

Invitation:

Growth from the North in the context of the Northern Sparsely Populated Areas

Time: Monday 12 October 16:45-19:00

Venue: Mid Sweden European Office, Avenue Palmerston 3, B-1000 Brussels

On Monday the 12th of October the NSPA network wishes to highlight the report *Growth from the North* published in January 2015. *Growth from the North* is a co-production of an expert group set up by the Prime Ministers of Norway, Sweden and Finland in April 2014. The full report [can be read on the webpage of the Finnish Prime Minister's Office](#). One of the authors of the report, Anne Husebekk of the University of Tromsø will join us to discuss how Norway, Sweden and Finland can achieve sustainable growth in the European Arctic, followed by comments from Swedish and Finnish stakeholders.

Please register your attendance [here](#).

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| 16:45 – 17:15 | Registration and refreshments |
| 17:15 – 17:20 | Welcoming words Kari Aalto, NSPA chairman, Director, East and North Finland EU Office |
| 17:20 – 17:35 | “Growth from the North” How can Norway, Sweden and Finland achieve sustainable growth in the European Arctic? Anne Husebekk, Rector, University of Tromsø –The Arctic University of Norway. |
| 17:35 - 17:40 | Comments from Pasi Rantahalvari, Councillor on Regional Development, Finland’s Permanent Representation to the European Union. |
| 17:40 – 17:45 | Comments from Mats-Rune Bergström, Director Governor’s Staff, County Administrative Board of Västerbotten, Sweden. |
| 17:45 – 19:00 | Networking reception |
| 19:00 | End |

Moderator: Mikael Janson, Director, North Sweden European Office