallel 2	Parallel 3	PURR Parallel
17.00	Finished for the Day			
Thursday, March 15				
09.00	ESPON, Europe 2010 and Austerity. What Research do We need for Territorial Development in Europe Today?	<i>Cliff Hague, Emeritus Professor, Heriot-Watt University, UK Contact Point for ESPON 2013</i>		Auditorium
09.45	Policy Regimes and Differential Impacts of the Financial Crisis	<i>Jan Mønnesland, Economist</i>		Auditorium
10.30	Coffee Break			Auditorium Area
10.45	Parallel 1	Parallel 2	Parallel 3	PURR Parallel
12.45	Sandwich Lunch			Restaurant Area
13.30	Parallel 1	Parallel 2	Parallel 3	PURR Parallel
15.30	Short Break, With Coffee			Auditorium Area
15.45	Summing up and Farewell	<i>Olaf Foss, NORBA and Steinar Johansen, RSA</i>		Auditorium Area
16.00	The Seminar Finishes			

There will be four parallels times three

Parallel 1: Planning and Development Issues. Nordic Baltic Regional Development.

Noorkõiv: *The differences in the levels of development of local governments in Estonia and related administrative challenges.*

Raagmaa: *The higher educational institutions and regional specialisation*

Kaisto: *The use of ESPON data and analyses in the study of cross-border regions. Experiences from ULYSSES project*

Roose and Gauk: *Territorial performance and urbanisation implications of Tartu as Southern Estonian regional pole*

Keskpaik: *Estonia 2010 and 2030+: Conceptual Change in State Level Spatial Planning*

Németh: *Territorial Cooperation in Europe: Specificities in a Nordic and external border context*

Zimin: *Regional Development and International Territorial Cooperation (ITC): The Case of Russian Carelia*

Parallel 2: Networks, Innovations and Infrastructure

Aldea-Partanen: *Creative destruction. Reinveting rural and sparsely populated areas.*

Westeren: *Regional development and knowledge, technology and competitiveness.*

Cornett: *Cluster based regional development strategies – theoretical concepts and regional implementation – the case of the Baltic Sea Region*

Mukkala and Tervo: *Regional airports and regional growth: Which way does the causality run?*

Mac Arthur, Osland and Thorsen: *Transport Networks and Accessibility: Complex Spation Interactions.*

Mac Arthur, Osland and Thorsen: *The Suitability of Hedonic Models for Cost-Benefit Analysis: Evidence from Commuting Flows*

Stokka: *A SCGE Modelling Approach Assessing Regional Effects of Energy Policy*

Lindström: *Impacts of Åland Tax Free Zone on Transport Infrastructure in the Baltic Sea Area*

Parallel 3: Cohesion, Welfare and Demographics

Eskilinen and Fritsch: *Territorial cohesion and place based policy – are these concepts known and used in Finnish policy debates?*

Rauhut and Ludlow: *Services of General Interest and Territorial Cohesion: What, How and by Whom?*

Humer and Rauhut: *Towards a welfare typology for the ESPON Space*

Johansson and Rauhut: *Young Women on the Run? A Snapshot from Rural Sweden*

Karlsson: *Interregional Migration, Transport Improvements, and Gender*

Mac Arthur, Osland and Thorsen: *Employment, Transport Infrastructure and Rural Depopulation.*

Eythorsson: *Labour Mobility and Responses to Local and Global Economic Crisis. The cases of two rural communities at the times of an economic collapse in Iceland*

Komornicki and Swiatek: *Accessibility and Services of General Interest: Preliminary Findings from some Case Studies.*

Parallel 4: PURR Project Parallel

There will be nine presentations:

Presentations of the project (3 presentations): By ESPON, the Regional Stakeholders and the Trans National Project Group (TPG).

Presentations of the case study regions (5 presentations): Notodden (NO), Vidzeme (LV), Dumfries and Galloway (UK), North Yorkshire (UK) and Cambrian Mountains (UK).

Concluding remarks (1 presentation) from the TPG, followed by discussion between the participants.