

Seminar on Nordic high-speed railways, regional growth and urban development in Värmland and Østfold

Program for October 1st, 2018
at Kulturhuset, Oslo (meeting room: Boksen)

09.30-10.00: Coffee/tea and registration

Part 1: Nordic development prospects with high speed railways (10.00-12.30)

The morning session is organised by Värmland-Østfold Border Council. It will be held in Norwegian and in Swedish languages.



1. Welcome to Oslo!
2. Overall visions for modern railways within the Nordic region and the Central Scandinavia
Alf S. Johansen, Project Coordinator TENTacle, Värmland-Østfold Border Council
3. How can competitive highspeed railways be constructed in Scandinavia and create a more integrated and stronger Oslofjord region? Per Corshammar, senior advisor Tüv-Süd
4. Why Scandinavia needs high speed railways?
Pär Helgesson, Head of Corporate PMO at SJ AB
Stefan Gustavsson, Näringspolitisk chef, Västsvenska Handelskammaren
Thor W. Bjørlo, Coordinator of the Lyntogforum (High Speed Forum)
5. Potential transport volumes based on high speed railways between the 3 Scandinavian capital cities
Professor Emeritus Bo-Lennart Nelldal, KTH
6. How can fast railways be financed?
Börje Lundvall, Chief project analyst, Nordic Investment Bank
7. How to reap regional benefits from investments in fast railways between major Nordic cities?
Leif Lendrup, Project coordinator TENTacle, Transnorden Sweden

12.30-13.30 Lunch

Part 2: Effects of a fast rail connection on the urban development of small and medium-sized cities (13.30-16.00)

Organised and moderated in English by Nordregio (Gustaf Norlén, Julien Grunfelder, Mari Wøien)



The afternoon session is a workshop where participants will discuss the following research question in small groups:

What could be the effects of the introduction of a fast rail connection between Oslo and Stockholm on the urban development of small and medium-sized cities in Värmland and Østfold regions?

The workshop is divided into four main parts:

1. An introduction to the workshop, by Nordregio
2. A presentation of evidences from European countries, by Nordregio
3. Discussions in smaller groups on the cases of Värmland and Østfold
4. Summing up of the main findings in plenary

A coffee break is scheduled around 15.00