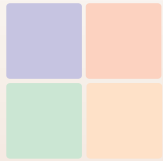


Sustainable development indicators

as a tool for the description of and decrease in regional disparities in the quality of people's life



Prague 17 - 19 September 2008

Working seminar

1st announcement (22nd February 2008)

The NGO Civitas per Populi in co-operation with the NGO TIMUR (Team Initiative for Local Sustainability) and the Technical University of Brno, Faculty of Architecture would like to invite all colleagues from the academic area, NGOs and municipal or regional governmental bodies around Europe to a working seminar focused on sustainable development indicators on the local and regional levels.

The working seminar is based on the idea that sustainable development has been in the foreground of interest of both experts and the public for a few years. For the measurement of progress towards sustainable development indexes or indicators are used. The best known is "GDP per capita", which measures the economic situation and its use for smaller areas, especially on local levels, is very problematic - almost impossible. Sets of indicators of sustainable development have been created, whose aim is to map the results of our activities in the areas of progress to sustainable development. We think that for this monitoring and for further solutions of regional disparities it is necessary to implement a system of monitoring the development and productivity (not only economic) of each area, which will be syntactic not only in each of its areas - economic, environmental and social, but also in the hierarchy - that means from the local to the regional to the national level.

There is different experience and different approaches around Europe. In our opinion, the experience exchange will be useful, as well as the possibility to co-operate and open the possibility to create real working "Common European Set" of sustainable indicators on local and regional levels. The working seminar should be a kick-off meeting for further co-operation, experience exchange and creation of common projects.

Provisional Programme:

17th September (Wednesday)

- Morning ● registration
- Noon ● opening session with key lectures
- Afternoon ● examples of good practice

18th September (Thursday)

- Morning and noon ● parallel workshop sessions (economic, social, environmental and spatial sessions are planned)
- Afternoon ● plenary discussion - introduction of results from plenary sessions

19th September (Friday)

- Morning ● plenary discussion - possibilities in indicators observation and research
- Noon ● closing session
- Afternoon ● study tour to Hradec Králové - a city implementing sustainable indicators in strategic planning

How to submit an abstract:

Abstracts shall be submitted by 30th June, 2008. An abstract should contain the title, author, author's organization, e-mail address, and 5 key words. The length of abstracts is 200 - 400 words. Abstracts must be sent by e-mail to: civitasperpopuli@volny.cz. All abstracts will be evaluated prior to acceptance.

Registration fees:

Participation at the working seminar is free

Key dates:

Deadline for papers	1st March 2008
Submission of abstracts	30th June 2008
Information on accepting papers	31st July 2008
Registration	31st August 2008
Workshop duration	17th - 19th September 2008

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