

NSPA Forum, Bodø

4-5 November 2014

Venue: Rica Hotel Bodø

TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER

12:30 - 13:00 **Registration and light lunch**

Moderator: Kari Aalto, East & North Finland European Office

13:00 - 13:15 **Welcome to Bodø and to the NSPA Forum**

Tomas Norvoll, President of Nordland County government

13:15 - 15:00 **EU Arctic Policy**

How does the EU Arctic Policy influence the NSPA?

13:15 - 14:00 «Strategic Assessment of Development of the Arctic” – What effect does this report have on future EU Arctic policy?

Anastasia Leonenko, UiT the Arctic University of Norway

14:00 - 14:30 Nordic initiatives to coordinate infrastructure policy: Can we attract EU investment?

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14:30 - 15:00 OECD report for the NSPA – A tool for influencing EU regional policy?

Erik Bergkvist, Chairman region Västerbotten and European Forum Northern Sweden

15:00 - 15:20 **Coffee break**

15:20 - 16:45 **Panel discussion: How to use the NSPA network in influencing EU Arctic and regional policy?**

Moderator: Mikael Janson, North Sweden European Office

Participants: speakers, local and European politicians (tbc)

16:45 **End of day**

18:30 **Dinner – bring warm clothes!**

WEDNESDAY 5 NOVEMBER

09:00 - 09:30 **«Smart Regions»: How can the counties take part?**

Mikael Janson, North Sweden European Office

09:30 - 11:00 **The road ahead for the NSPA – strategy discussion**

11:00 - 11:15 **Summary and closing remarks**

11:15 **Lunch**

Flight to Oslo departing 12.40

12:00 - 14:00 **NSPA Steering Group meeting**

Flight to Oslo departing 14:55