



Make Empowerment Happen!

Changing Mindsets for Better Social Services

Final Conference of the Interreg Baltic Sea Region Project
SEMPRE (Social Empowerment in Rural Areas)

27-28 November 2018

Preliminary Programme – September 2018

Venue: University of Latvia, Riga

Registration and hotel information: <http://sempre-project.eu/riga-2018>

Conference moderator: Igors Gubenko

Day 1 - 27 November 2018

09.00 – 09.30	Registration and Welcome Coffee
09.30 – 10.10	<p>Opening session</p> <p><i>Welcome words by</i></p> <p>INGUS ALLIKS, State Secretary, Ministry of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia</p> <p>INDRIKIS MUIŽNIEKS, Rector of the University of Latvia</p> <p>HEIKO NAß, Head of Diakonisches Werk Schleswig-Holstein, Lead Partner of the SEMPRE project</p>
10.10 – 10.40	<p>Empowerment and User Involvement - from having a voice to having a say!</p> <p>PETER BERESFORD, Professor of Citizen Participation, University of Essex and Emeritus Professor of Social Policy, Brunel University London</p> <p><i>In a video conversation with</i></p> <p>DORIS SCHEER, Diakonisches Werk Schleswig-Holstein, Coordinator of the SEMPRE project</p>



10.40 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 12.15	<p>The different dimensions of empowerment in the SEMPRE project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The individual and group dimension / The Empowerment Handbook • The organizational dimension / The Roadmap for Organisations and Training Modules • The societal dimension / The policy recommendations <p><i>Presentation of the main outputs of the project by SEMPRE partners</i></p>
12.15 – 12.30	World premiere of the SEMPRE Micro Project Film
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch break
13.30 – 14.45	<p>Micro project tour (Part one)</p> <p><i>The SEMPRE micro projects are the result of co-creation processes involving users and providers of social services in the partner countries. The initiators of these micro projects present them to the conference participants who walk around the exhibition in groups.</i></p>
14.45 – 15.15	Coffee break
15.15 – 16.00	<p>Taking a look beyond the Baltic Sea Region: How Social Franchising works in Italy</p> <p>ANTONIO ZURINO, Le Mat, Italy</p>
16.00 – 16.45	<p>The role of social innovation in European Territorial Cooperation – now and in the Funding Period 2014-2020</p> <p>A conversation with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KATHARINA ERDMENGER, Head of Division for European Spatial Development Policies and Territorial Cohesion, German Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community • ANDERS BERGSTRÖM, Norden Association, Policy Area Coordinator PA Education of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region • EU Commission representative (tbc)
16.45 – 17.00	Closure Day of 1
19.00	Dinner reception



Day 2 - 28 November 2018

09.00 – 10.45	Future Workshops: What will social services in the Baltic Sea Region look like in 2030		
	<i>a) Focus on individual and group level</i>	<i>b) Focus on organisational level</i>	<i>c) Focus on societal level</i>
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee break		
11.15 – 12.30	Micro project tour (Part two)		
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch		
13.30 – 14.00	Presentation of future workshop results and their impact on the SEMPRE policy recommendations		
14.00 – 14.45	Panel discussion on future workshop results and policy recommendations		
14.45 – 15.15	<p>“The human dimension” of empowerment</p> <p>VICTORIA MUNSEY, Diaconia Valdese, Italy</p>		
15.15 – 15.30	Conference closing – and possibly an outlook to future projects		

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We look forward to meeting you in Riga!

If you have any questions about the conference, please contact us at sempre@sempre-project.eu