

# Supporting Youth Employment and the Implementation of the Youth Guarantee - The Good, the Bad and Next Practices from the Baltic Sea Region

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The seminar focuses on implementing the Youth Guarantee in the Baltic Sea Region, successful networking, and best practices in peer development. Examples of good practices in working with NEETs and early school leavers will be presented. Seminar's target groups are policymakers, education and welfare specialists, NGOs, municipalities, and public institutions.

## Seminar Program

- 12:30** Welcome Coffee
- 13:00** **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
**Mantas Jurgutis**, Vice President of the Union of the Baltic Cities
- 13:10** **Keynote Speaker**  
**ESF's Policies and Role in Supporting the Implementation of the Youth Guarantee in EU**  
**Loris di Pietrantonio**, Head of Unit, ESF Policy and Legislation in DG EMPL
- 13:35** **State of the Youth Guarantee in the Baltic Sea Region**  
**Lidija Kolouh-Söderlund**, PhD, Development Manager, Swedish Agency for Youth and Civil Society
- CASE: Making Youth Guarantee Vision Reality in the Turku Region**  
**Mari Kontio**, Project Manager, City of Turku
- 14:15** **Successful Networking and Best Practices of Peer Development**  
Short presentations about the work and results of the following networks:  
- UBC Task Force Supporting Youth Employment and Well-Being  
**Matti Mäkelä**, Head of the PMO, City of Turku / Education Division  
- Flagship School to Work (S2W)  
**Gunnar Anderzon**, Senior Adviser, SALAR  
- StartNet (Network Transition Education to Work)  
**Jan Wilker**, Project Manager, Goethe-Institut Brüssel  
**Gesa Spätling**, Project Officer, Goethe-Institut Brüssel
- 15:15** Coffee Break
- 15:45** **A Tale of Two Cases: How to Transfer Innovations from One Country to Another?**  
- Building a One-stop-shop in a Year: Slovakia's Finnish Connection  
**Ela Klementová**, Program Officer, EPIC Slovakia  
- Fire Works and Appreciative Enquiry:  
How to Transfer a New Guidance Model from Belgium to Sweden and Finland  
**Karel Van Bouchaute**, Docent, Thomas More University College
- 16:25** **Profiles in Innovation: Some Best Practices**  
- Estonian Youth Guarantee and Its Values  
**Heidi Paabort**, Youth Guarantee Program Manager, Eesti ANK  
- 365/12 Vocational College That Never Sleeps  
**Anu Parantainen**, Head of Planning and Development Unit, City of Turku / Education Division  
- Guidance and Encouragement Methods in VET  
**Johanna Kreicbergs**, Project Manager, SALAR
- 17:15** **Panel Discussion: Heading to the Future and the Next Big Thing**  
**Mantas Jurgutis**, Vice President of the Union of the Baltic Cities  
**Loris di Pietrantonio**, Head of Unit, ESF Policy and Legislation in DG EMPL  
**Lidija Kolouh-Söderlund**, PhD, Development Manager, Swedish Agency for Youth and Civil Society  
**Anastasiia Klonova**, Project Manager, Norden Association  
**Carsten Adamsen**, Chairman, UBC Committee of the Youthful Cities
- 18:00** Seminar Closes

### Moderators

**Matti Mäkelä**

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