



Baltic Euroregional Network (BEN) – Final Conference

(24-26 October 2007, Jelgava/Latvia)

Wednesday, 24 October 2007

- Until 18:00** **Arrival of participants to Jelgava and checking in at the hotels**
- 18:00** **Departure for Grenctāle Guest House *Rožmalas* by bus**
(from Hotel Jelgava at 18:00 and from Hotel Zemgale at 18:10)
- 19:00-21:30** **Welcome Reception at Guest House *Rožmalas***
- *Welcome speech*
Amb. Valdis Krastiņš (tbc), Chair of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) Committee of Senior Officials
 - *Buffet*
 - *Performance by the local youth brass band of Skaistkalne Municipality*

Thursday, 25 October 2007

- 08:45-09:30** **Registration and welcome coffee**
Latvian University of Agriculture, Jelgava

- 09:30-10:15** **Opening and welcome speeches** (moderator* **Mr. Šarūnas Radvilavičius**, Main BEN Project Coordinator, Nordic Council of Ministers (NCM) Office in Lithuania)
- Mr. Artis Pabriks** (tbc), Minister for Foreign Affairs (MFA) of the Republic of Latvia and Chair of CBSS
- Mr. Halldór Ásgrímsson** (tbc), Secretary General of NCM
- Mr. Gints Kaminskis**, Chairman of Zemgale Planning Region Development Council
- 10:15-11:45** **Presentations**
- The Baltic Euroregional Network (BEN)*
Mr. Teppo Heiskanen, BEN Lead Partner
- Highlights of Work Package 1*
Ms. Merle Krigul and Ms. Katri-Liis Leppik, Helsinki/Tallinn Euroregion
- Highlights of Work Package 2*
Ms. Olga Kareva, Vyborg Municipality
- Highlights of Work Package 3*
Ms. Sandra Martinsone, MFA of Latvia
- 11:45-12:15** **Coffee break** (Silver Hall)
- 11:45** **Press conference**
- 12:15-13:00** **Presentations of follow-up projects respectively project ideas emerged from the co-operation within BEN** (moderator **Ms. Reet Kokovkin**, Hiiumaa County Government)
- “Promoting Local Component in Environmental Education in Transboundary Lakes’ Regions of Latgalia and Pskov Region” (BSR INTERREG III B Neighbourhood Programme III A Priority North)*
Ms. Olga Vasilenko (tbc), Chudskoye Project (Pskov/ Russia)
- “BEN EAST”*

* Every session is introduced and concluded by a speech of respective moderator.

Mr. Pavel Petrov, NCM Information Office in St. Petersburg

- 13:00-13:15** **Taking of BEN family picture**
(Grand Stairs of Jelgava Palace)
- 13:15-15:00** **Lunch at café *SILVA***
(From Palace in a distance of 5-10 minutes walk)
- 15:00-16:00** **Sustainability of the BEN project** (moderator **Mr. Torben Aaberg** (tbc))
- The BEN Strategy*
Mr. Šarūnas Radvilavičius, BEN Strategy Working Group
- *Developing the knowledge base of the cross-border cooperation using the E-library*
Ms. Gulnara Roll, Peipsi Centre for Transboundary Co-operation
- The BEN Best-practice Handbook*
Mr. Anthony Jay (CBSS Secretariat)
- 16:00-18:00** **Free time**
- 18:00** **Departure for Vecauce Castle (Dobele district) by bus**
from Hotel Zemgale 18:10; from Jelgava Palace 18:20; from Hotel Jelgava 18:30.
- 19:00-22:00** **BEN Project Closing Dinner (Vecauce Castle)**
-Closing speech
- Dinner*
- Performance by Brothers Petrovskis (piano and saxophone) and soloist Ms. Zane Dombrovska*

Friday, 26 October 2007

08:30-09:00 **Checking out of the hotels**

NB! Please take your luggage with you on the bus! There will be no return to Jelgava!

09:00-12:00

Technical visit in Euroregion Saule to:

-RAF Business incubator complex

-Rundāle Palace

13:00-14:30

Lunch at Guest House *Bērzkalni* (Bauska district) (tbc)

14:30-15:30

Direct transfer to Riga airport, train- and bus station