



SAVE THE DATE! STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE 24-25th AUGUST

Knowledge dynamics in regional economic development

Regional Trajectories to the Knowledge Economy – Nordic-European comparisons (REKENE) Focus on the ICT, KIBS, New Media and Food & Drink sectors

How can regions learn to benefit from knowledge dynamics?

Nordregio Academy with partners invite you to a conference on harnessing knowledge dynamics in regional economic development, 24th and 25th of August, Stockholm University, Stockholm.

In today's globalised world, it is a well-developed knowledge economy that gives a competitive edge in regional development. Regions must master knowledge dynamics: the ways in which knowledge is created, transmitted and applied to economically viable uses.

The conference will present fresh results from the REKENE research project including case studies from a number of regions in Sweden, Finland, Denmark and Iceland.

See overleaf for preliminary programme.

There is no fee, but as space is limited, we need your registration.



"The Shaidon Effect & Dom Dugliga" during the festival New Media Meeting, Norrköping.
Photo by Johan Furuholm

Deadline for registration is August 12th 2010

For more information about the conference and the project see www.nordregio.se/Rekene/



Programme “Knowledge dynamics in regional economic development”

Tuesday 24 August, Moderator: Jonathan Metzger, Nordregio

Session I: Nordic regions and firms in the global knowledge flows

13.00 Welcome

13:10 Valuing knowledge in business, Daniel Sachs, Proventus followed by a moderated discussion on the value of multifaceted knowledge when doing business

13.40 An introduction to the REKENE project, Margareta Dahlström, Nordregio

14.00 Telling the story of Territorial Knowledge Dynamics, the role of Elme studio in the Oulu South region, Eija-Riitta Niinikoski & Harri Jokela, Oulu Southern Institute

14.30 Telling the story of Firm level Knowledge dynamics, the development of Zenicor ECG, Lukas Smas, Stockholm University

15.00 Break

15.30 Key findings from the REKENE project, Sigrid Hedin, Nordregio

16.10 A helicopter view: Knowledge dynamics from a European perspective, Anders Larsson, Gothenburg University

16.30 End of Session I

SHOWCASE Session

16.45 Innovation in action: See and experience examples of innovations from the regional show-cases:

- Display of laser-equipment of ELME Studio, Oulu South Region
- New Media Meeting, Östergötland
- Quedro – development of mobile services and marketing, Åland
- More to be announced.....

Complimentary refreshments & snacks

18.30 End of showcase session

Wednesday 25 August, Moderator: Susan Brockett, Nordregio

Session II: Practical policy tools for harnessing knowledge dynamics

9.00 Welcome

9.05 The Policy toolkit: a presentation, Susan Brockett, Nordregio

9.35 “Tool explorations”: Introduction to workshop on the REKENE policy toolkit

10.00 Tasks & tools for regional development in the knowledge economy, Session I

10.50 Break

11.10 Tasks & tools for regional development in the knowledge economy, Session II

12.00 Lunch

Session III: Reflections from international experts

13.00 Introduction to the session

Looking at the context for harnessing Knowledge dynamics in regional development

13.05 A view from the national level in Finland, Janne Antikainen, Regional development director, Ministry of Employment and the Economy

13.35 A view from the regional level in Sweden, Ylva Williams, CEO, Stockholm Science City Foundation

14.05 A view from Europe, Karl Ritsch, project manager, Styrian Business Promotion Agency, Austria

14.35 Open discussion

15.00 End

Supported by the Nordic Innovation Centre and the partners

Region Sjælland, Denmark
Roskilde University, Denmark
Oulu South Regional Centre Programme, Finland
Oulu Southern Institute, Finland
Akureyri Region Business Agency, Iceland
University of Akureyri, Iceland
East Sweden Region, Sweden

Linköping University, Sweden
Stockholm County Council (Office of Regional Planning), Sweden
Stockholm University, Sweden
Region Värmland, Sweden
Karlstad University, Sweden
The Government of Åland, Åland
Statistics and Research Åland, Åland