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**MECINE**

**MEdium sized CIties NEtwork in Europe**

**[www.mecine.eu](http://www.mecine.eu)**

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**International networking**  
Advantages and opportunities

*Petrozavodsk*

*November, 25-26, 2009*

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**Thanks for the invitation!**

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## MECINE – the purposes of the network.

To strengthen the position of the medium sized towns in a Europe growing together.

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To develop exchange and pilot projects aiming to strengthen the cooperation between MECINE members, specially in domains like urban planning, social and economic development, culture, education and local administration.

**Members:**

**Speyer, Germany**

**Linköping, Sweden**

**Roskilde, Denmark**

**Ravenna, Italy**

**Evora, Portugal**

**Caceres, Spain**

**Joensuu, Finland**

**Tönsberg, Norway**

**Observers:**

**Petrozavodsk, Russia**

**Delft, The Netherlands**

**Kaunas, Lithuania**





# Linköping, Sweden



## The background:

1990 Speyer, Germany "European Medium Sized Towns 2000 conference"

EU-funding "Development Strategies for European Medium-sized Cities"

Tarragona Conference: Formation of the MECINE-network in the Tarragona declaration

## On going projects:

UniverCities

Quality cities

City Center development

Integration of immigrants

Mecine seen by artists

Open to new initiatives

EU-funding

## UniverCities

Development of the city's SME base  
through Univercity-City links

Entrepreneurship development amongst  
students

Measures to encourage graduates to start  
businesses

Knowledge transfer to SMEs from the  
University

## Quality cities

The overall objective and challenge of the Quality city project is to identify what defines quality in a medium sized European city of today.

## City Centre Development

Cities are growing; solutions to densification and better public transport

Structural change in commerce; decline in small shops, increase in out-of-town shopping

City marketing; city centres as main stage for events.

Green & healthy cities, increasing exercise, open spaces

## Integration of immigrants

Some examples:

Introduction programme

Voluntary organisations

Young boys “drop out” of the model  
for integration

# Mecine seen by artists



## Activities:

Mayors Conferences

Networking meetings

Thematic Workshops and seminars

Coordinator's meetings

**Spring  
2010**

City Centre  
Development  
*Speyer*

**Autumn  
2010**

UniverCity  
*Evora*

**Spring  
2011**

Integration  
*Tonsberg*

**Autumn  
2011**

Perspectives on the medium-sized city  
*Speyer*

*Urban planning*

*Learning cities*

*Diversity and  
Integration*

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# Planning teams

- City Centre Development
    - Speyer - Matthias
    - Roskilde – Jan Bille
  - Integration
    - Linköping – Lars-Ake
    - Tonsberg - Helga
    - Ravenna - Noemi
  - UniverCity
    - Evora - Sancho
    - Roskilde - Jens
    - Delft - Patrick
    - Linköping – Jan + Liselotte
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# Welcome to be a member of the Mecine network

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**City Center Development conference  
26-29 May, 2010**