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# New beginning for the Craftland cooperation in the South Baltic Region.

Craftland project is coming to an end but the cooperation between project partners is very strong and alive. That is why a final project meeting was organized on 25 November on Bornholm in Denmark. The partners used the opportunity not only to talk about Craftland but also to discuss the future.





South Baltic

Part-financed by the European Union (European Regional Development Fund) The representatives of project participants: the City of Pruszcz Gdanski, Silute Municipality, Vellinge Municipality and Fotevikens Museum were joined by other actors from South Baltic Region interested in future cultural collaboration.

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The meeting started with a study visit to Bornholms Middelaldercenter where the participants were greeted by re-enactors in historical clothes who invited everybody to the Medieval world. It was extremely interesting for project partners to visit another open-air museum like Fotevikens Museum and Faktoria in Pruszcz Gdański.





Representatives of the Centre followed everybody to the project meeting. Other potential partners were representatives of Ukranenland – an open-air museum in Germany and Trelleborg Municipality in Sweden.

The meeting turned out to be very fruitful. All the participants had short presentations about their institutions in order to get to know each other better. There was also a brainstorming session during which everybody shared their ideas for future common projects. It seems that there is a lot of interest in continuing joint cross-border cultural events as well as projects connected with promotion of our regions.

All the participating parties plan to stay in contact in the next programming period 2014-2020 and prepare a common application as soon as an opportunity arises.

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#### Pruszcz Gdański

The lead partner is the City of Pruszcz Gdański - a part of the Tricity agglomeration, only 10 km from the centre of Gdańsk. It is an important industrial, service, commercial, educational and cultural centre. Pruszcz Gdański occupies an area of 16,5 km2 with over 26 thousand inhabitants.

The roots of the settlement in the Pruszcz area date back to the 6th century B.C. The advantageous localization made it possible for Pruszcz to develop very fast and increase its commercial importance. Most of the merchants'

#### Silute

Silute District Municipality is a longterm partner of Pruszcz Gdański with a common EU project history. It is in the western part of Lithuania Republic, near the Baltic sea Curonian Lagoon. Silute is region where humans and water creates life. Silute will organise the Crafts and Folk Festival in 2012. Other travelling events that will take place in Silute are the City Tournament and Festival Market. The events in Silute will contribute to prolonging the tourist expeditions following ancient. A reconstructed ancient amber trade village from the Roman influence period (Faktoria) was opened in July 2011. Faktoria consists of: The Chief Hut – museum exhibition, the Market Hall – place of meetings with live archeology and reconstructions of The Blacksmith Hut and The Amber Craftsman Hut. It is a perfect place for outdoor events, happenings and artistic ventures. It is also the venue for the cross-border events within Craftland project.

season in the region as they will take place in May. We will be responsible for promotion of the project in Silute and contributing to promotion in the whole South Baltic area. The representatives of Silute will take part in all project events organised by other partners in order to share experience and knowhow and introduce good practices in their home

## Vellinge

It is with great pleasure we welcome you to the south western corner of Sweden. We neighbour the famous Öresund bridge which means we are within easy reach of many lovely cites for excursions such as Malmö, Lund, Ystad, Copenhagen as well as the rural Söderslätt area.

We offer activities for all ages and interests. You can choose to play golf at any of our five golf courses or enjoy the white, sandy beaches all along the rim of the Näset isthmus and beautiful nature. Experience the spectacular bird migration during the fall together with birdwatchers from all over the world. Search for amber along the coastline of the Baltic Sea.

The Viking Reserve at Foteviken is a unique historic experience. During the summer months the Viking Reserve not only attracts tourists but also Vikings dressed enthusiasts from near and far. Or visit the Falsterbo Horse Show, a major annual event that attracts horseenthusiasts from all over Europe.





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