



## 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**

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**Venue:** University of Latvia, Raina Blvd. 19, Small Hall – Riga

**Conference moderator:** Igors Gubenko

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### Day 1 - 27 November 2018

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



10.40 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 12.15	<p><b>The different dimensions of empowerment in the SEMPRE project</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The individual and group dimension / The Empowerment Handbook</li> <li>• The organizational dimension / The Roadmap for Organisations and Training Modules</li> <li>• The societal dimension / The policy recommendations</li> </ul> <p><i>Presentation of the main outputs of the project by SEMPRE partners</i></p>
12.15 – 12.30	<b>World premiere of the SEMPRE Micro Project Film</b>
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch break
13.30 – 14.45	<p><b>Micro project tour (Part one)</b></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><b>The role of social innovation in European Territorial Cooperation – now and in the next funding period after 2020</b></p> <p>KATHARINA ERDMENGER, Head of Division for European Spatial Development Policies and Territorial Cohesion, German Federal Ministry of the Interior, Building and Community</p>
16.00 – 16.45	<p><b>Taking a look beyond the Baltic Sea Region: How Social Franchising works in Italy</b></p> <p>ANTONIO ZURINO, Le Mat, Italy</p>
16.45 – 17.00	<b>Closure Day of 1</b>
19.00	<b>Dinner reception</b>



## Day 2 - 28 November 2018

9.00 – 9.15	<p><b>Lessons from the Evaluation Results</b>                  SUSANNE JUNGERSTAM, Novia University of Applied Sciences, Finland</p>		
09.15 – 10.45	<p><b>Future Workshops: What will social services in the Baltic Sea Region look like in 2030?</b>  <b>Overcoming barriers to user involvement</b></p>		
	<p><i>a) Focus on individual and group level</i></p>	<p><i>b) Focus on organisational level</i></p>	<p><i>c) Focus on societal level</i></p>
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee break		
11.15 – 12.30	Micro project tour (Part two)		
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch		
13.30 – 14.00	<p><b>Presentation of future workshop results and their impact on the SEMPRE policy recommendations</b></p>		
14.00 – 14.45	<p><b>How can service providers and policy makers facilitate user-led initiatives?</b>  <i>Panel discussion</i></p>		
14.45 – 15.15	<p><b>“The human dimension” of empowerment</b>                  VICTORIA MUNSEY, Vice President of the CSD Diaconia Valdese (Italy)                  and member of the Executive Board of EURODIACONIA</p>		
15.15 – 15.30	<p><b>Conference closing – a look beyond SEMPRE, what lies ahead?!</b></p>		

If you have any questions, please contact us at [sempre@sempre-project.eu](mailto:sempre@sempre-project.eu)