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5TH NORDIC-BALTIC CONFERENCE REGIONAL SCIENCE



The 5th Nordic-Baltic Conference in Regional Science titled "Global-Local Interplay in the Baltic Sea Region" will be held in Pärnu, Estonia, on October 1-4, 1998.

The conference will discuss global-local interplay and new challenges for local and regional governance in the context of post-industrial and post-socialist transition in the Baltic Sea Region. The conference will be organised by scientific institutes from Estonia, Poland, Sweden together with the City of Pärnu and UNDP.

The conference will focus on the following topics:

- prospects of globalisation, localisation and regionalisation;
- political and economic impact of European integration on the Baltic Sea Region;
- EU regional policies and regional development;
- new local and regional identities, opportunities for indigenous development;
- migratory and demographic processes in the Baltic Sea countries;
- post-industrial and post-socialist urban and regional planning;
- Baltic studies, future studies.

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ACTIVE TOWNS CONFERENCE IN ST. PETERSBURG



The VIII International Conference of local authorities within the framework of the Programme EUROGRAD-XXI will take place on 27-29 April 1998 in Saint-Petersburg. The topic of the Conference will be „Active towns: strategy and marketing to increase the competitiveness“.

The social significance of the Conference is connected with the appearance of new organisational technologies. They started to be applied for urban development activation and for raising the competitiveness of towns and regions. The use of these technologies in West Europe allowed to overcome the economic decline in great part. It also allow to increase organisational potential of governance, to attract new investment, to gain more success in finding solutions to social and economic problems. The study and use of the

experience gained by active European towns may become an essential development factor for towns and regions under the conditions of economic and financial instability and increasing competition for investments among towns and regions.

Conference objectives are

- to discuss theoretical and practical aspects of application of new organisational capacities in local government,
- to evaluate their positive influence upon finding solutions to particular urban development problems
- to share the views on the possibility and advisability of introduction of these capacities in Russian and NIS towns.

The participants suppose to be representative of active West European and Russian towns and representatives of different national and European organisations. All the more the organiser of the Conference is Institute EUROGRAD in cooperation with Konrad Adenauer Foundation, St. Petersburg Government, EUROCITIES, Institute for Social and Economic problems of Russian Academy of Science.

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