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kindly invites you to participate in

Public lecture-discussion

## “How innovations are important for regional development?”

13<sup>th</sup> of April, 2021, 11.30-13.30 (Eastern European Time Zone)

Šiauliai Academy of Vilnius University

Virtual connection via Teams:

### Presenters:



Prof. Dr **Daniel Meyer**,  
Assoc. prof. Dr **Natanya Meyer**  
(University of Johannesburg, South Africa)

#### *Innovative tools for measurement of regional economic development progression*

Economic development and the measurement of progress over time is important to determine successful implementation of policies and strategies. A gap in the measurement of economic development exists especially on a regional level and the use of HDI and GDP per capita as tools are not effective. Over the last 5 years a number of innovative regional development measurement tools were developed including the Multi-dimensional Regional Economic Development Index (MREDI). The tools could be used in both leading and lagging regions and assists with policy and strategy formulation.



Assoc. prof. Dr **Daniela Georgieva**,  
prof. Dr **Teodora Georgieva**  
(International Business School – Botevgrad, Bulgaria)

#### *Innovation profiles of Bulgarian regions – positioning and perspectives*

The presentation describes the Bulgarian regions' profiles based on indicators for research, innovation, and economic activity. A comparative analysis is made following the methodology of the Regional innovation scoreboard. Besides, some good regional practices are presented within the context of the Smart Specialization Strategy.



Vilnius University Šiauliai Academy alumni,  
Deputy Mayor **Tomas Martinaitis**  
(Šiauliai Academy of Vilnius University, Akmenė district municipality, Lithuania)

#### *The Potential of the Lithuanian Municipalities in Creating a Smart Social System*

The presentation will focus on issues how the municipal potential in the creation of a smart social system could be measured. Presenter will justify the model of the municipality as a smart social system. Then he will present the fields and dimensions of model and how the expression of potential of the Lithuanian municipalities were evaluated. Finally, few examples of good practice from Lithuanian municipalities will be provided.

**Moderator:** assoc. prof. Dr Vita Juknevičienė (Šiauliai Academy of Vilnius University, Lithuania)

More information about this event by e-mail: [competence.network@gmail.com](mailto:competence.network@gmail.com)

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