

Northern Sparsely Populated Areas

# NSPA – Forum

24–25 OCTOBER 2013 – UMEÅ – VÄSTERBOTTEN



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Dear colleagues, we warmly welcome you to NSPA-forum in Sweden, in the city of Umeå who during 2014 will be host of the Cultural capital of Europe. The Forum will start on the evening of 24th of October directly following the event Europaforum Northern Sweden, and continue the 25th of October with a half-day program with presentations and working groups.

The forum aims as always to bring people together from NSPA-regions as well as European institutions to outline joint challenges and priorities in the northern areas.

At this forum we aim to recapitulate the joint vision of our regions expressed in the report "Strong, specific and promising" 2009.

Erik Glöersen, the main author of the report, together with colleagues will contribute to our discussions during the forum. Our ambition, with the report functioning as a baseline for

our discussions, is to take the next step in our cooperation. Of course we will also face the challenges raised by the European commission, and pin pointed in the budget allocation to the sparsely populated areas.

We kindly invite all participators at NSPA-forum to register for the joint first day afternoon programme Europaforum Northern Sweden that will be arranged 24th of October.

## Joint registration form NSPA-forum and Europaforum XIX Norra Sverige

**Register today for NSPA-forum 24-25th of October and for Europaforum XIX – but at latest the 7th of October!**

**Conference fee:**

- Participation in NSPA-forum is free of charge
- Participators in NSPA-forum are invited to take part in the Europaforum Thursday afternoon programme, also free of charge.

Registration is binding.

**Information about registration:**

Lotta Weinehall, Umeå Congress, +46 90 706031

**Registration to conferences and hotels**

is to be done on this link:

<http://eventus.trippus.se/NSPA-forumdelegate>

Please fill in required informationfields on NSPA-forum and/or Europaforum.

OBS! Hotel reservation is to be made the 30th of September at latest for room guarantee.

**Further information:**

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## INVITATION TO EUROPAFORUM XIX - Thursday 24th October 2013 - SF Filmstaden, Rådhusgatan 2, Umeå

- 14.40 Coffee
- 15.00 **Reflections from European parliament**  
the northern territories –in the interest of Europe?  
Finnish MEP (TBC) **Jens Nilsson**, (S) MEP
- 15.30 **European scenarios 2020 and the role of northern territories.**  
**Ms Zaliwska**, head of unit, European Commission
- 15.50 **OECD: territorial development and territorial reviews (tbc)**  
accompanied by **Sverker Lindblad**, Swedish ministry of Enterprise
- 16.20 **Discussion between and questions to speakers from afternoon session**
- 17.00 Europaforum ends

## NSPA-FORUM - THURSDAY 24th OCTOBER 2013 - Festsalen, Rådhuset, Rådhusstorget, Umeå

- 19.00 **Opening of NSPA forum**  
**Marie-Louise Rönmark**, Mayor Umeå municipality  
**Erik Bergkvist**, Chair of regional board Region Västerbotten
- 19.30 **European capital of culture 2014 – Culturedriven growth**  
**Jan Björinge**, VD Kulturhuvudstadsåret
- 20.00 Mingle buffet

## NSPA-FORUM - FREDAG 25th OKTOBER 2013 - Festsalen, Rådhuset, Rådhusstorget, Umeå

- 9.00 **Welcome speech**  
**Erik Bergkvist**, chair of regional board Region Västerbotten
- 9.15 **European Commission (tbc)**
- 9.45 **Strong-specific and Promising – a follow-up on the 2020 vision for NSPA**  
**Johanna Grot**, Nordregio, **Erik Glöersen**, Spatial foresight
- Working groups – tighter cooperation and tangible results**  
Short presentations from regions in Finland, Norway and Sweden on topics specified in NSPA 2020-vision and existing regional development strategies, up for comparison and discussion about the way ahead for all of NSPA cooperation and mutual bench-marking for better progress in critical themes such as smart specialization, rural-urban links, raw material and energy, innovation systems etc.
- 12.00 **Closure of NSPA-forum – welcome to next forum**

