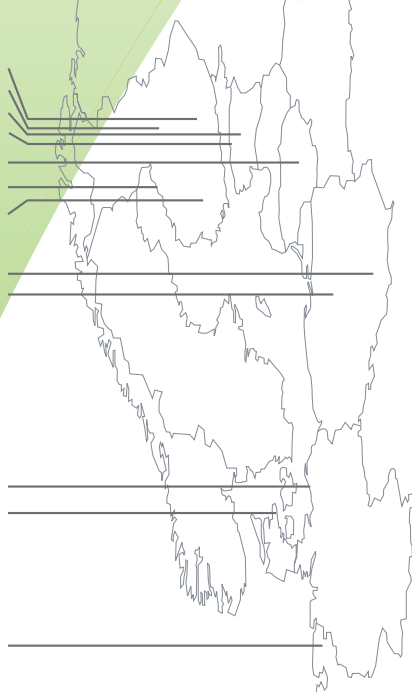


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Further Information

For general information, paper submission and workshop coordination, please contact Janita Andrijevskaja (Janita@ut.ee) or Riin Prikk (Riin.Prikk@mtk.ut.ee). For updates on the conference program and information on Tartu, visit

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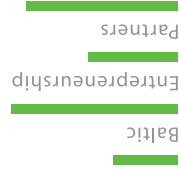
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BEPART – Baltic Entrepreneurship Partners

This conference is part of the network project BEPART. One of its main objectives is increased efficiency and impact of entrepreneurship promotion at universities and within local/regional networks. Interregional co-operation is a core concern.

BEPART thus works towards the development of a vivid and responsible entrepreneurship culture in the Baltic Sea Region and in Europe as a whole. BEPART activities contribute to a better activation of scarce human and natural resources, thereby fostering both innovation and sustainable socio-economic development.



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Main topics:

- Innovation systems & university-industry-government relations;
- Entrepreneurship education and training;
- Entrepreneurial spirit, knowledge processes and learning in organizations;
- Technology entrepreneurship and innovation (Technopreneurship);
- Knowledge transfer, Spin-off processes and Entrepreneurial university;
- Venture creation and entrepreneurial management.

The conference is a meeting place for scientists, politicians and entrepreneurs who wish to share with others their skills and knowledge of entrepreneurship development. Working as several workshops, the conference will enable discussions with a theoretical or applied focus, as well as discussions where the two are integrated. The participants can choose between a traditional and an open-space workshop.

Participants

We invite participants from all over the world, but particularly from Europe and Baltic Sea region, active as:

- Researchers, educators and students;
- Entrepreneurs, managers, business and management consultants;
- Politicians, administrators, civil servants and practitioners of regional development.
- All those who are interested in entrepreneurship, innovation, commercialisation of university research, knowledge and technology transfer in existing and broadening networks.

Papers, presentations and proposals for workshops

Stimulating presentations and professional moderation will facilitate active communication and discussion during the conference.

We invite you to submit an abstract either of the workshop presentation or of a paper on the topics given above. Please indicate whether your abstract is submitted as an academic or a practitioner's paper, or as a presentation for discussion facilitation. The length of the abstracts is 500-800 words. The abstract for workshop presentations should contain the main discussion problem(s), the method of work, the expected results and the confirmation/suggestion of the moderator for the workshop. Paper abstracts should explain the background, aims, methodology and findings of the paper to be submitted for publication later.

All accepted papers and presentations will be presented at the conference. The presented papers will be published as a collection by Tartu University Press after the conference.

Scientific Committee

- Professor Gerald Braun, University of Rostock, Hanseatic Institute for Entrepreneurship and Regional Development
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- Professor Pranas Zukauskas, Vytautas Magnus University

Conference Venue

The conference takes place in Tartu – the second largest city of Estonia. The discussions will be held in the rooms of the Tartu University Institute of Technology.

For more information about the city and the conference venue please see:
Tartu city: www.tartu.ee
Institute of Technology: www.tuit.ut.ee

For an additional fee, the participants can join a one-day tour through Northern Estonia, to enjoy the natural scenery, and visit the ancient fortress in Narva, the town on Estonia's border with Russia. For additional information about the tour, please visit the web-site of the conference: www.evk.ut.ee/BEPART

Important dates

Submission of extended abstracts on papers and suggested workshops:
June 15, 2006

Notification of authors:
June 30, 2006

Submission of full papers (up to 7000 words):
September 15, 2006

Early deadline for registration:
July 15, 2006

Final deadline for registration:
Sept 15, 2006

Final session program available:
Sept. 15, 2006

