

NORDIC CITY REGIONS IN A GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT

25-26 November 2015, Kulturværftet, Helsingør, Denmark

Welcome to the third Nordregio Forum, the meeting place for policymakers, researchers and practitioners, working within the fields of urban planning and sustainable regional development in the Nordics.

Nordregio Forum 2015 will focus on the strengths and weaknesses of Nordic city regions in a time characterized by fierce global competition, climate change and migration. Through international scholars and creative city examples, panel discussions and peer-to-peer dialogue, we will explore ways forward under three

different, cross-cutting themes or challenges:

- 1. Competitive and sustainable city regions
- 2. Effective governance of Nordic city regions collaboration within and between city regions
- 3. Liveable and socially inclusive city regions

Nordregio Forum will also be an arena for discussion about a Nordic urban agenda for closer collaboration and increased political focus on our Nordic city regions and their needs in order to fulfil their important roles.

KEY-NOTES

Bent Flyvbjerg, Professor, Oxford University



"The conventional way of managing megaprojects has reached a tension point." Bent Flyvbjerg is the guru of the project management industry and the most widely cited scholar in his field, especially the research paper "What You Should Know About Megaprojects and Why." As a Professor at the University of Oxford's Saïd Business School, Flyvbjerg teaches megaproject managers how to beat the odds and achieve megaproject success.

Tonje Frydenlund, Managing Director, Snøhetta

Tonje Frydenlund joined Snøhetta in 2001 and 2013 became the Managing Director for Snøhetta in Oslo. Snøhetta is an awardwinning international architecture, landscape architecture, interior and graphic design firm based in Oslo and New York. The firm has completed a number of critically acclaimed projects, including the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in Egypt and the new National Opera and Ballet in Oslo.



Larry Beasley, Professor, Former Director of Planning for the City of Vancouver



The city of Vancouver is known as one of the most liveable cities in the world. Larry Beasley, the retired Co-Chief Planner for the City of Vancouver, led the transformation. He is now the founding principal of Beasley and Associates, an international planning and urban design consultancy and the "Distinguished Practice Professor of Planning" at the University of British Columbia.

Tuna Tasan-Kok, Ass. Professor, University of Amsterdam

Tuna Tasan-Kok has conducted international comparative research on urban change in a number of European countries for over a decade. Currently she is exploring governance arrangements and participatory local policy initiatives in hyper-diversified cities as well as positive aspects of urban diversity within a large-scale research project funded by the EU Framework Programme (FP7), DIVERCITIES.



William Tompson, Senior Counsellor, OECD



William Tompson is the Senior Counsellor and Deputy Head of the Regional Development Policy Division of the OECD, having previously spent seven years as a Senior Economist in the organisation's Economics Department. Prior to joining the OECD, Professor Tompson taught at the University of London, the University of Oxford and the University of Texas at San Antonio.

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER PROGRAMME

10:00-17.30 **OPENING** Dagfinn Høybråten, Secretary-General, Nordic Council of Ministers

COMPETITIVE AND SUSTAINABLE NORDIC CITY REGIONS

Key-note 1: Can megaprojects help Nordic cities become more competitive in a global perspective? Bent Flyvbjerg, Professor, Oxford University

Key-note 2: Architecture and urban design as competitive advantages for Nordic city regions. Tonje Frydenlund, Managing Director, Snøhetta

City regional case: Hamburg, Dr. Rolf-Barnim Foth, Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, Ministry for Economy, Transport and Innovation

Panel debate & table discussions: How competitive are Nordic city regions in a global context – Measures to improve? City Mayors and representatives from Nordic capitals

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EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE OF NORDIC CITY REGIONS – the collaboration challenge

Key-note 3: How would Nordic city regions benefit from a national or Nordic urban policy? William Tompson, Senior Counsellor, OECD

City cases: Vienna, Kurt Puchinger, senior expert of the city of Vienna and EUSDR Priority Area Coordinator & Greater Copenhagen region, Anette Prilow, Chief consultant, Greater Copenhagen-samarbejdet

Panel debate & table discussions: Division of roles and power between state, regions and cities.

CONFERENCE DINNER AT KRONBORG CASTLE

Kronborg Culture Harbour city development project: Jeppe Aagaard Andersen, Professor

DAY 2: THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER

09:00-16.00 CREATING LIVEABLE AND SOCIALLY INCLUSIVE CITY REGIONS

> Key-note 4: How can Nordic cities profit from the diversity of their population? Tuna Tasan-Kok, Ass. Professor, University of Amsterdam

Key-note 5: The Vancouver Model: How people with ideas, visions & disagreements build cities. Larry Beasley, former Director of Planning for the City of Vancouver

City case: The Paris CDG Airport Area: from international competitiveness to social inclusion, Vincent Gollain, Director, Paris Region's Land Planning and Urbanism Institute & Elisabeth le Masson, Delegate for Sustainable Development Paris-Charles de Gaulle & Paris-Le Bourget

NORDIC BUILT CITIES CHALLENGE Nordic collaboration for sustainable, liveable and smart cities, Nordic Innovation + the City of Copenhagen

LUNCH

PARALLEL SESSIONS: NORDIC CITY EXAMPLES & GOOD PRACTICES & DISCUSSION

Session 1. Planning tools for green and liveable city regions

Understanding an attractive and green urban form? Spatial Analysis and Accessibility Good life index: Measuring Regional and Local Well-being for Policymaking Monitoring of energy related urban development with special focus on quality of life Nature based solutions for resilient Nordic cities

Session 2: Socially inclusive cities in policy and practice

Planning for urban social sustainability in the Nordic context

Tactical urbanism and social inclusion

Groruddalssatsningen in Oslo – The largest integrated urban regeneration project in the Nordics Hållbara Rosengård: Rosens röda matta

CONCLUDING REMARKS Kjell Nilsson, Director, Nordregio

19:30





REGISTRATION & PRACTICAL INFORMATION

PRICE

Two days conference: 3450 DKK One day conference: 1750 DKK

REGISTRATION

Online registration: www.nordregio.se/forum2015

Hotel bookings are available on the registration form.

VENUE

Kulturværftet (Allegade 2), Helsingør, Denmark Easy to get to by train: Copenhagen-Helsingør http://kuto.dk/om/about-the-culture-yard

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