

Social Entrepreneurship Forum 2013 in Riga

**Estonian Urban Lab –  
social innovator in urban development**

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is a competence centre of urban thought and action, founded in 2006.

Main mission: to improve the art of urban living, the quality of urban space and promote value-based urban policies.

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**Social enterprise consisting of human geographers, planners, urbanists, (landscape) architects, historians, sociologists.**

# **CREATING CONCEPTS , PROVIDING EDUCATION & OFFERING SOLUTIONS**

**for sustainable urban developments**

**for better spatial development**

**for better citizen involvement and participation**

**for better city governing**

**for happier cities and residents**



## REGENERATING THE CENTRAL AREA OF THE TOWN OF SAUE

The town of Saue has intended to regenerate its industrial central area to a modern town center.

In a longer perspective it means bringing multiple functions and use to the cityspace and creating a livable and active center.

Linnalabor is working on developing a collaborative planning concept and finding suitable methods that recognize the local context from October till the end of this year.

If all goes according to the plan, the vision to Saue's center that combines the ideas of the town's citizens,

Saue linna keskuse visioon loomine osalusplaneerimise teel.

Taustaanalüüs, te ja meetodid

Tellij: Saue linnavalitsus  
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## URBAN WALKS

Estonian Urban Lab has brought together local experts and urban enthusiasts to show you the very urban face of one of the smallest capitals in Europe.

Tallinn is often described as a city full of contrasts, with a dense medieval core surrounded by vast sparse bedroom suburbs and modernist high rises, stood next to century old wooden churches. The Urban Lab looks at Tallinn as a laboratory for different ways of life, where interests and lifestyles bounce off each other and exciting reactions happen. Urban walks will introduce you to the city through the key concepts of contemporary urbanism such as the rise of local communities, urban regeneration and urban gardening, the post-socialist city, urban sprawl etc.

### Tours:

Opening Tallinn Seaside: The Future of Urban Planning



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### SPATIAL CONCEPT FOR ESTONIA

Linnalabor was asked by the Estonian Cooperation Assembly to analyse Estonian spatial and community related developments and based on those two key words, propose a vision for the country. The first task is to make an overview of what has been discussed publicly so far – in articles, development documents etc. In November the visioning process starts with the help of a number of external experts. The first drafts should become fully public over the winter.

If you wish to take part in the project or have more information about it, please contact: Regina Vähesaar (regina@linnalabor.ee, +372 56 903 879). The webpage here will also be the home for overview of the work process.

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### URBAN IDEA

There are 20 neighbourhood associations in Tallinn and more are emerging. As the capital is constituted of 20 neighbourhoods, the urban idea is to...



### RAPLA KEK WORKSHOP

Rapla KOK (Coca Centrum) workshop is organized together with Pallas Architecture during 2012 Tallinn Architecture Biennale. The workshop is supported by the Dutch Embassy in Estonia, the National Heritage Board of Estonia and by the The Council Of Gambling Tax, Akzo Nobel / Sedoin.

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Events:

- Opening Tallinn Seaside: The Future of Urban Planning
- Living in a City: Layers of Tallinn Housing Districts
- Grass-roots Tallinn: From the Creative Industry to Local Communities
- The Past is Present: Life in a Modernist Housing Estate
- City on the Move: Beyond Cars
- Desperate Suburban Life: The Urban Sprawl

You are welcome to pick and mix and we can create a tour according to your urban taste. Tours will last 2-4 hours and will cost 10 eur per person on average (discount for larger groups)

For more information and to book write [linnalabor@linnalabor.ee](mailto:linnalabor@linnalabor.ee)

Come and explore the city as an urbanite does!

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