



NPA Annual Conference 2015 – State of the Region

30th September 2015 – Kuopio, Finland

Agenda

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| Tuesday 29th September | | |
| 18:30-20:00 | Welcome Reception for conference participants hosted by the City of Kuopio – City Hall Address: Tulliportinkatu 1 Welcome speech by Petteri Paronen, Mayor of the City of Kuopio | |
| Wednesday 30th September – NPA Annual Conference 2015, Scandic Hotel Kuopio | | |
| 08:45-09:00 | Registration | |
| 09:00-09:15 | Chair: Harry Ekestam, Ministry of Employment and the Economy, Finland Welcome address – Region Mayor Jussi Huttunen | |
| Programme Results | | |
| 09:15-09:30 | Synergies: the key to deliver better results – Vicente Rodriguez Saez – Deputy Head of Unit, DG Regional Policy, European Commission | |
| 09:30-09:50 | How to measure results – Nathalie Wergles & Ole Damsgaard, Joint Secretariat Outcome of the exercise to establish baseline values for the programme result indicators. What is the current state of the programme area, and which targets do we set for ourselves? Where do we have to go in order to deliver the results sought? | |
| 09:50-10:30 | Panel discussion – What is the meaning of the baselines and how can projects contribute? Panellists: Yngve Osbak – Nordland County Council (Norway), Bjarti Thomsen – Faroese Earth and Energy Directorate, Eira Luokkanen – Lapland Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment (Finland), Ewan Ramsay – International Resources and Recycling Institute, Scotland | |
| 10:30-11:00 | <i>Coffee break</i> | |
| Coordination between programmes | | |
| 11:00-11:20 | Outcomes preparatory project Coordination Mechanism , regional policy coordination in the Arctic – Jim Millard, Scottish Government & Dr Irene McMaster, European Policies Research Centre, Scotland | |
| 11:20-11:40 | Coordination with other instruments – Päivi Ekdahl, Kolarctic ENPI CBC Programme | |
| 11:40-11:50 | Q & A with the audience | |
| Programme Status | | |
| 11:50-12:20 | NPA Programme Status after programme approval and 2 calls – Kirsti Mijnhijmer, Joint Secretariat | |
| 12:20-12:30 | Introduction of afternoon programme - Kirsti Mijnhijmer, Joint Secretariat | |
| 12:30-13:30 | <i>Lunch</i> | |
| Workshop sessions – 2 parallel sessions | | |
| 13:30-15:30 | Workshop for projects – plenary room Mind map exercise with projects to find thematic synergies and gaps, to promote greater awareness among projects of each other, and where they can make a contribution. (links back to baseline exercise and programme status) | Workshop on coordination – Kallavesi room Panel discussion with representatives from several programmes. Identifying synergies and opportunities for coordination, potential barriers for a better integration. |
| 15:30-16:00 | <i>Coffee break. After the break, all participants gather again in the plenary room.</i> | |

| Closing session | |
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| 16:00-16:20 | Report from workshop sessions - rapporteurs |
| 16:20-16:30 | Launch of the Third Call – Christopher Parker, Joint Secretariat |
| 16:30-16:50 | Key note speech: State of the Region – Aleksi Härkönen, Finland's Ambassador for Arctic Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs |
| 16:50-17:00 | Wrap up - Chair |
| 18:30 | <i>Buses leave for conference dinner</i> |