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**RUnUP** - RUnUP addresses how the economies of medium sized cities (50,000-200,000 people) can benefit from increased university-business-public sector interaction to foster improvements in entrepreneurship and innovation. Triple helix organisations will work together to drive forward:

- 1.Understanding economic transformation and arrangements for the governance of innovation.
- 2.Underpinning the role of universities and Local Authorities in supporting local economic clusters and competencies
- 3.Strengthening triple helix cooperation to improve knowledge exchange and technology transfer
- 4.Creating appropriate conditions for stimulating knowledge based activities (people, place and framework)

### The RUnUP Network...

The RUnUP Network is Lead by Gateshead Council, United Kingdom. The network also has 8 project partners from across Europe, they are;

- Águeda (Portugal), Barakaldo (Spain)
- Campobasso (Italy), Dunkerque (France)
- Leszno (Poland), Patras (Greece)
- Potsdam (Germany), Solna (Sweden)



## NEWS

### FIRST ULSG STUDY VISIT TAKES PLACE IN TAMPERE, FINLAND



Tampere is located in the southern part of central Finland, some 170 km northwest of Helsinki. Its roots as an industrial centre date back to the early 19th century. The City of Tampere has about 200,000 inhabitants and the size of the whole urban region is around 300,000. It is the second biggest urban concentration after the Helsinki region and the biggest inland city in the Nordic countries. More recently, Tampere has also become known as a student city, having over 23,000 university students in several major educational institutions. Tampere is the centre of Finnish industry today. Versatile research and education and

cooperation between companies and universities have maintained and further developed the competitiveness of the region's industry.

The RUnUP group, which consisted of representative's of the network's ULSGs were accompanied by Lead Expert, Dr. Clive Winters, whose report on the Tampere visit can be found on the RUnUP section of the URBACT website; [www.urbact.eu/runup](http://www.urbact.eu/runup)

## NEXT PROJECT MANAGEMENT GROUP TO TAKE PLACE IN SOLNA, SWEDEN



The Project Management Group that meet on a six monthly basis throughout the life of the project will meet in Solna, Sweden on November 24<sup>th</sup> 2009 to discuss the progress of the project to date. Along with Lead Expert, Dr. Clive Winters the group will get together ahead of the URBACT annual conference which takes place in Stockholm the following day, to coincide with the current Swedish Presidency of the EU.

## FEATURE

### Meet the RUnUP Lead Expert Dr. Clive Winters...



Clive Winters is Assistant Director of Coventry University Enterprises Ltd and Co-Director of the Institute of Applied Entrepreneurship at Coventry University. Clive has specific expertise in delivering international and national projects, consultancy and university related activities in the fields of pre-incubation and incubation support,

innovation support for SMEs and regional economic development. Clive has managed the West Midlands Regional Foresight programme for Advantage West Midlands and was a member of the European Commission (DG Research) High Level Expert Group on Regional Foresight in 2002.

Subsequently Clive was the lead investigator on a European Commission Regions of Knowledge project "REFORM" Regional Economic Development through Foresight and Mentoring and has been a lead expert on regional innovation schemes and strategies for regions in Poland, Bulgaria, Cyprus and Slovenia and is currently lead expert on an URBACT 2 thematic network exploring the role of Universities in urban poles with 9 European towns and cities.

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