

3RD InLoC WORKSHOP

26 – 27 April 2006, Riga, Latvia

- Summary Report -



The third public Workshop of the InLoC Project was held in Riga, Latvia on 26 - 27 April 2006. The Workshop was organised by the Transport and Telecommunication Institute (TTI)



Participants

Participants from Baltic Sea countries in a total number 74 attended.

The participants represented 40% from logistic and transport companies, 20% – from public authorities and 40% - from educational establishments

Concept of the workshop

There were two main subjects of the Workshop:

- **Transit Transport Development and Logistics Centre's Role in This Process**
- **The Logistics Competence Development and Logistics Centres**



Deputy State Secretary of Ministry of Transport and Communication of Republic of Latvia Andulis Zidkova and President, Vice-Rector of TTI Prof. Hab. Dr. Igor Kabashkin opened the 3rd Workshop

The central part of *the 1st workshop day* consisted of the sessions with presentations about transport and logistics development in Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia with ascent on influence the transit transport flows on the development of transport infrastructure, logistics and logistics centers in these three Baltic states. The lectures focused on the review of the current state, strategic plans, problems and limitations.

Head of Strategic Planning Unit of Freeport of Riga Authority Mr. Edgars Sūna guided the visit to the Freeport of Riga by boat. The participants had an opportunity to see the Baltic Container Terminal.



The participants of the 3rd Workshop after visit to Freeport of Riga by boat



The participants of the 3rd Workshop made a tour of the Old Riga

The programme of *the 2nd Workshop day* involved the following parts. The sessions with presentations about Logistics Competence Development and Logistics Centres included the discussion of the concept of Competence Centre and the review of Logistics Education in the three Baltic States.

The introduction about group work sessions took place in presentation by *Reima Helminen (Centre for Maritime Studies, University of Turku)*. Three groups with moderators: *Normund Krumins (Logistics and Customs Brokers Association of the Republic of Latvia, Member of the Board; Adviser on Logistics, Latvian Investment and Development Agency)*; *prof. Algirdas Sakalys (Transport Research Institute, Vilnius Gediminas Technical University)*; and *Reima Helminen (Centre for Maritime Studies, University of Turku)* prepared a further analysis of the results for the Competence Centre feasibility study.



The conference hall at the 2nd Workshop day

There were two lectures on **the second day**:

- *by Hannele Haapamäki (PILOT Turku Ltd)* on the subject Port as a Part of Logistic Centres' Operations – Experience of Turku, Finland
- *by Per Schött (MBA, Arlandastad Logistic Network)* on the subject Arlandastad Logistic Network in Stockholm - successful development of a business park and education efforts



Hannele Haapamäki presentation

Summary of the feedback from

Participants were asked to fill in the feedback forms. The most interesting topic from the presentations of the first day was Latvia - Multimodal Transport Corridor between West and East (*Mr. A. Zidkova*). There were also positive comments about the presentation from representatives of Transport Ministries from 3 Baltic States on the subject Transport and Logistics Development like “created a complete view of the Baltic States regarding logistics and transport development”.

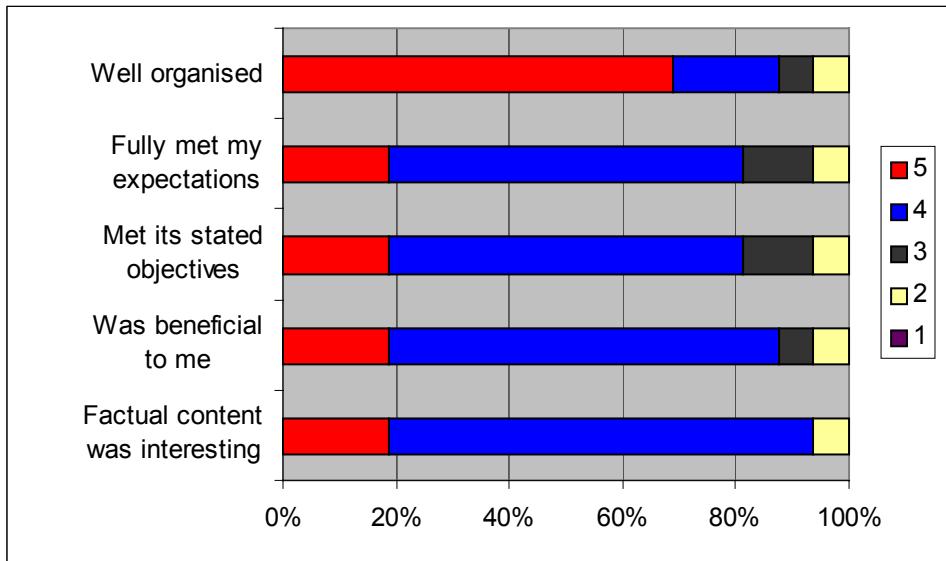
The majority of participants was satisfied about their visit to the Freeport of Riga by boat and remarked it as a good support to Workshop topics.

Generally, the most of participants found the Workshop to be useful and the distribution of the marks is shown in the diagram below (5 – excellent, 1 - poor).

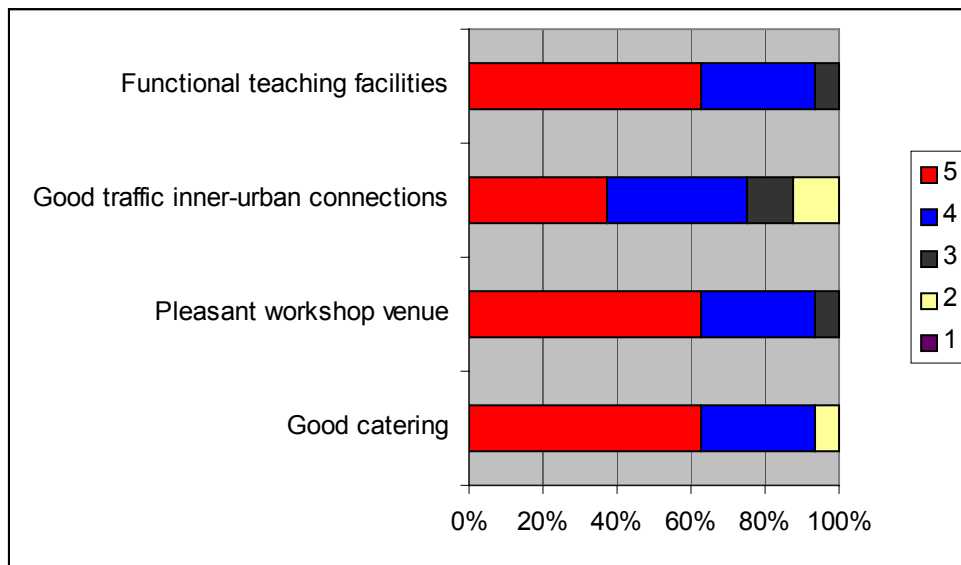
The participants considered that the most beneficial aspects of the workshop were

- visit to Port and good presentation methods;
- the useful information on the current development of transport/logistics in the Baltic States.

However, some transport/logistic companies would have given more time for practice-oriented discussion and networking opportunities.



Overall view of the Workshop



Practical arrangements