WELCOME TO
NORDREGIO FORUM 2015

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.
DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER

8:00-10.00  REGISTRATION AT KULTURVAERFTET & COFFEE

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

COMPETITIVE AND SUSTAINABLE NORDIC CITY REGIONS
Moderator: Martin Breum

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

11.20  COFFEE

11.35  City case: Hamburg, Dr. Rolf-Barnim Foth, Hamburg’s approach to metropolitan/city regional cooperation
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

13.00-14.30  LUNCH & MATCHMAKING MEETINGS
organised by RegLab Denmark

14.30  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

15.40  COFFEE

16.00-17.45  Introduction: Nordic city regions. Lukas Smas, Senior Research Fellow, Nordregio

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

Kronborg Culture Port project presentation Jeppe Aagaard Andersen, Professor, Landscape Architect

The end of session day 1, buses back to the hotels and then to Kronborg castle for dinner (see timetable below)

19.15  CONFERENCE DINNER AT KRONBORG CASTLE (pre sign up required)

**HOTEL SHUTTLE 25.11.** (free of charge)
17.45  Kulturværftet to Hotel Marienlyst
17.45  Kulturværftet to hotel Madam Sprunck
19.00  Hotel Marienlyst to Kronborg Castle
19.00  Hotel Madam Sprunck to Kronborg Castle
22.30, 22:50 and 23:10 Shuttle leaves from Kronborg Parking area to the hotels
DAY 2: THURSDAY 26 NOVEMBER

HOTEL SHUTTLE 26.11. (free of charge)
8.30 Hotel Marienlyst to Kulturværftet
8.30 Hotel Madam Sprunck to Kulturværftet

08:30-9.00  REGISTRATION AT KULTURVÆRFTEL

9.00  CREATING LIVEABLE AND SOCIALLY INCLUSIVE CITY REGIONS
Moderators: Lukas Smas & Åsa Ström Hildebrand, Nordregio

Key-note 4: How can Nordic cities profit from the diversity of their population?
Tina 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

10.15  COFFEE

10.40  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

Panel discussion on today’s theme with all morning speakers and all participants

Nordic Built Cities Challenge: Nordic collaboration for sustainable, liveable and smart cities.
Kristina Mårtensson, Nordic Innovation

12.00-13.00  LUNCH

13.00  PARALLEL SESSIONS: NORDIC CITY EXAMPLES & GOOD PRACTICES & DISCUSSION

Session 1. Planning tools for green and liveable city regions
Measuring Good Life: using well-being indicators for regional and local policy-making by Johanna Lundström Region Syddanmark
Attractive Compactness: understanding density through spatial analysis of accessibility by Ryan Weber, Nordregio and Ilpo Tammi, Council of Tampere Region
Energy and urban development – planning, indicators and rebound effects – findings from the EU-FP7 project PLEEC by Christian Fertner, University of Copenhagen
Nature-based solutions for resilient Nordic cities – challenges and opportunities for integrating an ecosystem services perspective in urban development by Sara Borghström, Stockholm Resilience Centre Coffe & discussions

Session 2: Socially inclusive cities in policy and practice
Tactical urbanism and social inclusion, Mitchell Reardon, Nordregio/Metropolitan Collective
Rosens röda matta, Planning public space for and with young women by Anders Dahlbäck, Hällbara Rosengård
Groruddalssatsningen in Oslo – The largest integrated urban regeneration project in the Nordics by Marianne Gjørv, Klima- og miljødepartementet
Planning for urban social sustainability in the Nordic context by Moa Tunström, Nordregio Coffee & discussions

15.30-16.00  CONCLUDING REMARKS Kjell Nilsson, Director and Lukas Smas, Senior Research Fellow, Nordregio
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 Said Business School, Flyvbjerg teaches megaproject managers how to beat the odds and achieve megaproject success.

Tonje Frydenlund joined Snøhetta in 2001 and 2013 became the Managing Director for Snøhetta in Oslo. Snøhetta is an award-winning 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.

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 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 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.