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# NSPA and the Future Challenges

- Main focus has been in interest promotion
- Support to more developed regions will be decreasing in the future. What is the role of the NSPA?
- Need to show the results of the special allocation
- Need to make the NSPA more visible

# NSPA and how to respond to our challenges

- Interest promotion will be an important focus also in the future
- More focus on the concrete activities in the region
- More active dialogue on NSPA related topics
- Finding out what we have in common and is there something we should do together?
- Extensive study to support future interest promotion

# NSPA interest promotion

- Regional policy
- Transport policy
- Regional State Aid
- Arctic and northern issues
- Raw materials and the refinement
- EU financing instruments and strengthening the R&D in the region
- Eastern border of the EU, especially Russia
- EU priorities such as Europe 2020 strategy, thematic concentration, smart specialisation
- European Territorial cooperation

# NSPA concrete activities

- Activating the network dialogue in the regions
- Mapping of project activities
- Mapping of regional strategies and evaluating the cooperation potential. What we have in common?
- Closer dialogue with the existing cooperation structures in the region.
- Exchanging of best practises
- NSPA will maintain as a network, but there is a need to find ways of handling the common challenges in more coordinated ways.