

NSPA Forum 11-12 September, Örnsköldsvik, Västernorrland

Arken Building, opposite Elite Hotel, Hotellgatan 9, room Galejan, fl.5.
Örnsköldsvik, Sweden

Thursday 11 September

PRE-ACTIVITIES

8:00 Steering Committee Meeting for SC members and support
Arken Building, opposite Elite Hotel, room Galejan, fl.5., Hotellgatan 9, Örnsköldsvik

9:15 Study visit to Processum biobase facility and to BAE Systems defense industry
Bus from Elite Hotel, Hotellgatan 9, Örnsköldsvik, for registered participants

12:00 Lunch at Elite Hotel, Hotellgatan 9, Örnsköldsvik

THE FORUM

Forum Moderator: Mikael Janson, Director, North Sweden European Office

A. Welcome to the NSPA Forum

13:00 Jonny Lundin, Councillor for Regional Development, Region Västernorrland
Jonas Andersson, Chair NSPA network, Region Jämtland Härjedalen

B. NSPA in the EU Commission proposal on Multiannual Framework 2028-34

13:15 **Keynote on EU future regional policy** (video message)
Raffaele Fitto, Commissioner for EU Regional policy, EU Commission
Regional policy in a new framework for the NSPA in the MFF proposal
Fredrik Tiger, Programme Manager, EU Commission, DG REGIO (on-line)
Max Englund, Policy Advisor, North Sweden European Office
Security policy in a new geopolitical European context for the NSPA
Jussi Rämet, Mayor Oulu Region, Finland
Competitiveness in a new EU structure for the NSPA to conquer
Niklas Johansson, Policy Advisor, North Sweden European Office
The Arctic interest for the NSPA in the EU and the world
Nils Kristian Sørheim Nilsen, Director North Norway European Office

14:00 **Comments and discussion on the MFF and the potential for the European Arctic NSPA**
Hanna Honkamäkilä, General Secretary Oulu Region, Finland
Rickard Carstedt, Councillor Region Västerbotten, Sweden
Nils Kristian Sørheim Nilsen, Director North Norway European Office

14:45 Fika

C. The OECD report in the light of the EU MFF proposal

15:15 **Introduction to the OECD report** (on-line)
José-Enrique Garcilazo, Head of Regional and Rural Policy Unit at OECD
Felix Winkelmayr, Policy Analyst at OECD

15:45 **Setting the scene for the Workshop discussions**
Mikael Janson, Director North Sweden European Office

D. Workshop on the OECD report and NSPA messages in the MFF negotiations

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| 16:00 | Workshop discussions Discussions on the main messages for the NSPA towards EU and national level |
| 17:00 | Presentations from the Workshop groups The discussion leader from each discussion group |
| 17:30 | End of the Day |
| 18:30 | <i>Dinner at "The Boat" in the inner harbor of Örnsköldsvik, beside Elite Hotel</i> Welcome Address by <u>Anna-Britta Åkerlind</u> , Mayor of Örnsköldsvik |

Friday 12 September

E. Take aways from Day 1: The way ahead for NSPA interest promotion

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| 8:30 | <u>Jonas Andersson</u> , Chair NSPA network, Region Jämtland Härjedalen <u>Jyrki Kaiponen</u> , Mayor Central Ostrobothnia, Finland Norwegian NSPA representative (TBC) |
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F. A biobased economy for a competitive Europe

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| 9:00 | <u>Gölin Carina Christiansen</u> , Policy Advisor, North Sweden EU Office, moderator <u>Towe Johnson</u> , Torsta landsbygdsutveckling Jämtland Härjedalen <u>Johan Börjesson</u> , RISE Processum AB Örnsköldsvik <u>Karin Nolén</u> , Forest expert Jämtland, The federation of Swedish Farmers <u>Jan Åhlund</u> , Holmen Skog AB |
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10:00 Fika

G. Strengthened connectivity and security in the European Arctic

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| 10:30 | <u>Lotta Rönström</u> , Policy Advisor, North Sweden European Office, moderator Keynote on Military Mobility (video message) <u>Per-Ove Norell</u> , Lieutenant Colonel, The Swedish Armed Forces Platform North <u>Jonny Lundin</u> , Regional Councillor, Västernorrland <u>Henric Fuchs</u> , Executive Manager and Strategist, Region Västernorrland Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) 2028-2034 (on-line) <u>Martin Zeitler</u> , European Commission, DG MOVE Panel discussion <u>Svein Eggesvik</u> , Chair of the Nordland County Council <u>Jonas Andersson</u> , Chair of the Regional Development Board in Jämtland Härjedalen <u>Päivi Ekdahl</u> , Regional Development Director, Lapland |
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H. Keynote on the Arctic Agenda for the NSPA in the EU (on-line)

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| 11:30 | <u>Claude Reville Veron</u> , Special Envoy on Arctic, European External Action Service |
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I. Summing up and welcome to the next Forum

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| 12:00 | <u>Jonas Andersson</u> , Chair NSPA network, Region Jämtland Härjedalen <u>Päivi Ekdahl</u> , Regional Development Director, Lapland |
| 12:15 | Lunch at Elite Hotel, Hotellgatan 9, Örnsköldsvik |