

Invitation to NSPA Forum 2018

When

2-3 May (Lunch-to-lunch)

Where

Storhogna Högfjällshotell & Spa located in Vemdalen, Jämtland Härjedalen

How to get there and back

We will pick up participants at Östersund airport for transport to Storhogna. To be able to join, you need to come by the flight from Stockholm Arlanda (ARN) 08.10 arriving at Östersund (OSD) 09.10.

Some participants might have to arrive in Östersund the day before. In such cases we recommend you to stay at Clarion Hotel Grand Östersund (SEK 1068/night +46 63556000). The transfer bus from the airport will also pick up any participants staying at Clarion Hotel Grand Östersund.

After lunch on May 3rd the transfer bus will pick up participants in Storhogna, in time for the flight to Stockholm Arlanda departing at 17.00.

Registration

A link to the registration page and booking of hotel will be sent out shortly.

For questions please e-mail Martin Karlsson martin.karlsson@rvn.se or info@nspa-network.eu

Preliminary programme

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14.00-14.10 Opening of the Forum

14.10-14.40 Smart Specialization, status and how it might develop post 2020
Representative from the European Commission (TBC)

14.40-15.10 Smart specialization and innovation in sparsely populated areas
Jukka Teräs, Nordregio

15.10-15.20 s3 collaboration across the NSPA
NSPA Coordination Group

15.20-15.40 Break

15.40-16.10 EIB and the Investment Plan for Europe
Alexander Schenk, Head of Stockholm Office, EIB

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16.10-16.40 An Arctic Investment Platform – state of play and steps forward
Kristiina Jokelainen, Regional Council of Lapland

16.40-17.40 Workshop on building an Arctic Investment Platform for NSPA

16.40-18.00 Conclusions and steps forward

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8.30-08.40 Recap on day 1

08.40-09.10 The Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) process and the EC proposal
Jonas Eriksson, Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies

09.10-10.00 Initial thoughts on the MFF proposal and what it means for the NSPA
NSPA Coordination Group

10.00-10.20 Break

10.20- 11.00 Panel discussion on the MFF proposal
NSPA Steering Committee, Jonas Eriksson

11.00-12.00 Workshop – an initial NSPA response to the MFF proposal

12.00 Closing of the forum

This programme is preliminary and may be subject to change.

The NSPA network, Northern Sparsely Populated Areas, represents the interests of the four northernmost counties and regions of Sweden (Norrbotten, Västerbotten, Jämtland Härjedalen and Västernorrland), seven northernmost and eastern regions of Finland (Central Ostrobothnia, Kainuu, Lapland, North Karelia, Northern Ostrobothnia, Pohjois-Savo and Etelä-Savo) and North Norway (Finnmark, Troms and Nordland). The NSPA represent about 10% of the total EU land area and is a significant part of the Arctic area.