



The Northern Sparsely Populated Areas (NSPA) network cordially invites you to the OPEN DAYS 2012 seminar:

*Northern Sparsely Populated Areas (NSPA)
- the heart of European east-west cross-border cooperation*

The seminar will focus on the role of NSPA in regional east-west cross-border cooperation in the High North, like the Arctic Council, Barents Euro-Arctic Council and the Northern Dimension Partnership and how these cooperations together with ENPI-CBS and other EU program and the Baltic Sea Strategy can contribute to create added value for the whole of Europe. The objective is to highlight on-going processes and how they can interact creating a best practice of a common market in remote sparsely populated areas. Areas with geographical handicaps can also create innovation and cooperation between the EU, EEA and Russia.

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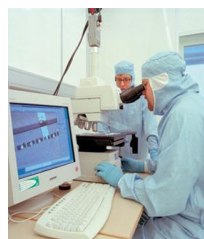
Code for the NSPA seminar: 09B07

Tuesday 9th of October 2012 | 14:30 – 17:00

Venue: East Finland EU Office, 8th floor

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Programme:

- 14:00 Registration and coffee
- 14:30 Welcome remarks by the moderator
Mr. Jens Nilsson, Member of European Parliament, former Mayor City of Östersund, County of Jämtland, Sweden
- 14:40 Sustainable development in the High North
Mr. Torgeir Larsen, State secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway
- 14:55 The Northern and Russian Dimension of cross-border cooperation in research
Ms. Minna Piipponen, PhD, Head of Education, Karelian Institute, VERA Centre for Russian and Border studies, University of Eastern Finland
- 15:10 Nordic Business Link as an example of every-day cross-border market growth
Mr. Andreas Lind, Managing director, Swedish Lapland Chamber of Commerce
- 15:25 Business Safari for common growth across common borders
Ms. Alma Karabeg, Deputy Director, SIVA International Management AS
- 15:40 Coffee
- 16:00 The Northern part of the Baltic Sea as a player on macro-regional level
Ms. Dorota Witoldson, Programme Manager, Cross-Border Cooperation, DG Regional Policy E.2
- 16:15 The Barents and the future visions for one growing region in four different countries
Mr. Matti Pennanen, Mayor of Oulu, North Finland
- 16:30 The way forward as an example for Europe – Debate
Comments from speakers and questions from the audience.
- 16:55 Final remarks from the moderator
- 17:00 Reception

