



GEOMATICS RURAL INFORMATION SOCIETY INITIATIVE PLUS

Grisi+

NETWORKING SEMINAR

Date: *Tuesday 13th November 2012*

Venue: *Council Chamber, Galway County Council, Prospect Hill, Galway.*

A G E N D A

9.15am to 9.45am: Welcome Speech –Councillor Peter Keane, Leas-Cathaoirleach, West Regional Authority & Cllr. Tom Welby, Mayor of County Galway.

9.45am to 10.00am: Overview of the GRISI PLUS project...Mr. Brian Barrett.

10.00 to 11.00am: Snapshot/Synopsis of Good Practices from other Partner Regions of special interest for the West Region and for Galway County.... Mr. Shane Winters and Mr. Brian Barrett. There will be a short discussion which will focus on the suitability of the proposed Good Practices for the West Region and Galway County.

11.00am to 11.30am: Teas/Coffees.

11.30am to 12.15pm: Presentation on the “LookWest” InitiativeMs. Joanne Grehan, WDC. Presentation on the “Made in Galway” Initiative....Mr. Brian Barrett. Q & A session.

12.15pm to 12.55pm: Presentation on “All Ireland Research Observatory”Mr. Justin Gleeson. Q & A session.

12.55pm to 1pm: Concluding Remarks....Mr. Mark O’Donnell, Director West Regional Authority.

1.00 pm: Lunch



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FURTHER INFORMATION

GRISI PLUS (Geomatics Rural Information Society Initiative PLUS), is the name of a new project selected by the European Commission in the frame of the 4th call of the INTERREG IVC programme. It comprises 14 partners from 11 Member States.

Through this Project, the **West Regional Authority** and **Galway County Council** will learn new ways and devise new **Regional Policy** to promote rural areas in the West Region and Galway County based on the experience of the partners in other countries who have undertaken significant work in this field.

Nowadays, rural areas face various challenges : aging and declining population, poor local economy, isolation, lack of use of the ICT, lack of infrastructures, inertia regarding innovation... To address these issues, GRISI PLUS aims to introduce a new modernity in EU rural area.

GRISI PLUS aims at improving the effectiveness and enriching economic development policies in rural areas by increasing the use of geographical information and geomatics tools to give decision-support tools to public key players and policymakers. To achieve this goal, partners will exchange experience, identify and transfer good practices in 2 domains related to their common issues for the revitalization of rural territories:

- *Development of the attractiveness of rural territories to attract new inhabitants. The latter will be able to telework (work at distance) thanks to the New ICT.*
- *Promotion of local tangible and intangible products, thanks to the use of Geomatics tools and Geographic Information Systems.*

GRISI PLUS assembles 14 partners from 11 Member States. The partnership includes Regions, Provinces, Associations of municipalities and territorial development agencies to consider different territorial levels and their competences.

The 11 Member States partners of the GRISI PLUS Project are: **France, Ireland, Latvia, Cyprus, Malta, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Romania, Bulgaria, Estonia and Greece.**