

Feedback from Commin:Innovation and Regional Economic Development, June 1st - 3rd 2005

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Kyselyyn vastannut: 9

Vertailuryhmä: Kaikki vastaajat

11. Would you like to express any comment about the training? Please, write it below

Was very fruitful

I have attended a lot of trainings and before this seminar I expected less than I received, this training on the whole really exceeded my expectations.

It would be interesting to participate in next seminars maybe in new city with new lecturers but with the same group. Thanks for Sana!

Would be nice, if at the beginning everybody could/would tell what he or she expects of the training (meta plan?!). At the end there could have been a discussion: Are there possibilities to implement the tools we have heard about in the training in our regions and how should that be done? Useful where the questions in the training programme. I tried to answer them for me in advance and took this as a chance to get into the topic.

The training was excellent and very useful. Part of it should be made part of university programs for economists! There are many things which I was simply not aware that they do exist. I am pretty sure there are many officials directly responsible from governmental side of aspects mentioned in the training- and they are not aware either. That is somehow sad. And means there is lots of space for improvement! I believe this is one of the most useful and mind expanding seminars I have attended! THANK YOU!

Training was useful and well arranged. Thank you.

I obtain a good new ideas and knowledges what I can transmit my students.

First of all I want to thank you for the excellent organisation and the very interesting training programme in Jyväskylä and Tampere. It was really useful for my own (scientific) work.

But I want to jump at the chance to make some additional comment, also to explain the decisions made in the above form:

As I am (or was) not too familiar with Finnish innovation and regional policy the presentations, which gave a general introduction to these topics (esp. the presentations by Mr Niemi, Mr Hämäläinen and Mr Mäkinen) were very useful. Perhaps, it would have been helpful to have these general introductions at the beginning of the training programme. Another good idea was the contrasting positions of the first (a practitioner's view on Finnish innovation policy) and the second (a more theoretical view) day. Regarding the general working method I would have liked to have more group work, especially at the second day. I think that a whole day of presentations is very exhausting for the lecturer as well as for the participants. In this context I would recommend you (as organisers) to have a more active role concerning the moderation of the programme: some lecturers needed the whole time for their presentation and no time for questions or discussions was left.

Finally, to explain the 'good' for the facilities and the guided tour in Tampere: even though I liked the atmosphere of the Finlayson area very much, the benches were a little bit too uncomfortable for so many hours; the guided tour was very interesting, but unfortunately too short.

I hope that my comments are useful for you i.e. for forthcoming training programmes.

Best regards from Germany,

Markus Beier

Training was valuable and covered relevant topics. the speakers on the first day impressed with new perspective and approach to look at the things, which i appreciated a lot. However i think we lacked time for "organized networking", especially the second day - when we had long sessions.