



INTECS Network building – project (1.1.2010-31.3.2011)

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Where do we come from?

- From Rovaniemi, Finnish Lapland
- Sports related education in our home region:
 - Ounasvaara Senior High School Specialized in Sports - 103 athletes
 - Rovaniemi Municipal Federation of Education
 - Lapland Vocational College - 41 athletes
 - Education Centre of Santasport Institute - 22 athletes
 - Rovaniemi University of Applied Sciences (RAMK) - 34 athletes
 - University of Lapland - 23 athletes
 - 12 Non-students
 - Overall 235 athletes



Where do we come from?

- Lapland Sports Academy is a training and education system in the region

- Academy is a network organization
- Network of educational institutions and co-operating partners
- Coordinative organization is Santasport Institute
- Activity is concentrated in Ounasvaara winter sports center

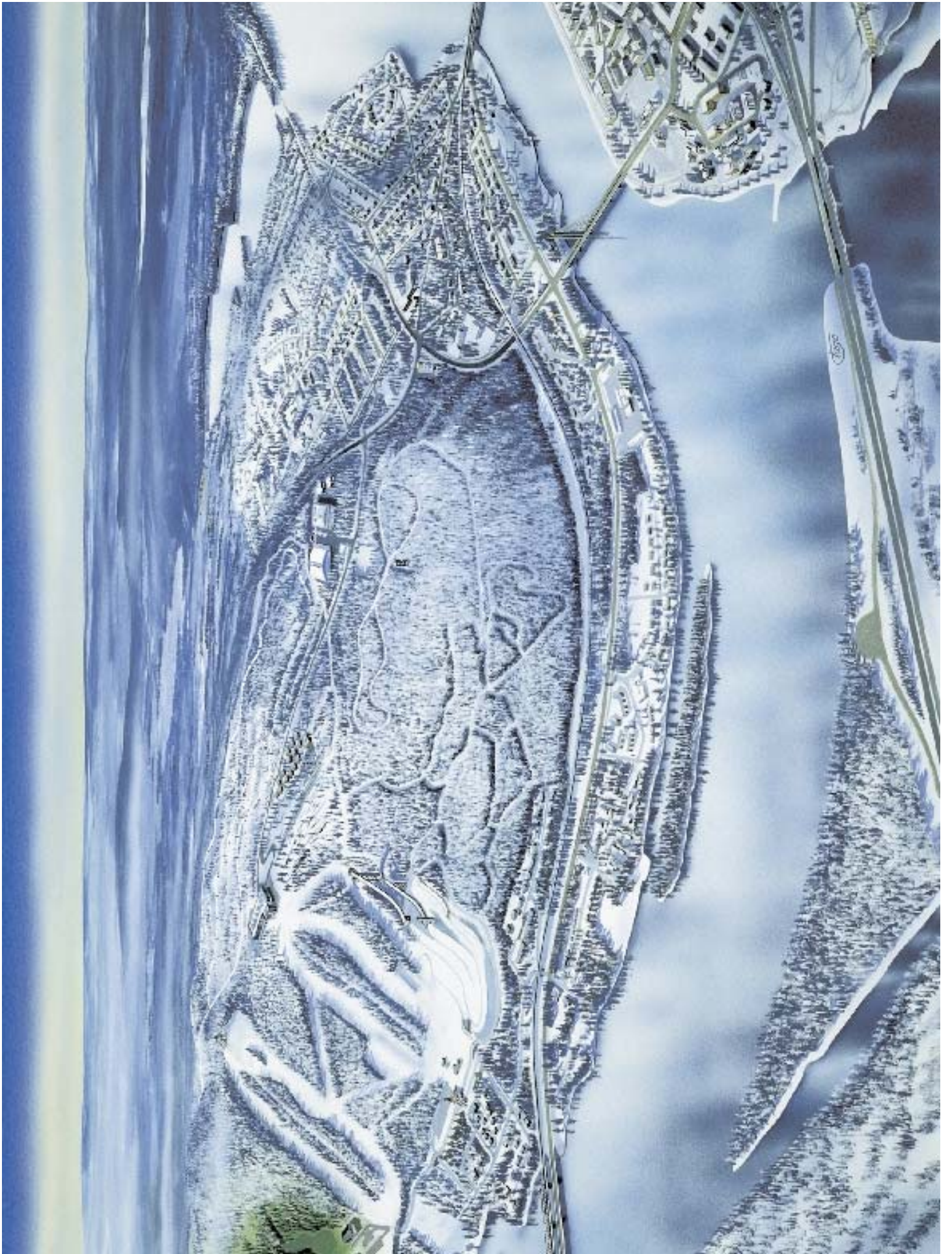
- Rovaniemi area has excellent facilities for sports and especially winter sports! Both

- In terms of natural conditions AND
- In terms of built training infrastructure



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About INTECS Network building project (1.1.2010-31.3.2011)

- INTECS Network is financed by Preparatory Actions in the Field of Sport 2009
- In INTECS network there are 9 winter sports institutions, or institutions closely related to winter sports, from 9 EU member states:
 - **Rovaniemi University of Applied Sciences, Finland** (=coordinator)
 - Luleå Technical University, Sweden
 - Comenius University Bratislava, Slovakia
 - Schi Gymnasium Stams, Austria
 - University of Tartu, Estonia
 - University of Maribor, Slovenia
 - North-West Regional Development Agency, Romania
 - Academy of Physical Education in Gdansk, Poland
 - Oberschulzentrum "Claudia von Medici" Mals, Italy
- **Main aim of the network: to build cooperative network between winter sports institutions in Europe, Network works to face common challenge: how to better facilitate "dual career" in winter sports**



What we have already done?

- 1) Network has been established
- 2) First meeting in Maribor (14.-18.6.2010) was successful
 - We learnt a lot from different European institutions in the field (education & winter sports)
 - We collected together main problems in "dual career" in winter sports that each partner has faced
 - Major problems in this field are for example: Students absence from school because of training, gaps between different studying levels (ex.g. between high school and university) in how "dual career" is supported, absence of mentoring, lack of support from parents, different actors (students, parents, coaches, associations, other actors) having different interests, dependence on seasons, possible long distances to suitable training environments



What we have already done?

3) As a tool for knowledge gathering we have planned questionnaire that focuses on problems and good practises in winter sports in partner countries; TARGET GROUPS:

- Athletes: talented athletes who have ongoing winter sport career combined with studies (20 athletes (or less, depending on amount of relevant target groups ie. **TOP-level** athletes studying & training in partner institution)
- Parents: parents of the athletes who have substantial interest towards the life-careers of the athletes (parents of the athletes that answered to the questionnaire)
- Organizations closely linked with winter sports “dual career”: firstly questionnaire will be filled by INTECS partner institutions, and secondly by 5 of their stakeholders (meaning 5 organizations, and 4 persons will fill out the questionnaire in each institution; again the final amount depends on amount of relevant people)



What we have already done?

4) Second meeting in Finland, Rovaniemi in 15.-19.11.2010 was successful as well

– In the meeting we discussed:

- Results of the questionnaire were introduced and discussed
- Good practises of "dual career" in winter sports in partner institutions were discussed
- ICT as facilitator in "dual career" in winter sports was discussed (deliverable of Sweden commented by the partners)
- (Winter) Sports as tool in regional development was discussed (presentation of NWRDA presented and thoroughly discussed)
- FUTURE was planned: "Road Map" of INTECS Network future was planned in facilitated workshop;
- How to solve the problems and disseminate the good practises in "dual career" was discussed in general



What we have already done?

5) Planning of future work

- all partners have committed to implement activities related to winter sports and "dual career"

- in this spring the network submits project application to Life Long Learning, ERASMUS –program with the "WINNER" concept (**We INnovate the NExt Steps to Realize our Young Athletes' Talent!**)

 - aim: to make it possible for top-level athletes to study in higher education

- cooperation is starting in high school level as well (Stams, Austria

 - Ounasvaara, Finland) using Comenius financing for student and staff exchange



What we are going to do during spring 2011?

- 1) Finalize knowledge gathering and report our results to European Commission, Sport Unit, in our project's final report (Research modules' 1-4 results are gathered into deliverable form, other results presented in accessible form as well)
- 2) Plan future work related to athletes' "dual career" "study trail" (LLP program: ERASMUS and Comenius, Regional activities (ERDF, ESF), other activities)
- 3) Disseminate our results and future aims in all studying levels



What we are going to do AFTER spring 2011?

4) Continue our work, now together with strong
European partnership

 **INTECS Network will function *as a tool
for cooperation in various projects and
in information exchange!***



INTECS Network says: "Thank you for your attention!"



Questionnaire, some examples

- Problems:
 - Lack of incentives for dual career (scholarships, lack of career advice and counseling, mental care, etc.)
 - School needs some more coaches to deal with students, and this is economical issue
- Good Practises:
 - A good practice for dual career is to have school, sport facilities, and boarding school at the same place. This means short distances and perfect use of time
 - Today's generation needs to be very self-organized and focused on its goals because there is so much more distraction and the amount of available time has not changed