



**11-12
September
2025**

Welcome to the NSPA Forum

Navigating Global Transition in the European Arctic
Örnsköldsvik, Västernorrland, Sweden

Overview

On the 11-12 September will the NSPA Forum be held in Örnsköldsvik, Västernorrland, Sweden. It is the yearly forum that gathers policymakers, officials and stakeholders from the 14 regions in the network of Northern Sparsely Populated Areas (NSPA), to discuss common interests regarding EU-policies of relevance for the European Arctic.

The NSPA in the European Arctic is an area in the core of growing geopolitical interests and holding resources for Europe's ability to secure its strategic autonomy in today's challenging world. The northernmost Europe is of overall increasing importance for EU's security policy, green transition and global competitiveness. This will be discussed at the forum in connection to the newly launched report from the OECD on how to manage NSPA's challenges and potentials to deliver long-term sustainable development and growth, with needed adapted national and EU support to release the local and regional potentials.

Time frame

The NSPA Forum will start with lunch at 12 o'clock on thursday 11th. and end with lunch at 12 o'clock on friday 12th. The Steering Committee for the NSPA will also have a meeting beginning at 8 o'clock on the morning 11th. There will also be an option to make a study visit to the Processum biobased facility. We also get to visit BAE-systems. They provide vehicle systems for military and civil applications. These include world-leading combat vehicles, armoured engineering vehicles and armoured carriers.

Thursday, 11 September

08:00 – Meeting of the NSPA Steering Committee

09:30 – Optional study visit to the Processum biobased facility and BAE Systems

12:00 – Forum officially begins with lunch

Friday, 12 September

12:00 – Forum ends with lunch

Sessions

The outline for the forum is discussions at sessions on the following themes:

- The tabled EU long-term budget and regulations regarding the NSPA interests regarding support for regional development/cohesion policy.
- The OECD report with its 115 recommendations and how to make way for the NSPA interest promotion and actions that builds common capacity for the future.
- Utilising the national infrastructure planning established in the Platform North for coordinating transport corridors in the NSPA, given the NATO and EU needs.
- The NSPA takes on the EU Green and Clean Industrial Deals with focus on the potentials for the biobased economy as a resource for all of Europe.
- Building further integration in the NSPA via the Arctic collaboration established in the Arctic Mayors Forum and EU Arctic cities network.

Conference Centre and Accommodation

The NSPA Forum will take place at [Elite Hotel](#), Hotellgatan 9, Örnsköldsvik.

Hotel Booking

Rooms at the conference hotel can be booked until 22 August by contacting:

info.ornskoldsvik@elite.se

Please use the booking code: NSPA Konferens when making your reservation.

Payment: Due upon check-in.

Invoice option: If you require an invoice, please provide full billing details when booking.

After 22 August, room reservations will be subject to availability. Alternative accommodation is available nearby, such as:

[First Hotel Statt Örnsköldsvik](#) – centrally located by the harbour.



Transport

There are several direct flights from Stockholm to Örnsköldsvik Airport and from there it is only possible to take Taxi to the Hotel. It is recommended to book Taxi in advance via +46 8-120 920 00.

Other taxi companies: <https://oer.se/infor-resan/till-och-fran-flygplatsen.html>

It is also possible to fly to Umeå and from the Central stations take the train to Örnsköldsvik Central station (about 1 hour). Or take the train from Arlanda airport to Örnsköldsvik (about 5 hours). The hotels and conference facilities are within walking distance of the station.

Cost and Registration

The Conference Fee, including all the meals and fika is **1 800** Swedish Kronor and will be invoiced to the address put at the registration to the forum.

Register at the following link and tick there also if you aim to go on the study visit, last day for registration 28/8: [registration NSPA](#)

A warm welcome to NSPA Forum
and Örnsköldsvik/Västernorrland