Where it all began:
Opening up to the world

Urmas Varblane
Tartu, 11.10.2013
Eurofaculty beginning

• **The idea of Eurofaculty** - initiated in 1992 by H.D.Genscher – German foreign minister – and supported by U.Elleman-Jensen – Danish foreign minister – and European Commission

• **Adopted by the Council of Baltic Sea States second meeting, Helsinki 16 March 1993**

• **Opening in Riga – September 1993**

• **Aim** – to support change in teaching of social sciences in Baltics and prepare a new faculty

• **Fields covered: economics, law, political science and public administration**
Directorate in Riga
Tartu Center
Riga Center
Vilnius Center

Steering Committee

Donors
EuroFaculty Administration

*EuroFaculty Directors*
- Toivo Miljan 1993-1998
- Arild Saether 1998-2001
- Gustav Kristensen 2001-2005

*Vice Directors - heads of EuroFaculty Centres*

**Tartu** - Urmas Varblane 1993-2000
- Michael Gallagher 2000-2005

**Riga** - Edgars Kassalis 1993-2002
- Birute Sloka 2002-2005

**Vilnius** – Linas Cekanavicius 1993-2005
EuroFaculty cooperation with local faculty

**Discipline Coordinators:**

- **Economics** – Raul Eamets
- **Law** – Irene Kull, Anne Kalvi, Hannes Veinla
- **Political Science** – Eiki Berg, Vello Pettai
- **Public administration** – Charles Kroncke, Tiina Randma

**Tartu centre secretary** – Varje Kuut

**Head librarian** – Heili Kase
Prof. Toivo Miljan
First director of EF
Activities

- Eurofaculty Tartu Centre – knowledge transfer unit
- **Residential visiting academic staff** – long-term commitments mixed with long-term contracts (ca 45-50 lecturers in total, 10-12 visiting lecturers per semester)
- Heavy reform of curricula
- **Retraining of existing staff** – teaching associates
- Preparation of future staff – fellowship programme (around 220 fellows) and student teaching and student research assistants
- **Infrastructure improvements**
- Mobility funding
**EXAMPLE of ACTIVITIES**

**DIAGRAM 5.** EuroFaculty Courses Taught by Local and Visiting Lecturers at the University of Tartu in Economics (Master program), 1996-2005.

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“-” = not offered this semester; * First Master Graduates

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The meaning of the Eurofaculty in Baltic society (early 1990s)

- First real regional cooperation programme by the **Council of Baltic Sea States**
- **Cultural importance** – integration into Western academic society
- **Systematic and widespread activities**
- **Local needs were taken into account**
- **Amazingly long term funding commitment** 1993-2005
Importance of EuroFaculty

QUALITY
• influence on the culture of teaching and learning at our faculties
• new teaching methods and new teaching contents
• support in research methodology
• Positive pressure on the system in Tartu University

NETWORKS
• Opening doors to networks of western scholars
• Mobility of fellows and teaching associates to western libraries
• Regular, deep cooperation with Latvian and Lithuanian colleagues

INFRASTRUCTURE - FUNDING
• Support for finishing the Lossi 3 building
• Creation of libraries and access to academic journals
• Information Technology support
Results - lessons learnt

- **Change needs time** - results should be assessed after a time lag
- **Change needs vision and resources**
- Competitiveness of our social science faculties heavily improved
- First bricks in the creation of international competitiveness in research
- Strong cooperation between three Baltic countries in Eurofaculty era
Achievements of EuroFaculty graduates – some examples

• **Economics** – 101 fellows – 32 Ph.Ds defended (incl. Northwestern Univ, Bologna, Aarhus, Stockholm, Essex …) Postdocs (Oxford …)

Achievements of EuroFaculty graduates – some examples

Law
- 53 fellows - 16 Ph.Ds defended (incl. Oxford, Queen Mary and Westfield College, Humboldt)

- Publications in American Journal of International Law, European Journal of International Law (L. Mälksoo)
- Julia Laffranque – European Court of Human Rights
- Lauri Mälksoo – European Research Council Starting Grant – prof Univ. of Tartu
- Merilin Kiviorg - Oxford Royal Academy, teaching fellow
- Anneli Albi – Kent University
- Eneken Tikk - Senior Fellow for Cyber Security, International Institute for Strategic Studies, Manama, Bahrain
Achievements of EuroFaculty graduates – some examples

Public administration 29 fellows - 5 Ph.Ds (incl. University of North Carolina, George Mason University)
Rainer Kattel - Prof. in Tallinn Univ. of Technology
Kristiina Tõnisson - director of EuroCollege
Rain Rannu - global IT business – Fortumo, Mobi Solutions

Political Science 36 fellows - 13 Ph.Ds
Allan Sikk - Univ. College London, senior lecturer
Kadri Uustal DG Regio
Keit Kasemets OECD
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