



Support to the implementation capacity of sustainable green development in the European Arctic Northern Sparsely Populated Areas (NSPA)

KICK OFF MEETING

4 October 9h00-10h45 CEST (Zoom)

What's the Project about?

The Northern Sparsely Populated Areas (NSPA) of Finland, Sweden and Norway, which form part of Europe's gateway to the Arctic, are becoming increasingly important to the geopolitical and economic interests of these countries and the European Union (EU). However, the NSPA also face territorial development challenges because of their particular geographic features and location: low population density and a harsh climate, an ageing population and demographic imbalances, remoteness, long distances from markets and high-cost land transport, and low productivity growth. These specific conditions constitute structural barriers for the realisation of both NSPA and national ambitions of sustainable development, the European Green Deal and the EU's integrated Arctic policy.

About the event

This event will present and discuss all relevant operational aspects of the Project "Support to the implementation capacity of sustainable green development in the European Arctic Northern Sparsely Populated Areas (NSPA)", which is implemented by the OECD in cooperation with the European Commission's Directorate-General for Structural Reform Support (DG REFORM) and funded by the EU's Technical Support Instrument (TSI) 2022.

DRAFT AGENDA

09.00	Opening remarks
09.15	Presentation of the Project
09.30	Discussion Panel 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Representative Finland's NSPA regions• Representative Sweden's NSPA regions• Representative Norway's NSPA regions• Representative EC DG-REFORM• Representative OECD
10.30	Conclusions

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