

Practical Information

15th NRN Meeting

Ähtäri, Finland

8-9th May, 2012

The 15th NRN Meeting will be held in Finland in the rural town of **Ähtäri** on 8th - 9th of May, 2012. Ähtäri is a beautiful small town located right in the middle of Finland.

Its unspoilt natural surroundings, clear-watered lakes and green forests offer the perfect setting for the next NRN meeting! (<http://www.ahtari.fi/>)



Venue and Accommodation

The conference will be held at the **Hotel Mesikämmen** (www.hotellimesikammen.fi) and the hotel is offering special rates to participants:

Hotel accommodation

Single room @ 69 €/night

Double room @ 89 €/night

Cottage accommodation

Cottage for 6 persons @ 340€ for two nights
(plus Breakfast @ 10€/person + bed linen 15€/person)

Getting to and from Ähtäri

Alternative 1 – Fly to Tampere

There are **direct flights** to **Tampere** from many destinations around Europe (see route map as an example). Then take a **train from Tampere to Parkano**.

Alternative 2- Flying to Helsinki

Fly to **Helsinki** and then take a **train to Parkano**. There are several trains during the day.

For all train and ticket information, visit:

<http://www.vr.fi/en/index.html>

IMPORTANT! The Finnish NRN will organise two way transfers between Parkano and Ähtäri.



Organisers

The Conference is hosted by the **Rural Network of Finland**, in association with the **ENRD Contact Point** and with the support of the **European Evaluation Network for Rural Development**.

Language

The Conference language will be **English**.

Registration for the Meeting

Registration will remain open until **16th April 2012**. You will shortly receive a link with all the information and reservation forms and we encourage you to register **as soon as possible**. The number of participants for the meeting is limited and places will be allocated on a 'first come, first served' basis.

So please register quickly!

Costs of the Meeting

Participation in the meeting is **free of charge** (including coffee breaks, lunches and dinner). In addition, the Finnish network will organise a **Social Event** on the 7th May to open the meeting.

Participants are expected to cover their accommodation and travel cost (transfers to and from Parkano to Ähtäri will be covered by the Finnish network).

Format of the Meeting

The meeting will be a participatory event and all participants are expected **to engage actively in the discussions**. So **no suits or ties** please.....! Shirt sleeves rolled up, minds set and a networking atmosphere to fuel the work that needs to be done.

Contacts for Further Information

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Further information will be sent soon - see you ALL in Ähtäri!