

Welcome to E-Magazine no.5

Dear Yc³ Friends!

Here is the fifth issue of the Yc³ E-Magazine. This time we met in Karlskrona, Sweden, and on July 23th and 24th had our biggest project meeting Youth – in – Connection. Almost 80 participants discussed about youth entrepreneur and environment protection.



The meeting took place in the Blekinge Museum. At the very beginning Lennarth Förberg, Vice Chair of the Regional Board in Blekinge, welcomed all participants and wished us fruitful meeting discussion.

We started with the presentation of the ERB Youth Board. Pawel Sudara presented his film from the meeting in Växjö. Then Märta Martin-Åkesson described Youth Board's structure and activities.

Thanks to "speed dating", activity prepared by Cajsa Augustzén and Simonas Gentvilas, participants could meet each other and exchange their opinions in the basic issues.

The meeting was followed by presentations considering youth

activities in different Baltic Sea Regions: Warmia-Mazury, Kaliningrad and Kalmar.

Last part was reserved for the workshop led by Elise Wählin and Cajsa Augustzén. According to their idea people, divided into small groups, presented organizations they belonged to and showed their relations with regional politicians.

The following day people were organized into two groups and started new discussions. The first one considered Entrepreneurship and the second one Environment Protection. This activity gave the participants a chance to exchange their opinions and knowledge with the others. After long but fruitful brainstorm Youth Board members presented results thanks to Entrepreneurship Workshop Press Conference and Workshop Environment Press Conference. After short evaluation and group photo our Summit ended.



To know more, you are still welcome to visit us at www.youthboard.eu/yc3, where you can find updated information about our meetings and seminars, supported by nice photos.



YOUTH CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION



Euroregion Baltic



LEAD PARTNER



Part-financed by the European Union (European Regional Development Fund)

Michał Papke is our new colleague from Pomorskie Region. We decided to ask him some questions about our Summit in Karlskrona.

* * * * *



The meeting in Karlskrona, our Youth – in – Connection Summit, was the biggest one in whole project. What are your feelings about it?

Due to the fact it was actually my first meeting as a Youth Board member, I did not know what to expect. In the end I was positively surprised. Both the atmosphere and organization was just wonderful. I especially enjoyed the openness of all the participants and I am thankful that we were able to share our experience. I had concerns about the number of people, but it turned out all right, as most of the workshops were performed in smaller groups. Also I absolutely loved the city Karlskrona.

You discussed, among others, about entrepreneurship and environment protection. What was the most important in that meeting for you?

The synergy between both entrepreneurship and environmental

issues, by that I mean how young people who already started their own businesses still thinks about the environment. Many serious entrepreneurs don't realize that importance.

Would you like to start your own business? Were the workshops helpful for you?

Yes, actually I am in the process of creating my own business. I enjoyed the workshops, though what was really great for me is that I could talk to some young people from Sweden who already did establish their own businesses and knew all the ups and downs. In fact they might just help me develop my business plans in the nearest future.

Did you get any practical information about environment protection?

Yes I did and even the symbolic fact that the summit was in Sweden, a country that is considered one of the most environment friendly countries, helped me believe that all the solutions we talked about could be implemented in my country as well.

What do you mean by the phrase: Youth – in – connection?

Together for the common good. Connection is basically everything – our meetings, workshops, ideas and the experience we share. In the end the phrase unravels a simple truth – we are the Youth, and with our actions we enforce the future. So it always will be about the connection.

