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Social Enterprises as Drivers of Social
Innovation in Rural Europe

7-8 December 2017 |

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Social Innovations in Structurally Weak Rural Regions:
How Social Entrepreneurs Foster Innovative Solutions to Social Problems

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Please register for the RurInno symposium until **19 November 2017**

Follow this link:

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Regular symposium fee

35 EUR
(including catering and dinner)

Fee for students

0 EUR (including catering)

Venue

Adam Mickiewicz University
in Poznań
Faculty of Social Science
Szamarzewskiego 89/9160-568
Poznań , Poland

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Please note that the registration for the RurInno symposium does not entitle to attend the RurAction conference (4-5 Dec 2017).

Please register separately for the RurAction conference under:
> leibniz-irs.de/aktuelles/veranstaltungen/2017/12/challenges-and-opportunities-of-structurally-weak-rural-regions-in-europe/registration-ruraction-conference

For two years the RurInno research and training project investigated how social enterprises in rural Europe foster social innovation and rural development. While policy makers and researchers direct high expectations towards social enterprises, little is known about how social enterprises operate in rural regions, how they generate and facilitate innovative solutions and contribute to rural development. It is said that social enterprises combine the innovative power of entrepreneurs with the mission to fight social challenges. They are regarded as players who operate in areas where the state and the market fail to satisfy social needs. This makes them promising actors in marginalised rural regions. Today many rural areas in Europe face problems like the brain drain of young and well skilled people, a lack of qualified jobs and shortages in the provision of public and private services like public transport, schooling and local supply.

The Symposium provides a participative forum to share and discuss the acquired knowledge and experiences with academics and practitioners who do research and operate in the field of social entrepreneurship, social innovation and rural development.

The goals of the symposium are:

- > To reflect jointly about questions like "How do rural social enterprises generate and foster innovation?" and "How do rural social enterprises contribute to rural development and change?"
- > To relate the results and experiences of the RurInno project to findings and experiences made in other research projects and this way to intensify the research-research exchange.
- > To foster the exchange between research and practice and to discuss opportunities to overcome barriers for research-practice transfer.
- > To identify research gaps and practical needs in order to pave the way for future research and to create enabling ecosystems for rural social enterprises.



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Thursday, 7 December 2017

Venue: Hyde Park room | Faculty of Social Science

16:30 Arrival

17:00 Welcome and Introduction

– Krzysztof Margol
NIDA Foundation, Nidzica/Poland

– Gabriela Christmann
Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space, Erkner/Germany

Aims of the symposium; Introduction of the RurInno project and team

**17:30 Presentation of the RurInno Practice Toolkit
about "Rural Social Entrepreneurship and Social Innovation"**

– Renata Debska | NIDA/Poland

– Catherine Smyth and Sadie Allen | Ballyhoura Dev./Ireland

– Martin Hollinetz | Otelo/Austria

– Stella Dampasi | Stevia Hellas/Greece

18:00 Story-Telling Café

Mix the guests (6-8 persons/table), one question, everybody tells her/his story

19:00 Dinner



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Friday, 8 December 2017

Venue: Room D | Faculty of Social Science

9.30 Results and Findings of the RurInno project

- Ralph Richter | Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space, Erkner, Germany
- Matthias Fink | Institute for Innovation Management, Johannes-Kepler University, Linz, Austria

10.30 Coffee break

10.45 **Session I: Social Enterprises as Drivers of Social Innovation**

Chair: Ballyhoura Development

Paper 1: Social Enterprises in Spain and Austria. Some results of the FAB-MOVE project

- Richard Pfeilstetter | Universidad de Sevilla, Spain

Paper 2: The Skovsgård Model – a holistic approach to socio-economic inclusion and rural development

- Jenny Eschweiler | Roskilde University, Denmark

12.00 Lunch

13.30 **Session II: Social Innovation and Rural Development**

Chair: Stevia Hellas

Paper 3: Rural marginalisation and the need for social innovation and nexogenous development

- Bettina Bock | Groningen University, Netherlands

Paper 4: Social Innovation in Marginalised Rural Areas. The SIMRA project

- Robert Lukesch | ÖAR Regionalberatung GmbH, Austria

14.45 **World Café, Moderation Otelo**

Mixed groups discuss controversial topics in a constructive manner.

16.15 **Wrap-up**

- Gabriela Christmann | Leibniz Institute for Research on Society and Space, Erkner, Germany



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