

CALL FOR PAPERS

Joint NS-RSA and ESPON-NORBA Scientific Seminar

Nordic and Baltic Regions in a European Development and Policy Context

March 14th–March 15th, 2012
in Oslo, Norway

Initiated by

**The Nordic Section of European
Regional Science Association (NS-RSA;
The 2nd Nordic Winter Conference)
and
Nordic-Baltic Dialogues on
Transnational Perspectives on Spatial
Planning (NORBA; A networking
project within the ESPON 2013
Programme)**



BACKGROUND AND SCOPE

Transnational perspectives are increasingly encouraged in territorial policy and research, partly influenced by a process of Europeanization. The Baltic and Nordic regions are facing many similar challenges, however on the background of rather different framework conditions -

within the area as well as compared to regions in other parts of Europe. Correspondingly, Baltic and Nordic regional and territorial science is faced with questions of fruitfulness and transferability of basic concepts, results and insights derived from different contexts and perspectives.

The mission of the ESPON 2013 Programme (European Observation Network for Territorial Development and Cohesion) is to (1) provide comparable information, evidence, analyses and scenarios on European territorial dynamics and (2) reveal territorial capital and potentials for development of regions and larger territories. Cf. <http://www.espon.eu/>.

The seminar calls for papers of direct or indirect relevance to the discussion of aspects of the issues stated above.

Main topics (partly addressed by keynote speakers to be announced later):

- *Prevailing territorial trends, perspectives and challenges in the Baltic/Nordic regions; confronting ESPON and national evidence*
- *Structural impacts of the financial crises and its aftermath on Baltic/Nordic regions; “creative destruction”?*
- *The fruitfulness of EU and ESPON spatial research and policy concepts as applied to specific Baltic/Nordic regions and different territorial levels*
- *Vulnerability and resilience of Baltic/Nordic regions to major global/external trends (economic, environmental, political); problems of measurement and relevance of ESPON results*

General topics of interest include (but are not limited to):

- Regional economic development
- Rural and local development
- Attractiveness of regions and cities
- Demographic and migratory flows
- Climate change and the territories

- Territorial scenarios and visions
- Land use and spatial development
- Entrepreneurship, knowledge, innovation
- Implications of energy poverty
- Territorial Cooperation
- Infrastructure and accessibility
- Greener economy
- Territorial governance
- Public policy and finance
- Social and cultural capital
- Modelling spatial development

PARTICIPANTS

The seminar is open for Baltic, Nordic and international participants from universities, research institutions, government agencies, organisations, and others with an interest in regional development in the Nordic and Baltic regions

COSTS FOR PARTICIPANTS

Lunch for registered participants is paid by the organisers. Accommodation and travel costs to and from Oslo are paid by each participant individually.

VENUE

Oslo Innovation Center

("Forskningsparken") close to the University of Oslo, Blindern. Cf.:

<http://www.forskningsparken.no/English-version/>

IMPORTANT DATES

January, 8th: Preliminary registration of paper title and seminar attendance

January, 20th: Deadline for abstract submission

February, 10th: Notification of acceptance

March 14th–March 15st: Seminar

PUBLICATION

Selected papers will be published as seminar proceedings/in seminar report

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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