



## International Conference - LINC 2012

LINC - Leader Inspired Network Community

12-14 June 2012

Tartu and South-Estonia

### “Involvement and Voluntary Work”

LINC is the European Leader Conference which combines European exchange of experience with sport events and European culinary so that the participants can network. LINC is an initiative from Local Action Groups and National Network Units for rural development in Austria, Germany, Estonia and Finland. The first conference was held in Austria 2010 and the second one took place in Germany 2011.

#### LINC:

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The aim of the conference is to present the results of the Leader approach achieved by innovative methods; to foster the networking of rural developers, the exchange of experiences among the Leader areas, and international cooperation; and to draw attention to the importance of local cuisine, tourism and other issues crucial to rural areas.

The slogan of the conference is:

**Get informed** – distribution of appropriate information

**Get inspired** – mutual learning from each others' valuable experience

**Get involved** – learn about each others' versatility

In **2012** the LINC Conference will be held in **Estonia**. We expect about 300 guests. Among other things, the Conference in Estonia draws special attention to the relationships created through the Leader approach to volunteer work and introduces projects carried out using the Leader method in South Estonia. You can exchange your experiences taking part of Theoretical and Practical Workshops in Tartu and South-Estonia.

LINC combines the transfer of knowledge about innovation in rural development with sport events so that the participants can network. Leader-teams from Europe can show their sporting spirit and skill.

Out of that reason there should be Leader-teams of 3 people from LAG's, NRN's or MA's who register for LINC Conference. There will be an award ceremony with team and individual judging at the end of the Conference. However, it is more about reaching something together as a team and to compete with other colleagues.

“European Aperitif” is a buffet, consisting of regional products from all over Europe. It became an important part of LINC Conference and we can taste it during dinner at restaurant-pub Gunpowder Cellar.

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Tuesday, 12. June 2012	
14.00	Arrival in Tartu. Hotel check-ins starting from 14:00
17.45	Brass band performance at Tartu Town Hall Square
18.00	<b>LINC 2012 opening</b> speeches at <b>Town Hall Square</b> , followed by a procession through the city centre
<b>LINC 2012 opening ceremony at AHHA Science Centre:</b>	
20.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome of the conference participants</li> <li>• Introduction of the conference work and programme</li> <li>• Cooperation experience from previous LINC conferences</li> <li>• Dinner</li> </ul>
Wednesday, 13. June 2012	
8.00 - 9.00	Registration of participants at <b>Dorpat Conference Centre</b>
8.55	Opening the day of Theoretical Workshops at Dorpat Conference Centre
9.10 - 10.30	<b>Theoretical workshops, Part I</b> The topics of parallel sessions cover voluntary work and involvement through five different topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local cuisine</li> <li>• Youth and seniors</li> <li>• Rural tourism</li> <li>• Community services</li> <li>• Local resources and energy</li> </ul>
10.40 - 12.00	<b>Theoretical workshops, Part II</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local cuisine</li> <li>• Youth and seniors</li> <li>• Rural tourism</li> <li>• Community services</li> <li>• Local resources and renewable energy</li> </ul>
12.00 - 12.40	Free time to prepare for the sports programme and to change into sports clothes
13.00	Buses leave the lower parking lot of Vanemuine Theatre to Mammaste, Põlva County
14.00 - 15.00	Lunch in Mammaste
15.00 - 19.00	LINC 2012 sports competitions
19.00 - 20.00	Buses bring participants back to Tartu
21.30	European Buffet at restaurant-pub Gunpowder Cellar (Püssirohukelder). Every country introduces the special cuisine of their region, party night, music by VEM



Thursday, 14. June 2012	
9.00	<p>Buses leave from the lower parking lot of Vanemuine Theatre to Practical Workshops in the form of voluntary work in four South-Estonian regions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Onion Route</b> Culture of Russian Old Believers, Baltic-German culture, Estonian peasant culture. Community work at the Liiv Museum.</li> <li>• <b>Valgamaa</b> Kivimäe Tourism Farm, Taagepera Handicraft Workshop. Community work at the Taagepera Handicraft Workshop with the substitute home and the nursing home of the Taheva sanatorium. Otepää: Tehvandi observation tower and skiing museum, energy column, Pühajärv.</li> <li>• <b>Setomaa</b> Uue-Võhvi Centre, which was built with the support of the Leader programme. Community work at the Seto Farm Museum, and getting acquainted with the culture of the Setos. A viewing of the Värskä skate park.</li> <li>• <b>Võrumaa</b> Tsolgo Community Centre, which was funded by the Leader programme. Community work around the centre.</li> </ul> <p>The trip includes a tour of sites and facilities supported by the LEADER programme, hands-on involvement in volunteer projects, and introductions to regional cultures.</p>
17.00	Arrival in Tartu
<b>Festive final ceremony of the LINC conference at AHHA Science Centre</b>	
19.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conclusions of the Theoretical Workshops</li> <li>• Awards to the best participants in sports competitions</li> <li>• Dinner</li> <li>• Final speeches and the introduction of the hosting country of the next LINC conference – The handing over of the flag to Finland</li> </ul>

**Organisers:** the LAG Tartu Rural Development Association, LAG Borderlands Leader, LAG Põlva County Partnership Board, LAG Valga County Partnerships Board, LAG Võrumaa Partnership Assembly and the Rural Economy Research Centre (Estonian Rural Network Unit).



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## Practical Information

### Registration

For registration there should be teams of 3 participants. We will welcome teams of LAG's, NRN's or MA's. Every team should include at least one woman, if possible. Every team-member will select one of the three fields of sports (orienteering, disc golf or individual relay), different from his/her team-members and every participant can only participate in one of these three selected disciplines. Boating competition will be the second competition for one of your team members.

Please select the Theoretical and Practical Workshop (including study tour) for every participant (1st choice and 2nd choice).

Please bring along exciting dishes from the cuisine of your region. Please register products under division of European Buffet giving a short name of product and short description. This info will be helpful for preparation tables for you.

Accommodation will be available in four different categories + De Luxe. All accommodation will be in Tartu. Please select categories and indicate how many nights you will be stay in Tartu. Information of the name of your hotel will be sent soon after registration deadline.

If you want our help to find overnight in Riga or Tallinn, please mark it to additional comments:

**Deadline for registration is 1st of May 2012.**

[http://www.info-linc.eu/est/Estonia\\_2012/Registration-Form](http://www.info-linc.eu/est/Estonia_2012/Registration-Form)

### Team-information

We will organize a LINC booklet of participants. We will contact the teamleader or participant No 1 for some additional short information about your organisation.

### Participation fee

The conference fee includes: the opening and closing dinner, the sports day dinner, catering at the European Buffet event, and registration fee all together **104€** per person. An additional fee will be for study-tour performed within the framework of a Practical Workshops: The Onion Route 55€, Setomaa 60€, Võrumaa 55€, or Valgamaa 60€. And your accommodation fee will depend on your selected accommodation.

After the completion of the registration form, a confirmation message will be sent to your e-mail address. Invoices will be based on the ordered items and we kindly ask you to pay the invoices within **10 workdays**.

### How to get to Tartu

**Tartu** has its own airport, but indeed it is small and not so many flights per day. The second closest international **airport is Tallinn**. From Tallinn to Tartu (189 km) is good bus-connection. Tallinn bus terminal is quite close to airport (city bus nr 2 and 3 stops), every 30 minutes goes shuttle buses to Tartu. If you driving back from Tartu to Tallinn by bus all busses will do a stop at airport too.

There are also some international bus lines to Tartu from Europe. Look: [www.luxexpress.eu](http://www.luxexpress.eu) or [www.ecolines.net/index.php?l=2](http://www.ecolines.net/index.php?l=2) Unfortunately no international train connection yet.

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