



IN-EUR Newsletter 4

IN-EUR International Seminar

Elaborated by: Local Councils' Association Malta

- **October 2013** -



The IN-EUR project consortium and the Lithuanian Innovation Center are pleased to invite all interested parties to attend the project's international seminar, entitled "Innovation in Small Regions" to be held on 5th December 2013 in Vilnius, Lithuania.

The event will be part of a larger international conference, entitled "Innovation Forum 2013", organized by the Agency for Science, Innovation and Technology (MITA) in Lithuania, the Ministry of Economy and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Lithuania in the context of the Lithuanian EU Presidency.

The event will gather international experts and speakers which will discuss and debate issues related to measuring innovation in small regions. The draft agenda can be seen below.

For more information and registration, please visit www.vif2013.com or send email to one of the following contacts:

Mr. Sander Vandermolen, Lithuanian Innovation Center s.vandermolen@lic.lt
Dr. Mantas Vilys, Lithuanian Innovation Center m.vilys@lic.lt
Ms. Lili Vasileva, Communication Officer lvasileva@lca.org.mt

The IN-EUR consortium is looking forward to meet you in Vilnius!

FINAL DRAFT AGENDA

"Measuring Innovation in Small Regions"

Vilnius, Lithuania
05/12/2013

08:00-09:00 Registration of participants

09:00 – 10:30 Opening Session: Promoting Innovation in small Regions

09:00 – 09:10 Opening

09:15 – 09:45 Keynote: "Innovation at local level"

09:45 - 10:00 "IN-EUR project-Objectives and Aims", Luminita Mihailov, Director, South-East Romania Development Agency, Romania



10:00 - 10:30 “Measuring innovation with ALBI model: Needs and methodology”,
Monica Lazzaroni, International Projects Office, Province of Lucca, Italy

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00 Second Session: Regional Innovation & Statistics

11:00 – 11:30 Keynote “European Regional Innovation Scoreboard”

11:30 – 12:00 Keynote “Regional Innovation Monitor – Measuring Innovation in European Regions”, Jelena Angelis, Technopolis-Group, which is coordinating the Regional Innovation Monitor

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 15:00 ‘From measuring innovation towards regional innovation policies’

13:30 – 14:00 Keynote “From measuring innovation towards new innovation strategy & policy: The case of the province of Limburg”, Jean Severijns, Province of Limburg, the Netherlands

14:00 – 15:00 Panel Discussion: “How to use measuring of innovation for policies in small regions”

Moderated discussion by panel of experts on translating the measurement of innovation into new regional innovation policy. Panel consists of:

1. Jelena Angelis, Technopolis-Group, which coordinates the Regional Innovation Monitor
2. Jean Severijns, Province of Limburg (NL) and member of Smart Specialisation Platform Mirror Group
3. Violeta Bulc, Owner and Manager, Vibacom company & Inco movement
4. Esa Kokkonen, Baltic Institute of Finland, project partner in TR3S: ‘Towards Regional specialisation for Smart growth spirit’
5. Tommy Ryan, Director of Services, Roscommon County Council, Ireland
6. Joe Greaney, President of the European Business & Innovation Centre Network

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 – 17:00 ‘From measuring innovation towards regional innovation policies’

15:30 – 16:20 Continued discussion with panel & audience



16:20 – 16:30 Conclusions & Closing Session, Mantas Vilys, Acting Director of the Lithuanian Innovation Centre

16:30 – 17:00 Networking Session & Continued discussions

Three Thematic Standing Tables where audience can meet the speakers and panelists

- Methods, tools, techniques for better innovation measuring in small regions
- Smart Specialisation: the role of small (sub)-regions (NUTS III)
- From measurements to decisions - innovation support in small regions

Bautzen Project Meeting and Workshop

The Bautzen Innovation Center hosted the 4th project meeting and the 3rd technical workshop on 11th and 12th June 2013 in Bautzen, Germany.

During the technical workshop, the Province of Lucca team presented the draft version of the Advance Local Balance of Innovation (ALBI) model, which is the main product of the IN-EUR project. More advanced version will be presented during the International Seminar in Vilnius, Lithuania.

Implementation Plan

During the Bautzen meeting, an initial proposal for the drafting of the Implementation Plan template was presented. The document contains a section dedicated to the definition of the DBLIs Workplan. This will help partners to better define their testing phase and the main actors to involve in the model validation, bearing in mind the future application strategy they want to undertake at local level.

8 detailed Implementation Plans will be presented before the end of the project.

Regional Discussion Tables

By the end of June 2013, the IN-EUR partners have organized more than 25 Regional Discussion Tables (RDT) with more than 300 participants.

During the 2nd half of the project partners will continue carrying out the local workshops (RDT) and continue discussing the subject of measuring innovation at local level (NUTS III). The comments and suggestions of the experts participating in the workshops will contribute for the improvement of the ALBI level and for the testing phase which will follow once the model has been finalized.