



# Europeanisation of geographical education curriculum and policy

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An international HERODOT conference

*Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June to Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2004*  
Tartu, Estonia

## **What is the conference about?**

This three-day residential conference will have three main themes:

- (1) working on the results of the pilot survey, presentation of the results and launching of the main survey
- (2) benchmarking as an important aspect of Geographical Education and
- (3) Geography and Europeanisation

The primary aim of this conference is to discuss the results of the pilot survey for TUNING which had been defined at the Malta meeting of TP1 in order to launch the main survey about skills and competences that may be important for Geographers for success in their careers. TUNING is seen and understood as a very important aspect of curriculum and course development.

The results (of the discussion and the survey itself) should have an impact on the discussion about benchmarking that is either taking place in some European countries or just starting in many others. A secondary aim is therefore to disseminate ideas of benchmarking which are currently in progress or which are about to be installed in different countries and to make suggestions for other ones. Finally, the third aim is to disseminate ideas of integrating a stronger European dimension into Geography.

# Provisional Programme

## Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2004

afternoon Arrival in Tartu and Registration  
19:00 Welcome, Introductions and Evening Dinner

## Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2004

09:15-09:30 Opening of the Session

09:30-10:45 Presentation of the results of the pilot survey by country including an explanation on the working manner

10:45-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:00 discussion of the results and re-looking on the questionnaires (in two groups: specific and general)

12:00-12:45 TUNING and curriculum development  
Geography and employability of graduates

12:45-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-14:45 Plenary Session, launching of the main survey

14.45-16:30 Making Networks work for you:  
EEGECS – Network in Cartography and Surveying (to be confirmed)  
Europeanisation opportunities and Geography  
European bids and funding opportunities Karl Donert (UK)

17:00-19:00 Visiting Tartu

19:30 Evening Dinner

## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2004

09:00-12:30 Benchmarking and Geographical Education  
Workshop with presentations by: Kevin Crawford, Paul Rooney (UK)

12:30-14:00 lunch

14:00-18:00 Plenary session on the European Dimension in geography  
with keynotes by: Maria Villanueva (ES), Barbara Gambini (IT), Josef Strobl (AT)(all to be confirmed)

19:30 Evening Dinner

## Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2004

08:30 Start of the Field Study Trip with final destination Tallinn,  
arrival there at about 4 or 5 pm

## Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2004

Meeting of the Malta Steering group TP1 in Tallinn until lunch

## **VENUE and ACCOMMODATION**

Conference Centre of the Hotel "London" (located in central part of Tartu).

Tartu, a marvellous town of 100,000 inhabitants in South of Estonia is located 186 kilometres southeast from Tallinn and has a very good bus connection with Tallinn. Tallinn is connected by air with Amsterdam, Berlin, Copenhagen, Frankfurt, Hamburg, Helsinki, Kiev, London, Moscow, Oslo, Paris, Prague, Riga, Stockholm, Vilnius, and Warsaw. Tallinn has railway connections with St. Petersburg and Moscow. Regular ferry connection is maintained with Helsinki and Stockholm. The harbour and airport are not far from the bus station and participants can get to the bus station or city centre by buses, tram or taxi.

Buses to Tartu depart from Tallinn Bus Terminal approximately every half an hour. Bus schedule and further travel information will be provided with final information package. The bus ride from Tallinn to Tartu takes around two and half hours. Tartu bus station is located downtown, not far from conference hotel (5 minutes walking)

## **FEE and other EXPENSES**

**There is no conference participation fee for members**, the HERODOT network will also pay accommodation and travel costs of the first 20-25 applicants from **MEMBER INSTITUTIONS only** who wish to attend (maximum 2 per country and one per institution to get widest representation).

Accommodation and travelling expenses should be paid by the participants themselves and then will be refunded from HERODOT after the event.

## **LANGUAGE**

The Conference language will be English.

## **VISAS TO ESTONIA**

Visas are not requested from citizens of the EU and most CEE countries, nor are they requested from citizens of USA and some other countries

[http://www.vm.ee/eng/kat\\_132/915.html](http://www.vm.ee/eng/kat_132/915.html). In case it should be needed the Organising Committee is willing to send a formal letter of invitation to facilitate the participation.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

TEMPERATURE in the end of June is approximately 15°C in the night time and 25°C in the daytime. In that time, twilight turns to dawnlight without real darkness between them.

To get more information on Estonia, please visit <http://www.estonica.org>.

POWER SUPPLY is 220V.

EESTI KROON (EEK) is the currency used in Estonia. One EEK equals 1/15.64 EUR There are currency exchange offices in the airport, bus station, major hotels and department stores. Most CREDIT CARDS (VISA, American Express, Eurocard, etc.) are accepted in hotels, shops and restaurants.

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