




## NEWSLETTER ON INTERNALIZATION

**ESPON**  On May 13, Notodden municipality was invited to our Ministry of Municipal and Regional affairs to talk about [ESPON](#) and our project PURR. More than 10 Norwegian research institutes were attending the meeting and we are very certain that we will have participation when the new tendering is due in late summer. The Norwegian contact point Olaf Foss from NIBR (Norsk Institutt for By og Regionsforskning) told me that at least two institutes have started their work. A possibility to have a new ESPON Open Conference in Notodden was also discussed. This year ESPON Open Conference is in Prague June 2. – 4, and we will participate with deputy leader in the board dealing with spatial planning and international adviser.



**URBACT II** ØstlandsSamarbeidet (A consortium of Counties in Eastern Norway including Østfold and Telemark) invited Akershus County and Notodden Municipality to inform on their plans for URBACT II. URBACT is first of all for political leaders and we need broad participation to be involved. A new call will be announced late summer. Notodden municipality have discussed a possible project amongst others with Suwalki and Jelgava.

Both ESPON and URBACT are programmes that are dealing with territorial cohesion. To establish a project we will also need more partners. Feel free to contact us if you are interested.



Our relation with Suwałki City Municipality is broad. Apart from our joint project Trans in Form we have amongst other educational and cultural cooperation. We also do a lot to promote each other locally and international.

Almost one hundred people came for the opening of the exhibition to the Public Library named Maria Konopnicka in Suwałki. It was organized on the occasion on 195<sup>th</sup> anniversary the Constitution of Kingdom of Norway.

The exhibition, „Norway in numismatic and philatelic collections” was prepared in cooperation with Notodden city. Ms. Lise Wiik – Mayor of Notodden have taken the honorary patronage under that event. Commissioners have been: Józef Gajewski – President of Suwałki City (presenting the collection of Norwegian and Polish coins), Włodzimierz Marczewski – Head of the City Council in Suwałki (exhibits Norwegian and Polish stamps) and Stanisław Łobacz – President of the Polish Numismatic Society Branch in Suwałki. We could see the part of the post card’s collection from the beginning of XX century presenting the history of Suwałki. The exhibition will also be shown for schools in Suwałki City.



announced you can find on the link!

### [Suwalki Blues Festival](#)

was appointed the best blues event in Poland 2008. Pictures from the event when this was



TELEMARK  
FYLKESKOMMUNE

Telemark County Council and Notodden municipality have decided to do a letter of

intent to regulate the cooperation between the two steering levels. The LOI deals with principles and meeting points for our cooperation, and will be signed by Telemark County Mayor Gunn Marit Helgesen and Mayor of Notodden Lise Wiik.

It might be an idea for other countries as well, to look for the possibility to establish Letters of Intent with your regional authorities.

## Kongsbergregionen



The Executive Directors from the Kongsberg Region have established an International Forum. That is a person from each municipality that can bring up ideas and do projects with foreign partners. One of the issues discussed is to make the Kongsberg Region partner in a future URBACT project.

In perspective of cooperation as an important tool in our search for territorial cohesion this is also a possible idea for more regions.



Oslo Region European office is situated in Brussels, and is nice to know when you need advice for international cooperation.

These days they are helping Notodden to find possible financial possibilities as for funding study visits in the field of innovation. They are of course first of all a service institution for their owners; however, it is also possible to get help from partners abroad.

If you want to know more about Notodden municipality and our international portfolio, be free to contact:

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