International Conference on

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNANCE IN CENTRAL, EAST AND SOUTH-EAST EUROPE

6-8 June 2005

Boscolo Grand Hotel
Trento, Italy

Programme

OECD LEED Centre for Local Development
Trento, Italy
Rationale

Local development is a complex issue. Effective local development strategies pursue long-term objectives. They are integrated, encompassing objectives ranging from economic development to social development and environmental protection. They feature innovative institutional mechanisms that ensure that the main stakeholders take an active part in both their design and implementation. They build on synergy between the initiatives led by the various actors. And they influence the implementation of national and regional policy, contributing to their co-ordination and adaptation to local needs.

A number of governance mechanisms have emerged throughout OECD countries to achieve this ambitious list of tasks. During the last 15 years, countries of Central, East and South-East Europe, with their own historical, political and institutional background, have also contributed to innovations in this field.

This conference will be a unique opportunity to discuss the progress made in this region in the light of a broader international experience. More than 30 papers will be presented and debated on the five themes of the conference, as described below.

Monday, 6 June 2005 and Tuesday, 7 June 2005

“BRINGING TOGETHER ACTORS IN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNANCE”

Exchange on international support programmes and projects on Local Development and Governance

International Organisations will present their work and initiatives on local development and governance in Central, East and South-East Europe and will invite for bilateral meetings between academics, practitioners and policy-makers.

Invited International Organisations are:

Monday, 6 June 2005

13:00–14:00 Registration

14:00–14:30 Welcome and opening addresses by

Sergio Arzeni, Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs and Local Development, OECD

Michele Dau, Director General of the National Council for Economics and Labour, Italy and Italian Delegate to the OECD LEED Directing Committee

Lorenzo Dellai, President of the Autonomous Province of Trento

14:30–18:00 CHALLENGES AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

Chair: Sergio Arzeni, Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs and Local Development, OECD

14:30–16:00 New Trends in Fostering Local Development and Governance in Central, East and South-East Europe – A Roundtable of Policy-Makers

The roundtable of central high-level policy-makers will address key issues for local development and governance in Central, East and South-East Europe and outline some innovative developments and reforms.

Speakers:

Marek Szczepanski, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Economy, Labour and Social Policy, Poland

Jiri Vackar, Deputy Minister, Ministry for Regional Development, Czech Republic

Valdas Rupsys, Under State Secretary, Ministry for Social Security and Labour, Lithuania

Helga Repassy, Vice-President, Hungarian Office for Territorial and Regional Development, Hungary

16:00–16:30 Coffee break

16:30–18:00 Building Competitive Cities and Sustainable Communities

A Roundtable of Mayors

Mayors of major cities in Central, East and South-East Europe will highlight the new challenges they face in fostering innovation and endogenous development and social cohesion and will further explore the avenues they take to tackle them.

Keynote address by Michael Parkinson, Professor and Director of the European Institute of Urban Affairs, John Moores University, Liverpool, United Kingdom

Local Strategies in a Global Economy: Lessons from Competitive Cities
Speakers:

*Alberto Pacher*, Mayor of Trento, Italy

*Gabor Demszky*, Mayor of Budapest, Hungary

*Jerzy Walewski*, Deputy Director of the Department for Development Strategy and European Integration, Municipality of Warsaw, Poland

18:00 Concluding remarks by *Sergio Arzeni*, Director, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs and Local Development, OECD

19:30 Dinner Buffet

**Tuesday, 7 June 2005**

9:00–13:00 **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES IN CENTRAL, EAST AND SOUTH-EAST EUROPE – FROM PLANNING TO IMPLEMENTATION**

Chair: *Michael Förschner*, Chair of the OECD LEED Forum on Partnerships and Local Governance

9:00–9:20 Introduction by *Scott Abrams*, Open Society Institute (Soros Foundation), Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative and *Fergus Murphy*, Consultant, LED Associates

**Designing and Implementing Local Development Strategies in Central, East and South-East Europe**

9:20–11:00

*Sebastiano Fadda*, Professor at the University of Rome III, Italy

Local Development and Governance: A Selected Comparative Analysis of Canadian and Irish Conditions, with Reference to Challenges and Opportunities for Poland

*David J.A. Douglas*, Professor at the University of Guelph, Canada

**Metropolization – Local Development and Government in Poland**

*Lydia Coudroy de Lille*, University of Lyon II, France


*Serhiy Maksymenko*, Director, Institute for Regional and Euro-Integration Studies “EuroRegio Ukraine”, Ukraine

Discussion

11:00–11:30 Coffee break

11:30–12:45

**Governance and Local Economic Development: In Search of an Appropriate Governance Structure for Croatia**

*Marijana Sumpor*, Institute of Economics, Croatia

**Local Development and Governance in the Russian Federation**
Discussion

12:45–13:00  Comment by Jafar Javan, Chief of Policy Support and Programme Development (FSPD), UNDP Regional Centre Europe and CIS

13:00–14:00  Lunch Buffet

14:00–17:30  LOCAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES IN CENTRAL, EAST AND SOUTH-EAST EUROPE – FROM PLANNING TO IMPLEMENTATION (continuation)

Chair: Peter Tatarko, Co-ordinator of the OECD LEED Trento Centre for Local Development

14:00–16:00  A Holistic Approach to Local Economic Development in Western Serbia
Mirjana Stankovic, DAI, Inc./USAID-funded Serbia Local Government Reform Program (SLGRP), Serbia

Local Employment and Local Economic Development – Examples from Bulgaria
Elena Panova, JOBS Project, UNDP Bulgaria

Local Employment and Local Economic Development in Albania and Kosovo (Serbia and Montenegro)
Francesco Panzica, Project Manager European Training Foundation (ETF)

Discussion

16:00–16:30  Coffee break

16:30–17:20  Institutions, Governance and the Development of Entrepreneurship: The Experience of Central and East Europe
David Smallbone, Professor at the Small Business Research Centre, Kingston University, Great Britain

The Role of Institutions in Fostering Entrepreneurship – Experiences from the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Therese Hoy Jacobsen, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway

Discussion

17:20–17:40  Comment by Julie G. Viloria-Williams, Institutional & Local Development Advisor, Local Economic Development (LED) Programme, on secondment with ILO under the World Bank Staff Exchange Programme

17:40–17:50  Concluding remarks by Scott Abrams, Open Society Institute (Soros Foundation), Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative
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Parallel Morning Session

9:00–13:00

TOOLS FOR BETTER GOVERNANCE IN CENTRAL, EAST AND SOUTH-EAST EUROPE
Chair: Sylvain Giguere, Deputy Head of the LEED Programme, OECD

9:00–9:20 Introduction by Xavier Greffe, Professor at the University of Paris I Sorbonne, France and Scientific Co-ordinator of the OECD LEED Scientific Advisory Group on Local Development and Governance

The Instruments of Good Governance

9:20–11:00

Regional Strategic Management in Europe: a Comparative Survey
Jean-Claude Prager, ADIT and Institut d’Études Politiques de Paris, France

Polycentric Development and Multi-level Public-Private Partnerships in Slovenia
Zdenka Kovac, GEA College of Entrepreneurship, Slovenia

Determinants in Policy Co-ordination for Local Employment in Poland
Michal Boni, Polish Confederation of Private Employers, Poland

Promoting Local Development – the Central European Initiative
Counsellor Leonardo Baroncelli, CEI-ES Deputy Director General, Trieste, Italy

Discussion

11:00–11:30 Coffee Break

11:30–12:40

Participation in Transition: Problems and Possibilities of Participatory Approaches to Strategic Development Management – Examples from Croatia
Irena Dokie, Nenad Starc and Paul Stubbs, Institute of Economics, Zagreb, Croatia

Participation in Planning and Implementing Local Development Strategies
Vesna Atanasova and Kristina Hadzi Vasileva, USAID and Care International, FYR Macedonia

Discussion

12:40–12:50 Comment by Thomas Mefford, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Europe & Eurasia, United States Agency for International Development

12:50–13:00 Concluding remarks by Xavier Greffe, Professor at the University of Paris I Sorbonne, France and Scientific Co-ordinator of the OECD LEED Scientific Advisory Group on Local Development and Governance

13:00–14:00 Lunch Buffet
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Parallel Afternoon Session

14:00–17:30  **FOSTERING PARTICIPATIVE AND REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY IN CENTRAL, EAST AND SOUTH-EAST EUROPE**
Chair: Andrea-Rosalinde Hofer, Administrator, OECD LEED Trento Centre for Local Development

14:00–14:20  **Introduction by Charles Sabel, Professor of Law and Social Science at the Columbia Law School, United States**
Local Democracy: How It Matters for Economic Development and Social Solidarity

14:20–16:00  **Building Capacity of Local Authorities and Promoting Participation in South-East Europe**
Haralambos Kondonis, Expert-Counsellor on Balkan Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Greece
Stimulating Participatory, Pragmatic Local Economic Development in South-East Europe: Experiences with Participative Appraisal of Competitive Advantage PACA
Jörg Meyer-Stamer, Mesopartner, Local Economic Delivery Consultancy, Germany
Community-Based Organisations as a Vehicle for Local Development
Kalyan Pandey, Chief Technical Advisor, Local Governance Programme, UNDP Albania
Discussion

16:00–16:30  Coffee Break

16:30–17:30  **Developing a Civil Society in a Transitional Country: the Case of Serbia**
Vladan Jeremic, Municipal Support Programme, Serbia
The Work of the Association of Local Democracy Agencies
Antonella Valmorbida, Association of Local Democracy Agencies, Council of Europe
Discussion

17:30–17:40  Comment by Trefor Williams, Director of Democratisation Department, OSCE Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina

17:40–17:50  Concluding remarks by Charles Sabel, Professor of Law and Social Science at the Columbia Law School, United States
Wednesday, 8 June 2005

9:00–13:00  FINANCING LOCAL DEVELOPMENT IN CENTRAL, EAST AND SOUTHEAST EUROPE
Chair: Ifor Ffowcs-Williams, Chief Executive, Cluster Navigators Ltd., New Zealand and LEED Partner

9:00–9:20  Introduction by Randall Eberts, Executive Director, W. E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, United States
Financing Local Economic Development: Experiences in Europe and the United States

9:20–11:00  Financing Local Development in Croatia: Potentials and Limitations at local level
Dubravka Jurlina Alibegovic, Institute of Economics, Zagreb, Croatia

Financing Local Development in Bulgaria: Achievements, Challenges and Perspectives
Desislava Stoilova, Southwest University "Neofit Rilski", Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria

Fiscal Relations and Local Development in Belarus
Alexander Luchenok and Irina Kolesnikova, Institute of Economics of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus

Discussion

11:00–11:30  Coffee Break

Holger Kuhle, Vice President of the European Association for Information on Local Development (A.E.I.D.L.), Brussels

A Development Banking Model and the Support for New Entrepreneurial Ventures in East-Central Europe
Zeljko Sevic, Professor at the University of Greenwich, UK

FinNetSME – The Network for Regional SME-Finance
Klaus Kofler, Authorised Representative to the EU, Saxony Development Bank, Germany

Entrepreneurship Development Programmes – What Works World-Wide
Fred Dunbee, Senior Advisor, Global Compact, United Nations

Discussion

12:50–13:00  Concluding remarks by Randall Eberts, Executive Director, W. E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, United States

13:00  Final remarks and closing by Gianluca Salvatori, Minister for Planning, Research and Innovation of the Autonomous Province of Trento
Sergio Arzeni, Director of the Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs and Local Development, OECD