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International Working Session “Development of large-scale industrial areas” (WP 2)

Place: City Council, Jelgava/LV
Time: 7 September 2006, 14.00 – 15.30 h

The session presented us the work on the development of large-scale industrial areas in four different countries: Bernhard Heinrichs presented the German experiences with the methodology elaborated in the INTERREG IIIB project South Baltic Arc and the actions, that took place after project completion. Presentations about activities within SEBco followed. Dalia Dijokaite and Teodoras Tamosiunas offered examples from Siauliai county in Lithuania. Elita Moiseja and Juris Jerums illustrated examples of Latvia. Marcin Kalinowski was invited to give an external input to the SEBco work. He spoke about logistic centres and the experiences made within the completed INTERREG IIIB project named NeLoC. Several presentations showed the special situation in Latvia: Raitis Vitols spoke about the Zemgale region, whereas local experts showed detailed examples of four Latvian cities (Jelgava, Bauska, Akniste and Jekabpils).

These presentations showed in a very good way, that the preconditions under which large-scale industrial areas were developed differ especially between Germany and the other countries. For instance, in Latvia brown field development is favoured because of fewer costs and faster planning processes than for green field development. In Germany it is exactly the other way around: green field development is economically more efficient and the planning process quicker than to develop a green field.

If the examples from Germany should act as a model, these different national frameworks have to be considered for the following activities of work package 2.

The presentation of Raitis Madzulis as coordinator of work package 2 summarised the agreed activities in the next milestones as follows:

- preparation of ToR, tendering and works start in Zemgale
- continuation of work in Lithuania and Zemgale,
- preparation of recommendations and dissemination material
- in April 2007, on the next main SEBco workshop in Pomerania, the exchange with other WPs and the presentation of preliminary WP results
- on the final SEBco conference final results were presented; close to that date a study trip in Germany is planned for politicians and experts.