

## RESEARCH NETWORK GRANT SCHEME (RN) Event Report Form

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PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU ARE SUBMITTING THIS REPORT TO REGIONS OR FOR OUR WEBSITE:

RESEARCH NETWORK TITLE: Transformative Knowledge Regions (TRAKR)

EVENT TITLE: Paper development workshop

DATE AND PLACE OF EVENT: October 3-4, 2024, Bornholm/Denmark

ORGANISER(S)' NAME(S): Jesper Manniche, Anna Butzin, Hugues Jeannerat, Luis Cavalhos, Pauline Lavanchy and Kerstin Meyer.

### PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH DETAILS OF YOUR EVENT

- What was the aim of this event?

The event was the second workshop organised by the TRAKR research network. TRAKR aims at renewing the understanding of knowledge and knowledge dynamics as assets in regional development in the light of ongoing sustainability transitions. After a first workshop dedicated to the conceptualisation of transformative knowledge regions and two RSA webinars on methodological issues, this second workshop was focussed on paper development and discussion of the opportunity for a common Special Issue of a scientific journal.

- How many people attended the event (speakers and delegates)? Please add an approximate number of countries.

10 attended in-person, 3 online, representing seven European countries.

- Please list the speakers of the event and the title of their presentations (describe how and why these papers were selected).

As said before, the workshop was targeted the development of papers for a special issue of a journal planned for by the TRAKR organizers and with the title of 'From knowledge-intensive to transformative knowledge regions'. Seven papers were selected for presentation and common discussions:

- *Jesper Manniche & Andreas Skriver Hansen*: Towards a framework for studying transformative knowledge and learning in regional sustainability transitions – The case of energy transition on Bornholm
- *Kristin Gustafsson*: The impact of conflicting interests on learning in collaborative processes
- *Gusztav Nemes (online presentation)*: Sustainable Knowledge Economy in Alternative Food Systems
- *Pauline Lavanchy & Hugues Jeannerat*: Lay knowledge in transformative regions: Linking local experience and systemic change
- *Gesa Pflitsch & Verena Radinger-Peer*: Creating 'intermediate spaces' for transformative knowledge generation at the university-region interface.
- *Madeine Wagner*: Transformative Knowledge in Teaching Spatial Planning – The Role of Universities in Teaching Planners as Change Agents for Transformation Processes

Besides these six paper presentations, also a keynote speech by a leading scholar within Geography of Sustainability Transition, was delivered online:

- *Markus Grillitsch*: Change Agency: A social-science perspective to transformations.
- Please send us the program and outline of your event.

The program is attached.

- Please describe any social activities organised as part of the event.

A study trip was organised to Elvaerket in Rønne/Bornholm October 3, 4-6 pm., including two presentations to hear about the visions and activities regarding local energy transitioning of two public organisations on Bornholm:

- *Mads Bay Møller*, Baltic Energy Island
- *Maria Hach*, BEOF, Bornholm Energy Utility Services

A social dinner and two lunches for all attendants was organised during the workshop.

- Please provide us with conclusions of the event (how it contributed to the overall aim of the network and an outline of the key discussions that occurred during the event).

Discussions focused on the individual paper presentations and how to improve and align them for inclusion in a common journal special issue, planned for by the TRAKR organizers to be submitted early 2025. Key issues for workshop discussions regarded the (interaction of) varying forms of 'transformative' knowledge and knowing involved in system-level change and paradigm shifts, the possible role and obstacles of universities in the creation and diffusion of such, and how "regions" and local ecosystems may facilitate transformative learning and system transition.

- Please outline any future actions (planned events, outputs, follow-up of the event, publications).

Building on the paper abstracts, presented at the Bornholm workshop, as well as abstracts from other researchers connected to the TRAKR network, the TRAKR organizers submitted an application to the RSA journal *Regional Studies* by February 2025 with the title of 'From knowledge-intensive to transformative knowledge regions'. The application was conditionally accepted, and the submission of a final application is under preparation.

At the Bornholm workshop, the TRAKR organizers informed participants about the third, planned TRAKR event, a special session at the annual RSA conference in Porto, May 2025 (SS37 'Understanding Transformative Knowledge Regions'). Bornholm participants agreed to plan for attending also the RSA conference for another round of paper development, and five of the papers, presented on Bornholm, were also presented in the SS37 in Porto.

- Please outline below how you promoted the RSA at your event and whether any follow-up actions are planned.

The Bornholm workshop was promoted via

- mailing amongst the TRAKR network of associated researchers
  - personal networks and LinkedIn/Research Gate posts of the six TRAKR organizers
  - websites and SoMe posts of the organizers' university organisations
  - the website of RSA
  - an article to RSA's *Regions e-Zine* (DOI: 10.1080/13673882.2024.00001003).
- Please include a short biography from/on behalf of the author of this report (author's title, institutional affiliation, and research interests, max 40 words) and attach an ID picture (this may be published in *Regions*) in JPEG format.

I am Jesper Manniche, PhD, senior researcher at the Centre for Regional and Tourism Research. My research interests include rural development & policy, business and social innovation, sustainability transition, knowledge creation and sharing.

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Photos attached.

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