

Welcome to the NSPA Side-Event at the EU Arctic Forum in Brussels

The Northern Nordic gateway to the EU's Arctic security, prosperity and strategic autonomy

3 September at 9-10 o'clock @EU Arctic Forum

Welcome to a discussion with the 14 regions of Northern Sparsely Populated Areas (NSPA) and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) regarding perspectives on "dual-use" for development and resilience. This to assure that the European Arctic deliver as a stronghold for EU's global interests of long-term sustainable security, prosperity and strategic autonomy, within the region as well as for the larger Arctic and all of Europe. The northern Nordic region in the European Arctic is a European asset that could become a weak point in a geopolitically increasingly volatile world if not the right and necessary measures are taken to maximise the engagement of the European Union.

Participants will be from the OECD, the regions of northern Sweden, Finland and Norway, European Parliament, the EU Arctic Envoy and others.

Join this official Side-Event to the EU Arctic Forum on Thursday 3 September at 9-10 o'clock at Charlemagne Building, Brussels. More information on the site for [EU Arctic Forum](#) and [NSPA homepage](#). Contact: mikael.janson@northsweden.eu.

Agenda

Introduction by the Moderator

Mikael Janson, Director, North Sweden European Office, Coordinator NSPA EU offices

Presentation from OECD on the NSPA European Arctic report (Digital connection)

José Enrique Garcilazo, Head of Regional and Rural Policy Unit, OECD

Stefano Barbieri, Senior Policy Analyst, OECD

Collaborative Arctic networks reflections

Linda Solstrand Dahlberg, Brussels Office UiT Arctic University of Norway, Arctic Six collaboration

Glenn Berggård, Councillor Region Norrbotten, Sweden, Chair North Calotte Council

The regional policy perspective

Hannu Takkula, Regional Governor, Lapland, Finland

Eirik Losnegaard Mevik, Chair Troms Fylke, Norway

The EU perspective

Katri Kulmuni, Member of the European Parliament

Claude Véron-Réville, Special Envoy for Arctic Matters, European External Action Service (EEAS)

Final comments

Common discussion and Q&A