



Planning Nordic city regions: experiences and agendas

Programme

Date: 12th of May 2015

Place: Litteraturhuset in Oslo - Amalie Skram

Registration deadline: 4th of May 2015

9.30-10.00 Registration

10.00-10.30 Welcome to a Nordic symposium

Erik Vieth Pedersen, Deputy Director General at the Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation, and chairman of the board of Nordregio welcomes everyone to Norway. The programme is introduced by Nordregio and Rasmus Kristian Pejter Rasmussen, (the Danish Nature Agency) chairman of the Nordic Working Group 4 Sustainable Urban Regions.

10.45-12.00 Session 1: City regional experience

The first session includes an international keynote by Professor Klaus Kunzmann, on creative governance in city regions from a German perspective, a short reflection from Oslo's city-regional planning experiences by Marit Øhrn Langslet from Akerhus Fylkes kommune, and an introduction to (Nordic) city regions by Lukas Smas, Senior Research Fellow at Nordregio.

12.00-13.00 Lunch

13.00-14.30 Session 2: Urban politics in Norden

The second session will initiate a discussion about urban politics in the Nordic countries, by focusing on 1) needs and challenges for urban politics from a city-regional perspective, and 2) the notion of an urban agenda in the Nordic context. The discussion will depart from the perspectives of city-regions but also include national representatives from the Nordic countries. The session will also include a keynote on the urban norm in city planning by Moa Tunstöm.



14.30-14.45 Break

14.45-15.45 Workshop 1: Technical possibilities

The first workshop on technical possibilities will be introduced by Ryan Weber, Research Fellow at Nordregio and project leader for Attractive Compactness: spatial analyses of Nordic city-regions. The workshop will include structured and interactive discussions around key questions but also concrete examples of new city regional spatial analysis from Tampere city region and Region Syddanmark.

15.45-16.00 Coffee

16.00-17.00 Workshop 2: Human challenges

The second workshop on human challenges will be introduced by Richard Langlais, Senior Scientist at FOI and researcher in the Nordic Sustainable City Regional Planning from an Everyday Life Perspective project. The workshop will include structured and interactive discussions on key questions but also commentaries on including social and everyday dimensions in city regional planning by cities and regions participating in the project.

Keynotes

Moa Tunström, PhD in Human Geography, is a Senior Research Fellow at Nordregio and researcher at the Division of Urban and Regional Studies at KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm. Her research interest concerns post-war and contemporary urban planning and development, urban planning discourses and storytelling. She investigates language, text and use of concepts as (re)producing norms and ideals in planning.

Klaus R. Kunzmann is professor emeritus of the Technical University of Dortmund, where he taught from 1974 to 2006. As a visiting professor he has taught urban and regional planning at a number of universities in Europe, the US and Asia. Frequently he has been invited to lecture at universities in Chinese mainland and Taiwan. For over 20 years he carried out research on cultural and creative industries in Germany and advised local and regional governments in supporting culture and creativity in the context of urban and regional development strategies.