



SHAPING SOCIAL INNOVATION FOR MARGINALISED RURAL AREAS



1st WORKSHOP

October 26th – 28th 2016 BRATISLAVA

The aim of the 1st SIMRA Workshop is to develop and maintain systematic process of knowledge exchange and learning in understanding and assessing social innovations for marginalised rural areas with particular reference to the Mediterranean region. Engagement with stakeholders from the outset of SIMRA is crucial for the creation of a transparent and open-ended approach to producing socially innovative solutions to problems in Marginalised Rural Areas. The processes will be diverse and interactive starting with a short introduction to innovations, five thematic consultation sessions with discussion rounds in breakout groups and plenary sessions.



PROGRAMME

26. 10. 2016 Wednesday

location: Slovak University of Technology, Vazovova 5, 812 43, Bratislava

15.00 - 16.00 Registration, tea and coffee - University aula

16.00 - 18.00 Welcome and Introduction - chair: *Tatiana Kluvánková, SPECTRA, Institute of Forest Ecology, Slovak Academy of Sciences*

16.00 - 16.20 *Robert Redhammer, President of the Slovak University of Technology*

Ľubica Ditmarová, Director Institute of Forest Ecology, Slovak Academy of Sciences

Rastislav Rybanič, Director General Nature Conservation and Landscape protection Ministry of the Environment

16.20 - 16.40 **Introduction to the SIMRA project** - *Maria Nijnik, SIMRA Coordinator, The James Hutton Institute UK*

16.40 - 18.00 **Stakeholder introductions** - *David Miller, The James Hutton Institute UK*

18.00 - 19.20 Dynamics in Social Innovation: Enabling Factors and Barriers

Invited speaker: *Susan Baker, Cardiff University*

19.30 - 22.00 Dinner: Restaurant AQA in surroundings of the Slovak University of Technology

27.10. 2016 Thursday

location: Devín - Slovak - Austrian cross border: Hotel Hradná Brána

8.15 - 9.30 Departure to Devín

(bus departs from Slovak University of Technology, Vazovova 5 at 8.15)

9.30 - 13.30 Social Innovations in Marginalised Rural Areas - chair: *David Miller, James Hutton Institute UK*

9.30 - 10.30 Social Innovations in Marginalised Rural Areas (MRA) - deliberative discussion on **stakeholder survey** - *Veronika Gežík, SPECTRA, Institute of Forest Ecology, Slovak Academy of Sciences*

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee Break

11.00 - 12.15 Understanding and assessing social innovations and MRA

Stakeholder consultations I – breakout groups (WP2 + WP3)

12.15 - 12.45 **Reporting to the plenary: Stakeholder consultations I**

12.45 - 13.30 **Introduction to the SIMRA communication** - WP7

13.30 - 14.30 Lunch

14.30 - 15.00 Cross border MRA: Isolation or cooperation? Short walk to the confluence of Dunaj and Morava rivers



- 15.00 - 19.00 Social Innovations in Marginalised Rural Areas** - chair: *Maria Nijnik*, SIMRA coordinator, James Hutton Institute UK
- 15.00 - 16.40 Understanding and assessing social innovations and MRA
Stakeholder consultations II - breakout groups (WP2 + WP3)
- 16.40 - 17.00 Break
- 17.00 - 18.30 **Stakeholder consultations III (WP5)**: Introduction to SIMRA case studies
- 18.30 - 19.00 **Summary of Sessions I and II - Plenary discussion**
- 19.00 Dinner and local wine tasting
- 22.00 Transport back to hotels (bus leaves at 22.00)

28.10. 2016 Friday

location: Slovak University of Technology, Vazovova 5, 812 43, Bratislava

- 8.15 - 13.30 Evaluation and Policies** – chair: *Martin Price*, Centre for Mountain Studies University of the Highlands and Islands (to be confirmed)
- 8.15 - 10.15 **Stakeholder consultations IV (WP4)**: Frameworks, methods and tools to assess social innovation and its impacts assessing
- 10.15 - 10.30 Break
- 10.30 - 12.00 **Stakeholder consultations V (WP6)**: Policies and supporting actions for Social Innovation
- 12.00 - 12.30 **Summary of Sessions III, IV + V**
- 13.00 - 13.30 Closing remarks
- 13.30 - 14.30 Lunch

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Susan Baker

Professor Susan Baker, working at Cardiff University in United Kingdom, has a multidisciplinary background in economics, philosophy and political science. Her work addresses governance in the context of global environmental change. She is particularly interested in the environmental policy in high consumption societies and in societies in transition in Eastern Europe. Her research is primarily of a collaborative and interdisciplinary nature, involving project partnerships in Europe and North America.