

INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION TOUR to Klaipeda

“DESUR” project partners visit to Klaipeda socially responsible companies, including KU and Klaipeda Science and Technology park. To make contacts prepare for possible cooperation.

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Project Executive of South West Regional Authority

Short description (Short CV) of the participant

Area of study - how disease dynamics and transmission are affected by host spatial structure. Specifically interested in how pathogens can influence host behaviours such as dispersal and aggregation, and thus shape the evolution of host social behaviours. At the moment is working at the South West Regional Authority.

Short description (Short CV) of the institution

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It also has responsible for the monitoring of the European Community Support Framework, in this regard the Authority participates as a member of various monitoring committees in respect of the regional and national operational programmes. The Regional Authority in 2004 adopted the Regional Planning Guidelines (RPG's). The RPG's aim to give regional effect to the National Spatial Strategy and to guide the development plans for the region until 2020. The RPG's are now in process of review and will be re-issued by June 2010.

Remo Savoia

Pannon Business Network Association (PBN)

Short description (Short CV) of the participant

Remo has a degree in Political Sciences from La Sapienza University, Rome. In 2008 he earned a Ph.D. from Corvinus University, Budapest; with a thesis on Environmental Policy Integration in the European Union. Remo is Deputy Co-ordinator for the LIFE Nature Programme within the Astrale Life team and in-charge of waster, eco-innovation, energy efficiency and renewable energy projects for Prospect. From 2000 to 2004 he worked as a consultant in Hungary for and Italian consulting company and from 2004 to 2010 he worked as administrator at the European Commission in DG-Environment, dealing with the LIFE/LIFE+ Programme.

Short description (Short CV) of the institution

PBN, as regional business development organization, aims at strengthening the economic performance of small and medium sized businesses in the western Hungarian region. It intends to be the dedicated partner for foreign direct investors, furthermore, operates in partnership with the regional economic and labour organizations. Additional task of PBN is to map the opportunities of our founders – with priority to clusters and industrial parks – and to contribute to the reinforcement of their operation. It also supports the local adaptation of best practices, based on his international network.

Teresa O'Holan

Project Executive of South West Regional Authority

Short description (Short CV) of the participant

The membranes of eukaryotic cells are in continual flux, trafficking receptors and other proteins to their appropriate intracellular destinations. This process is important to signal transduction, cancer, and development. The overall goal of my lab is to understand how membrane traffic is regulated in normal cells and how this process goes awry in diseased



cells. Our research is designed to identify and understand the cellular proteins that form, direct and regulate traffic. Currently, we are focusing on the proteins that form the structural coat of endocytic vesicles, with a particular focus on the clathrin coat. Our strategies include phenotypic analysis of cells harboring mutant clathrin, use of video microscopy to track labeled proteins in living cells, and genetic screens to isolate genes that function in endocytosis. As model systems we use the soil amoeba, *Dictyostelium discoideum*. This unicellular organism offers genetic advantages as well as robust membrane trafficking pathways. We also use cultured mammalian cell lines to translate our research into a complex eukaryotic cellular model.

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