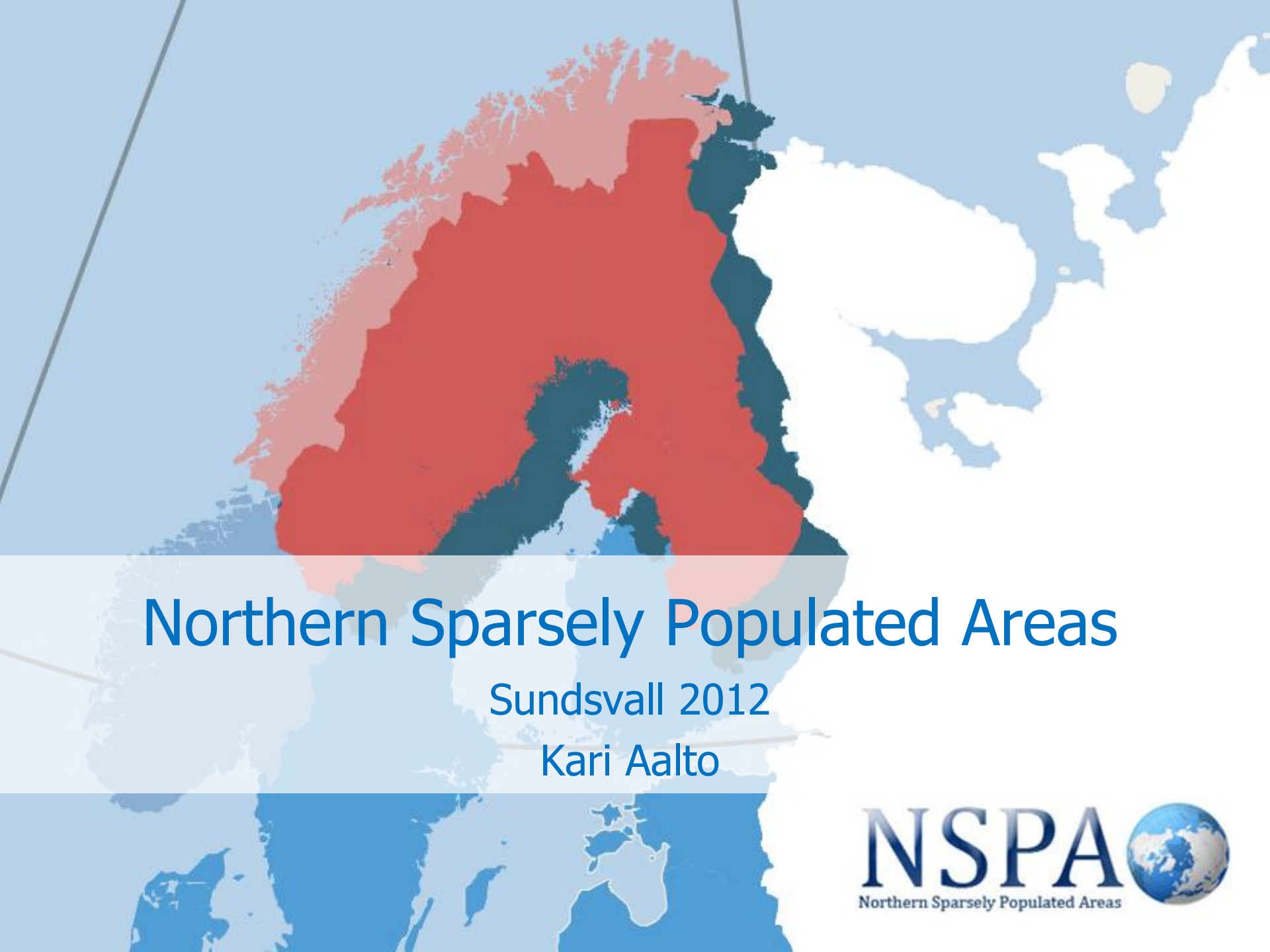




Northern Sparsely Populated Areas

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Our region



- the four northernmost counties of Sweden (Norrbotten, Västerbotten, Jämtland & Västernorrland)
- the seven northernmost and eastern regions of Finland (Lapland, Oulu Region, Central Ostrobothnia, Kainuu, North Karelia, Etelä-Savo & Pohjois-Savo)
- the three northernmost counties of Norway (Troms, Nordland & Finnmark)



Special characteristics

Long distances

- 500 000 km²
- Equals Spain

Harsh climate

- Ranging from -40C to +35C
- At least four different seasons

Sparse population

- 2,2 million
- <5 people/km²
- European average is 112 people/km²

Regions with special geographical characteristics have a legal base in Protocol 6 of the Accession Treaty for Sweden, Finland and Austria and in article 174 of the Lisbon Treaty.

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Raising the awareness

- raise awareness of the region in the EU institutions
- influence EU policy
- provide a platform for best practice