

Draft AGENDA

NSPA Forum 24-25 March 2022 at The Great Northern in Skellefteå, Västerbotten

Thursday 24 March

9:30—12:30

Study Visit at Northvolt Battery Plant in Skellefteå, followed by a “mini work-shop” on tackling the need of the northernmost regions to attract skilled work-force and potential collaboration in the NSPA regions on this.

12:00 *Lunch at the Great Northern*

13:00 Welcome to the NSPA Forum

Presentations from the four Working Groups on NSPA potentials for the EU

13:30 WG1: Arctic Resources – Bioeconomy

14:00 WG2: Arctic Resources – Minerals

14:30 WG3: Arctic Advantages

15:00 *Fika*

15:30 WG4: Arctic Attractiveness

16:00 Summing up discussion of the presentations and NSPA common work ahead

16:30 Arctic Investment Platform to deliver investments in the NSPA – Presenting of the market study made on NSPA by the European Investment Fund (EIF)

17:30 End of the Day

17:30 *NSPA Steering Committee meeting (for SC members)*

19:00 *Dinner at The Wood Hotel, Sara Culture House, one of the tallest timber buildings in the world, with an introduction about the building.*

Friday 25 March

8:00 Take-Aways from Day 1

8:15 The new EU Arctic policy for the European Arctic and NSPA regions

9:00 OECD on a NSPA follow-up study supported by EU Commission DG Reform

9:30 *Fika*

10:00 Dialogue on the forming of the, by EU, granted NSPA common OECD project, to support regional growth capacity building

11:00 Summing-Up and End of the Forum (with adoption of positions)

11:30 *Walking Lunch*