Dear colleagues,

We are pleased to invite you to LINC FINLAND 2013! The 4th transnational LINC event will be arranged in Northern Savo, Finland in 11.-13. June 2013.

The registration is now open till 30th April. Please visit: <u>www.info-linc.eu</u>

Please, could you forward this invitation to your LAGs. NSUs are also warmly welcome to participate!

LINC wants to promote networking between European Leader areas in an innovative way. LINC reinforces the European Leader spirit based on a strong faith in the power of doing things together. Hosted by a different country each year, the LINC event comprises three parts: a seminar/workshop, a light-hearted sports competition and an excursion/field trips.

The overall theme of LINC FINLAND 2013 is *wellbeing.* We want to promote on different aspects of rural *wellbeing,* covering physical, social, cultural and spiritual perspectives. The aim of the event is to share information and hear experiences from around rural Europe. What are the challenges, solutions and possibilities we face? What can we do together via Leader?

For Finns, the sauna is a symbol of *wellbeing*. The sauna has been the birthplace of new ideas and inventions throughout Finnish history. You can't discuss *wellbeing* without a Finnish sauna. **Come and experience a Finnish sauna**!

We request that a team consists of 3 persons and, if possible, there should be representatives of both genders in a team. Of course there can be more than one team from one LAG or region. We understand that it is impossible for some to send 3 persons, and for that reason single participants are also welcomed.

LINC Finland will be hosted by the LAG Ylä-Savon Veturi, LAG Kalakukko, LAG Mansikka and Finnish Rural Network Unit.

More information about the event is available on the website: <u>www.info-linc.eu</u>.

If you have any questions or you require more information, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our contact e-mail address is: <u>info-linc@ylasavonveturi.fi</u>

Mark the dates 11.-13. June 2013 in your calendar and meet up in Northern Savo in the spirit of Leader cooperation! We look forward to seeing you all in Finland!

Best regards, Juha-Matti Markkola

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