

Towards Better Integration of Entrepreneurship Research and Education in Latvia

Thursday, November 1, 2012. 12.50-17.00

Ventspils University College, Inzenieru street 101a, Ventspils, D104 auditorium

Ventspils University College coordinately invites academics, entrepreneurs and policy makers to the conference 'Towards Better Integration of Entrepreneurship Research and Education in Latvia' that is organized on the occasion of launching the centre for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Regional Development (CEIRD).

CEIRD is financially inspired by the Ventspils City Municipality and aims to enhance the intellectual potential of Ventspils City, Kurzeme Region and Latvia by ensuring knowledgeable and creative specialists to the national economy. The centre will focus on performing high quality scientific work, actively engage in formulating economic policy at the national, regional and city level as well as improve quality of the scientific work done by young scientists, including students of doctoral and post-doctoral studies, and support their integration in the international arena. CEIRD researchers will also play significant part in the implementation of study programmes in Entrepreneurship and business management at Ventspils University College as well as foster the cooperation between university and local entrepreneurs.

On the occasion of launching the CEIRD, the key speakers of the conference- officials, policy makers, representatives of entrepreneurship promotion organizations and academics will discuss the current state and potential for top quality research and integrity of entrepreneurship education and research in Latvian universities.

Programme

12.50-13.00

Dr. Jānis Eglītis, Rector of Ventspils University College
Opening of the Conference

13.00-13.30

Mrs. Inese Stūre, Deputy Director of the Higher Education, Science and Innovation Department,
Ministry of Education and Science of Republic of Latvia
Quality and integrity of university level education and research in Latvia: future outlook

13.30-13.50

Mr. Aivars Lembergs, Ventspils City Municipality
The role of Municipality in fostering university level education and research: case of Ventspils

Official opening of the Centre for Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Regional Development
(CEIRD) at Ventspils University College

13.50-14.30

Entrepreneurship, Innovations and Regional Development in old and new EU countries.
Prof. David Smallbone, executive director of CEIRD, professor at Kingston University, U.K.
Introduction to the Centre and its staff:
Dr. Arnis Sauka, director of CEIRD, academic pro-rector of Ventspils University College

Prof. David Smallbone, executive director of CEIRD, professor at Kingston University, U.K.
Prof. Markku Virtanen, senior researcher at CEIRD, professor at Aalto University, Finland

14.30-15.00

Mr. Andris Vanags, Board Member of the Latvian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Director 'Sakret' Ltd.

Integrity of academic and private sector: the potential for cooperation between Latvian entrepreneurs and, universities and research centres

15.00-15.30

Prof. Tonis Mets, Director of Centre for Entrepreneurship, Tartu University

Current trends and future prospects of integration of Entrepreneurship education and research at Tartu University

15.30-16.00

Dr. Anders Paalzow, Rector of the Stockholm School of Economics in Riga

Integrating entrepreneurship and research at the Stockholm School of Economics in Riga

16.00-17.00

Coctails

The conference language is English. The conference is free of charge, but the number of participants is limited. To book your seat in the conference please e-mail: Santa.Kalvane@venta.lv. Information for media: Dr Arnis Sauka, E-mail: arnis.sauka@venta.lv