



OECD Seminar – Kirkenes

Thursday 1 October 2015, Thon Hotel Kirkenes

Theme: Infrastructure and accessibility in regional development

12h00-13h00	Lunch
13h00-13h10	Welcome by TROND HAUKANES, Director of North Norway European Office
	Panel I: Infrastructure and regional development Chair of the session: Enrique Garcilazo, OECD
13h10-14h40	Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAVID FRESHWATER, professor, Rural Development, Public Policy, and Finance, Memorial University of Newfoundland (<i>External expert</i>) • TORBJØRN NAIMAK, regional director of Norwegian Public Roads Administration • HANNE JUNNILAINEN, Regional Council of Lapland • MÅRTEN EDBERG, Strategist on Infrastructure at Region Västerbotten • STIG NERDAL, Transport Development
14h40-15h00	Coffee break
	Panel II: Accessibility and connectivity in remote areas What promotes interaction between regions and countries e.g. broadband, energy and logistics Chair of the session: Abel Schumann, OECD
15h00-16h30	Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RUNE DAHL FITJAR, Professor of Innovation Studies, University of Stavanger Business School (<i>External expert</i>) • HANS DUNDER, Economic Development Officer at City of Sundsvall • SVEINUNG EIKELAND, vice rector, UiT – The Arctic University of Norway • TOVE SØRENSEN, Manager, WHO Collaborating Centre for Telemedicine and e-health, Innovation and Implementation
16h30-17h00	Coffee break with refreshments
	Panel III: Promoting competitiveness in northern peripheral regions Facilitating business development - compare national and regional policy Chair of the session: Chris McDonald, OECD
17h00-18h30	Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANDREW COPUS, Economic Geographer, James Hutton Institute and Nordregio (<i>External expert</i>) • KNUT ONSAGER, senior advisor, Norwegian Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation • MÅLFRID BAIK, Strategic Marketing Director, Norut Northern Research Institute AS • HANS HEDLUND, Member of the Regional Committee of the County Council of Västernorrland • RISTO POUTIAINEN, Regional Development Director, Council of North Carelia.
	Conclusions by JOAQUIM OLIVEIRA MARTINS, Head of the OECD Regional Development Policy Division
19h30	Dinner

Audience: Regional stakeholders from Norway, Sweden and Finland, Regional and national governments, parliamentarians, business and labour organisations, businesses, educational and research institutions.