



Hailuodossa, 22.7.2007

Terveisiä Gotlannista

Palasin Visbystä lauantaina, matka meni todella hyvin ja seminaari oli loistavasti järjestetty, tunnelma välitön ja letkeä.

Olisin siellä suonut olevan muitakin suomalaisia, koskapa kysyntä oli kovaa. Ainakin Carl Bertil Tauleria ja Eero Uusitaloa kyseltiin kovasti ja Anne-Maija Kivimäen tietävät kaikki. Erityistä kiinnostusta isännät osoittivat meidän LEADER-hankkeiden sisältöihin ja aikatauluihin.

Konferenssi pidettiin Itämeri-talossa, jossa heillä on valmis organisaatio ja yhteysverkko kaikenlaiseen projektitoimintaan, sitä eivät baltit (virolaiset, latvialaiset, liettualaiset ja puolalaiset) lakanneet kehumasta.

Itse levitin hyvää sanaa pienten saarten puolesta, gotlantilaisia isäntiä toppuuttelin saaren suuren koon ja liiallisen kauneuden takia.

Ainoa lievä takapakki oli se, että Bengt Almqvist oli perunut viime tingassa osallistumisensa ja että virolaiset olivat mantereelta.

Kiinnostavia kontakteja ovat Stig Hansson, mukana kaikessa ja Anki Ekqvist (kasoiskansalaisuus) tuntee kaikki ynnä tietenkin kaikki kutsussa mainitut vastuuhenkilöt.

Hyvää kesää!

Paavo I.

Ohjelma

The conference will start the 11:th of July in the afternoon by joining the ongoing Swedish Leader Network conference. The afternoon will concentrate on getting together and



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starting informal discussions about transnational cooperation. The second day holds several public seminars on the theme and will also contain the Leader of the Year Award.

Wednesday the 11th of July

Bus transfer will be organised from Visby town to Fårö. The Swedish LAGs will have a network conference starting in the morning and the international guests are invited to join for the field trip and social gathering at 15.00 in the afternoon.

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| 15.00 | Arrival to Fårö |
| 15.00 – 17.00 | Field trip presenting the remarkable nature of Fårö |
| 17.00 – 17.30 | Short introduction to informal discussions about transnational co-operation |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experiences from transnational co-operation • Baltic Ring – Nordic Leader dimension- etc |
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| 17.30 – 19.30 | Arranging the accomodation and time for informal discussions |
| 19.30 | Barbeque with local specialities |

Thursday the 12th of July

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| 08.00 | Bus transfer to Visby |
| 09.00 | Gathering with a sweet drink |
| 09.30 | Welcome |
| 09.35 | Key note speaker, European Commission, DG Agri. “The added value of transnational cooperation in rural development” or ”Why are we using EU funds to finance transnational cooperation for rural development?” |
| 10.05 | Presentation of an analysis of the transnational cooperation projects carried out during the Swedish Leader+ programme with a special focus on the sometimes unexpected spin off effects in a rural area. The analyse has been carried out by the consultancy company, SWECO-Eurofutures. |
| 10.25 | Short brake |
| 10.35 | Short introduction to four suggested afternoon workshops, They can be (workshop themes might still be changed): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities with the new Rural Development Program and especially with the Leader tool.. How can Leader be used in the axis 2? How can activities covering all the three axis be integrated through the Leader method? How can transnational cooperation strengthen the new RDP? • Water management in rural areas, using the EU Water Directive as framework for cooperation projects. Local water committees from Gotland will show their example. • The history of cooperation for rural development and environment around the Baltic Sea. Examples from |

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| | <p>cooperation with Estonia, Lithuania and Latvia through the Farmers Unions, The Popular Movements Council and the Leader LAGs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning for new transnational cooperation projects in the future. “The Baltic Ring”, “The Nordic Leader Dimension” and other suggestions |
| 11.15 | Presentation the Swedish Leader of the Year Award, the final nominees |
| 12.15 | The Swedish Leader of the Year Award |
| 12.30 | Lunch buffet with culinary specialities from Gotland Exhibitions in the garden |
| 13.30 | Four parallel workshops |
| 15.00 | Repetition of the workshops |
| 16.30 | Closing discussion with the workshop moderators and rapporteurs |
| 17.00 | The End |

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