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Grønn omstilling og konkurransekraft i nordiske byregioner

Thank you for applying to the Nordic presidency program Attractive towns. We are happy to inform you that Hornafjødur is invited to participate in the network.

From 30 applications, three towns from each Nordic country were selected to join the network. They represent a good mix of towns in terms of size, challenges, ambitions and localisation. Attention has been paid to achieving both recognisable common denominators and significant variety.

The presidency program includes four projects:

1. Map, develop and use methods to measure urban quality and sustainability
2. Establish a shared Nordic platform for decision makers and administration to collect and distribute knowledge on attractive urban regions
3. Input to handling complex governing challenges in urban regions
4. Develop a common Nordic strategy describing attractive urban regions part in a further sustainable development

Participating towns

Denmark: Middelfart, Sønderborg and Viborg

Sverige: Växjö, Ystad, Lund

Finland: Vaasa, Salo, Pori

Island: Hornafjødur, Mosfellbær/Fljotsdalsherad, Akranes

Norge: Narvik, Innherred, Hamar

Kick-off seminar

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On the 14th and 15th of September, we will hold a kick-off seminar in Oslo. There, the towns can learn to know each other's challenges and opportunities. We will also establish smaller working groups that will work closer together over the next years.

We kindly ask you to confirm your participation in the project and the kick-off meeting, save the dates, book hotel and flights if needed. Moderate costs will be covered by The ministry of Local Government and Modernisation by sending an invoice after the seminar. Hotel bookings must not exceed 1800 NOK for us to cover them, and we cannot cover business class on flights. The event will take place at "Vulkan" located in the central-eastern part of Oslo, at Grünerløkka. Right on the spot you will for instance find:

<https://www.pshotell.no/>

Each applicant can send up to two participants. As the project is interdisciplinary, we strongly urge that they represent two different sectors, such as public health, environment and climate or urban planning.

The seminar will be held in English and we ask all towns to prepare two PowerPoint slides and a five-minute presentation on their main challenges and opportunities (a short version of your application). Please send your presentations to Guro-Voss.Gabrielsen@kmd.dep.no by Friday the 8th of September.

A more detailed program will follow on e-mail ahead of the kick-off seminar.

We are looking forward to working with you!

Yours sincerely

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