

Agenda of the Bottrop - Thessaloniki workshop

"Growth Initiative: municipalities for a strong Europe"

11-12 November, 2015

Willy-Brandt-Haus, Wilhelmstr. 140, Berlin/Germany

Day 1 (Wednesday)

09.00 - 09.30 Registration

09.30 - 10.30 Welcome and introduction round

- *Prof. Dr. Gesine Schwan*
President of the HUMBOLDT-VIADRINA Governance Platform, Berlin
- *Julia Hoffmann*
Advocate Europe Program Manager, MitOst e.V., Berlin

10.30 - 12.30 Session 1: "Green growth" - financing opportunities for the local investments

10.30 - 10.50 Using Green Knowledge for Implementing Regional Innovation and Competitiveness

- *Prof. Panayiotis Ketikidis*
Chairman of the Management Committee & Academic Director of the Doctoral Programme, South East European Research Centre (SEERC), Thessaloniki

10.50 - 11.10 Citizen Energy Efficiency Co-Ops - a New Market Model for Municipalities or Regions in Europe

- *Herbert Köpnick*
Manager of the REEG Project, German Green Business Association (B.A.U.M. e.V.), Hamburg

11.10 - 11.30 Chances for municipal investments: growth through the The Investment Plan for Europe of Jean Claude Juncker

- *Representative of the European Investment Bank [TBC]*

11.30 - 12.30 Discussion

12.30 - 13.30 Lunch break

13.30 - 15.40 Session 2: Development paths of local municipalities: Bottrop and Thessaloniki

13.30- 14.00 Bottrop InnovationCity Ruhr: from structural problems to innovation city

- *Stefanie Hugot*

Head of the Municipal Networking Department, InnovationCity Management GmbH, Bottrop

- *Andreas Hübner*

Gertec Ingenieurgesellschaft - Masterplan InnovationCity Bottrop

14.00 - 14.10 Questions and Answers Round

14.10 - 14.30 Thessaloniki: current investments and further development plans

- *Vanta-Vassiliki Kyriakou*

Architectural Engineering, MSc. Energy Systems, Thessaloniki [TBC]

14.30 - 14.40 Questions and Answers Round

14.40 - 15.40 Discussion

15.40 - 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 - 17.30 Wrap up session: Identifying similarities and differences between Bottrop and Thessaloniki - gathering topics for workshops and creating working groups

17.30 Closing of the day

18.00 Dinner at "Brachvogel Restaurant"

Day 2 (Thursday)

09.00 - 09.30 Registration

09.30 - 11.00 Workshop: Seeking possible areas of "good investment practices" transfer

11.00 - 12.00 Working groups: presentation of the workshop outcomes

12.00 - 12.15 Questions and Answers Round

12.15 - 13.15 Lunch break

13.15 - 14.30 Discussing the outcomes of group work

14.30 - 14.45 Coffee break

14.45 - 15.30 Wrap up session: suggestions for further steps in inter-municipal knowledge transfer

15.30 - 16.00 Conclusions and Positions

- *Julia Hoffmann*
Advocate Europe Program Manager, MitOst e.V., Berlin
- *Prof. Dr. Gesine Schwan*
President of the HUMBOLDT-VIADRINA Governance Platform, Berlin

16.00 End of the workshop