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Welcome to the  
**10th Annual ICN Conference - 8th to 10th November 2017**

**Attractive towns in a free Europe**  
Suwalki city – development and growth in a rural region



– **Conference Program** –

**Wednesday, 8th November:**

Arrivals. Guests are welcome to visit the city center or use the spa facilities at the [Hotel Loft](#) and at the next door [Suwalki Aquapark](#).

19.00 Welcome reception and 10 years ICN anniversary celebration.  
with dinner, cultural program and story telling at Hotel Loft

**Thursday, 9th November:**

**Morning session (09.30-15.00)**

- Visiting the Business Borderlands Forum „FOOD, INDUSTRY, LIFE”
- 11.45 – 12.05 Coffee Break
- 14.00 – 15.00 Lunch at the Science & Technology Park

**Afternoon session (15.30-17.00) at Hotel Loft**

Key Notes:

1. “Connecting European regions and cities through core hubs and prioritised corridors”  
*By Alf Johansen, TENTACLE project partner coordinator*

2. "Future perspectives for European regions by bridging the TEN-T with the Belt and Road initiative?" *By spatial planning expert professor Cliff Hague*

#### **16.30 – 17.00 Annual ICN Meeting 2017**

- Annual meeting, separate agenda
- New ideas, projects and initiatives

#### **19.00 Dinner – Banquet at Hotel Velvet with the BB Forum**

#### **Friday, 10th November:**

##### **09.00 City excursion "Transformation of Suwalki"**

Showing best practices of city development during the last 20 years.  
Organized by Suwalki City. More detailed program will follow.

##### **12.00 Lunch & Departures**

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## **PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

#### **Accommodation:**

Hotel LOFT 1898 in Suwalki, [www.hotelloft.pl](http://www.hotelloft.pl)

- Single room – 200 zł/ person/ night including breakfast
- Double room – 240 zł/ person/ night including breakfast
- Parking – free of charge
- Participants will pay themselves directly to the Hotel.

#### **Transportation:**

- Suwalki City will provide local transportation; Transportation airport-Hotel-airport can be arranged by Suwalki City, it is recommended to arrange bigger groups, not individuals arriving at different times.
- Taxi costs: e.g. Vilnius air port - Suwalki – 500 zł, Warsaw F. Chopin airport – Suwalki – 700 zł.

#### **Conference Fee:**

There will be no fee for the conference - participants only have to pay for their own travel and accommodation.

**Deadline for registration: 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2017**

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**We look forward to see you in Suwalki!**