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 Carpathian Development Institute Kosice,
 Technical University Kosice,
 Agency of Regional Development and Cross Border Co-operation "Transcarpathia" of Zakarpattya
 Oblast Council,
 Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences,
 Municipality Sør-Varanger

would like to invite you to the kick-off conference of the project „Zipping and Innovating the Development Planning of the Cross-Border SK-UA territory“,

to be held **on 9th of March 2016 (Wednesday) at 8.30 a.m**
Tabačka Kulturfabrik (kino Tabačka), Gorkeho 2, Kosice

The aim of the project is to develop and apply a methodology of incorporating global threats with significant local impacts into a joint SK-UA cross-border planning process based on cooperation of the SK-UA experts

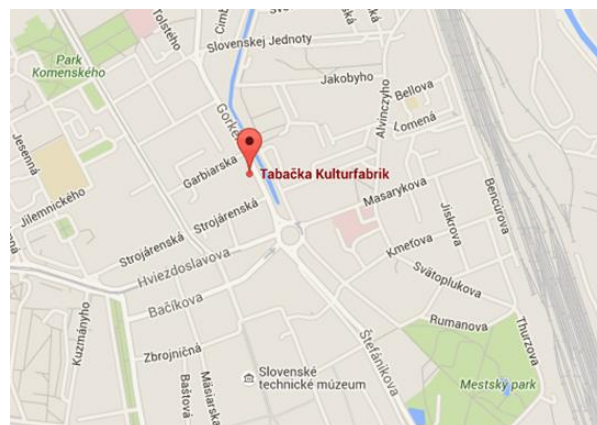
The conference is primarily designated for all those who:

- have been actively participating in the development planning of the Eastern Slovakia and the Transcarpathian region of Ukraine (spatial planning, economic, social, and sectoral planning)
- wish to participate in improving cooperation between Slovakia and Ukraine, particularly of the Eastern Slovakia and the Transcarpathian region.

Participation in the conference is **free of charge**. Travel expenses paid by each participant herself/himself. Conference languages: **Slovak, Ukrainian and English**. Simultaneous translation is provided.

Where can you find a conference venue?

Tabačka Kulturfabrik, Gorkého 2, 040 01 Košice
 Tabačka is located opposite of the Hotel Yasmin respectively Jumbo Centre.
 Public transport: bus number 16, 22, 25, 27, 29, 36 or trolleybuses number 71 and 72. Get off at the stop Mlynská bašta. [Timetables of the public transport can be found HERE](#).
 Parking is available in adjacent parking lots of the city of Košice for EUR 1 / hour.



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Agenda

08:30 – 09:00 *Registration*

09:00 – 09:10 Opening of the Conference (Jaroslav Tesliar, Agency for the Support of Regional Development Kosice)

09:10 – 09:30 Philosophy of the project (Andrej Steiner, Carpathian Development Institute, Kosice)

09:30 – 10:00 Global threats and their impacts on development at the local and regional level (Oto Hudec, Technical University, Kosice)

10:00 – 10:30 Local planning processes in the context of global threats – Norwegian experience (Jørn Holm-Hansen/Sigrid Skålnes, Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research, Oslo)

10:30 – 10:50 *Coffee break*

10:50 – 11:20 The current planning processes at regional and local level in Ukraine and Slovakia (Mykola Pihuliak, Zakarpattia Regional State Administration, Užhorod and Martin Jergus, City of Kosice)

11:20 – 12:00 Greetings from Kirkenes, a short information about activities of Sør-Varanger municipality in the area of cross-border cooperation (Liza Stepanova, Sør-Varanger Municipality)

12:00 – 13:30 *Lunch*

13:30 – 14:00 The Strategy for Slovak-Ukrainian Cross Border Cooperation until 2020 – challenges for its implementation (Vladimír Benc, Slovak Foreign Policy Association, Prešov)

14:00 – 14:30 Experience with implementation of the cross-border cooperation between Norway and Russia (Jørn Holm-Hansen/Sigrid Skålnes, Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research, Oslo)

14:30 – 15:00 Existing experience of the cross-border cooperation between Ukraine and Slovakia (Valeriy Hrishchenko, Agency of Regional Development and Cross Border Co-operation "Transcarpathia" of Zakarpattia Oblast Council)

15:00 – 15:30 *Discussion and Closure of the Conference*