

Immigrant Integration



to Rural Areas

Invitation

3. International Network Meeting

March 15th - 16th, 2018 · Brilon (Germany)

Hotel am Kurpark



Ministerium für Umwelt, Landwirtschaft,
Natur- und Verbraucherschutz
des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen



Immigrant integration in rural areas is still a widely discussed topic. Austria, Finland and Sweden are, along with Germany, the countries that took the most immigrants in Europe.

16 LEADER-Regions from these countries have started a cooperation to develop common strategies and solutions for a better integration of newcomers in rural areas. The focus is on collaboration and networking between the various actors in refugee relief.

Every country faces the challenges in different ways, has different key aspects and solutions. An international exchange could be the beginning of new possibilities and ideas.

The project contains four conferences – one in each participating country. The first conference in Austria aimed at establishing the contact and gaining an overall knowledge of different activities and functions – but also to start networking. The second conference in Sweden focused on providing fact-based knowledge about migration and integration to our countries and also from a global perspective. In Sweden the key topics were established that we intend to focus on.

The upcoming third conference in Germany - hosted by the LEADER-Region Hochsauerland - will focus on deepening the knowledge of some of the subjects raised in Sweden as well as matching participants based on knowledge and interest. Based on the results of the conferences in Austria and Sweden, we will focus on the following Key Topics:



The final conference in Finland will be about implementation, digital aids and charting the initiatives that have taken place during the project period.

We want to invite all integration officials, volunteers and entrepreneurs who are dealing with those topics in their daily work to join our network meeting. Share your experience and learn from others.

See you **March 15 and 16 in the **Hotel am Kurpark** in **Brilon!****

Participating LEADER-Regions and Organizations from **Germany** • **Finland** • **Austria** and **Sweden**



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JOUTSENTEN REITTI · POHJOISIN LAPPI
PIRKAN HELMI · RIESKA · RAVAKKA**



Schedule

Thursday

MARCH 15, 2018

9:00 AM

MEET AND GREET

9:45 - 12:00 AM

INTRODUCTION TO THE CONFERENCE

12:00 - 1:00 PM

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP AND THEIR TOPICS

- The workshop managers introduce themselves and the process and objectives of the workshops.
- Results and follow-ups from last conference workshops

1:00 - 2:00 PM

Lunch

2:00 - 5:00 PM

WORKSHOPS

- Integration into the labor market
- Volunteers
- Values

6:30 PM

Dinner

7:30 PM

Evening event

FRIDAY

MARCH 16, 2018

8:00 AM

Breakfast

9:00 - 12:30 PM

EXCURSIONS

- We will visit various integration projects that focus on our key topics

12:30 - 1:30 PM

Lunch

2:00 - 4:00 PM

CONTINUING WORKSHOPS

4:00 - 4:30 PM

Coffee Break

4:30 - 6:00 PM

PLENUM

- Closing session and next steps

7:00 PM

Dinner and party



Practical Information

Accommodation and Venue

HOTEL AM KURPARK BRILON

Hellehohlweg 40 · 59929 Brilon

www.hotelamkurpark-brilon.de

Traveling

Even though Hotel am Kurpark in Brilon is quietly located next to the Kurpark in Brilon it is easy to get to by car or with public transportation.

BY PLANE

- Airport Düsseldorf (155km from Brilon)
- Airport Frankfurt (188km from Brilon)
- Airport Paderborn-Lippstadt (40km from Brilon)
- Airport Dortmund (90km from Brilon)

BY TRAIN

- Via Kassel or Paderborn or Hagen to Brilon Main Station (2km from hotel)

Costs

The conference is free, and when booking through your LAG, the accommodation is free. If you do not belong to a Leader area you will be responsible for the cost of accommodation yourself.

City of Brilon

With its 26.000 inhabitants Brilon is known as the most densely wooded town of Germany. The old town of the hanseatic town Brilon, with the Market Square, the historic tudor style houses and the oldest town-hall of Germany is well worth a visit.

In mid March the ski areas in Willingen and Winterberg will be open and they are not far away at all.

Registration

Contact your local LAG to register for the network meeting. Since we have a limited number of participants, not everyone who is interested will be able to participate.

Last day for registration is **January 31st.**

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