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Seminar

Regional Diversity and Local Development in Central and Eastern Europe

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Sala Balowa
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The seminar promoted by Unidea UniCredit Foundation in collaboration with the OECD/LEED Programme, CoDe Joint European Master in Comparative Local Development (University of Trento), EUROREG – Centre for European Regional and Local Studies (Warsaw University) and the Regional Studies Association - Polish section, will discuss regional diversity and local development in Central and Eastern Europe, the opportunities for both public and private actors to actively contribute to the improvement of local realities, and the regional and European context of such local strategies.

In economies once dominated by central planning and large-scale enterprise based on mass production, local development can play a significant role in restructuring and revitalizing the economy. Various local actors, both public and private, can make important contributions to economic growth and development, by innovating, upgrading human resources and so generating jobs, in particular for young people, and by promoting the social (re-)integration of local environments. Nevertheless successful local economic development is not a reality everywhere in Central and Eastern Europe and regional and local differences have widened since 1989.

Local development provides an answer to regional inequalities through business development and the amelioration of its environment. Local development is, however, no guarantee for equal and inclusive economic growth, also because some regions seem to be in a better position to exploit opportunities than others. And multiple levels need to be considered, as local economies are not self-sufficient but participate in a multi-level interplay of governance, in which various actors attempt to deal with developmental problems. The European dimension is particularly crucial, involving both challenges and possibilities for the economies in transformation.

08:45 a.m.

WELCOME COFFEE AND REGISTRATION

09:00-09:30 a.m.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Katarzyna Chałasińska-Macukow

Rector of Warsaw University

Paola Pierri

Chairman, Unidea-UniCredit Foundation, Milan

Grzegorz Gorzelak

Director, EUROREG - Centre for European Regional and Local Studies, Warsaw University

Sergio Arzeni

Director, CFE and Head, LEED Programme, OECD, Paris

Bruno Dallago

Academic Director, CoDe Joint European Master in Comparative Local Development, University of Trento

09:30-10:00 a.m.

OPENING LECTURE

John Walsh

Deputy Head of Unit, DG REGIO/C1 - Thematic Development and Impact, European Commission

10:00-11:30 a.m.

**REGIONAL DIVERSITY AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT
IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE:
THE EXPERIENCES OF NEW AND PROSPECTIVE
EU MEMBER STATES**

Ivo Bićanić

Faculty of Economics, University of Zagreb

How much have multiple shocks (independence, war, transformation) changed the development gradient of Croatian regions?

Petr Pavlinek

Department of Geography and Geology,
University of Nebraska at Omaha

Regional development effects of foreign direct investment in Central and Eastern Europe

Grzegorz Gorzelak

Director, EUROREG - Centre for European Regional
and Local Studies, Warsaw University

Main processes of regional development in Central and Eastern Europe after 1990

11:30-12:00 a.m.

COFFEE BREAK

12:00 – 01:30 p.m.

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC POLICY
AND PRIVATE ACTORS**

Éva Ruttkay

Hungarian Association of Local Governments, Budapest
Local development and local authorities in Hungary

Aleksander Surdej

Department of European Studies,
Cracow University of Economics

*Designing institutional assets for local development:
in search of theoretical guidance*

Elżbieta Chojna-Duch

Centre of Studies in Territorial Self-Government and Local
Development, Warsaw University

Local government in the process of transformation

01:30 – 03:00 p.m.

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03:00 - 04:30 p.m.

REGIONAL AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

Marek Kozak

EUROREG - Centre for European Regional
and Local Studies, Warsaw University

Regional development in the process of enlargement

Sorin Ioniță

Romanian Academic Society, Bucharest

*Social benefits and administrative strains: the golden
burden of EU funds at the sub-national level in Romania*

Jana Gašparíková

Institute for Forecasting, Slovak Academy of Sciences,
Bratislava

*Regional differentiation in Slovakia and the position of SMEs
(the role of young entrepreneurs)*

04:30 - 05:00 p.m.

COFFEE BREAK

05:00- 07:00 p.m.

ROUNDTABLE ON REGIONAL DIVERSITY AND LOCAL DEVELOPMENT IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Chair

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