

**The XXIII ESRS Congress, Vaasa, 2009**

**WG 5.3 PROGRAMME**

**Tuesday 18.8.2009**

**8.30-10.30**

**SESSION 1**

**Introduction: Temporary organisations and rural-urban relations. Can long-term sustainability goals be achieved through short-term interventions?**

*Stefan Sjöblom, Swedish School of Social Science, University of Helsinki, Finland*

**Energy flows as a test-bed for long term urban-rural relationships**

*Giorgio Osti, University of Trieste, Italy*

**Business networks in rural areas: experiences from rural Spain**

*Javier Esparcia, University of Valencia, Spain*

**11.00-12.30**

**SESSION 2**

**Democratic governance by means of project organisation? A policy sector analysis**

*Sebastian Godenhjelm, Kanerva Kuokkanen, Minna Lehtola, Stefan Sjöblom & Kjell Andersson, Swedish School of Social Science, University of Helsinki, Finland*

**Leader as a means for strengthening rural development capacity: structures and relations**

*Lars Larsson, School of Economics and Social Sciences Högskolan Dalarna & Cecilia Waldenström, Department of Urban and Rural Development, Swedish Agricultural University, Sweden*

**16.00-17.30**

**SESSION 3**

**Project forms and social problems: A critical analysis of environmental governance**

*Steven Wolf, Department of Natural Resources, Cornell University, USA*

**Exploring how to introduce natural resources, food production, climate change in the social rural-urban relations: the case of European Capital Cities facing sustainability and globalization**

*Nicole Mathieu, CNRS University of Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, France*

**Wednesday 19.8.2009**

**9.00-10.30**

**SESSION 4**

**Institutions and networks in rural development. Two case studies from Hungary**

*Boldizsár Megyesi, Institute for Political Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary*

**Regional planning and rural development – the case of Ostrobothnia, Finland**

*Kenneth Nordberg, Åbo Akademi University, Vasa, Finland*

**Thursday 20.8.2009**

**11.00-12.30**

**SESSION 5**

**Role of communication in performance of Local Action Group**

*Ülar Loolaid, Tartu University, Institute of Journalism and Communication, Estonia*

**Conclusions and discussion about publication plans**

*Stefan Sjöblom & Kjell Andersson, Swedish School of Social Science, University of Helsinki, Finland*