



**NORDREGIO**  
Nordic Centre for Spatial Development



## **Facilitating Employment in Insular Labour Markets** **4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> May, Stockholm Sweden**

**Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**

12.00	<b>Lunch at Nordregio on Skeppsholmen</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Floor</b>
<b>INTRODUCTIONS</b>	
13.00	<b><i>Welcome and opening remarks</i></b> <b>Programme director Susan Brockett, Nordregio Academy</b> Moderator
13.10	<b><i>"A selection of stories about making a living"</i></b> <b>Senior researcher Margareta Dahlström, Nordregio</b> An introduction to the study and a presentation of the underlying ideas behind the approach used – individual stories as a way of seeing important patterns.
<b>EXAMPLES FROM INSULAR LABOUR MARKETS THAT ARE NOT ISLANDS</b>	
13.30	<b><i>"Riding the waves- Ulstein Norway"</i></b> <b>Director Svein Rødset Maritime Association Southern Sunnmøre</b> The Ulstein region is dominated by the maritime industry: one that has its ups and downs. The example shows how the industry itself, in cooperation with public agencies and local schools, addresses the particular challenges of a turbulent labour market.
14.45	<b><i>"Case Snowpolis- Kainuu Finland"</i></b> <b>Managing director Antti Leppävuori, Snowpolis</b> In a creative attempt to stimulate local development, Snowpolis proposes a new way to contribute to the improvement of labour market of Kainuu region, particularly the one of Sotkamo, by stimulating innovation and technology.
15.00	<b>Break</b>
15.30	<b><i>"Helping people get work in a region in transition – Eyjafjörður Iceland"</i></b> <b>Manager Helena Karlsdóttir, Regional Employment Service in Northeast Iceland</b> Fundamental changes in the Icelandic and in the regional labour market require special attention from the Regional Employment Service: how do they meet this challenge?
16.15	<b><i>Practice and research: comments and reflections</i></b> <b>Grethe Mattland Olsen, Volda University College/Møre Research</b> <b>Andra Aldea-Partanen, Kajaani University Consortium</b> <b>University of Oulu,</b> <b>Hjalte Jóhannesson, University of Akureyri</b>
16.45	<b>Plenary discussion</b>

17.00	<p><b><i>"Entrepreneurship in insular areas – place, gender and social networks"</i></b>  <b>Researcher Lene Foss, University of Tromsø</b>  The lecture explores wider ideas of entrepreneurship in insulated areas particularly in relation to gender and social networks, with reflections on the examples presented.</p>
18.00	<b>The first day ends</b>
18.30	<b>Dinner is served at an art-café, Krogkonst, just 3 minutes from Nordregio on our island of Skeppsholmen</b>
<b>Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
9.00	<p><b><i>Introduction to the second day</i></b>  <b>Programme director Susan Brockett, Nordregio Academy</b>  Moderator</p>
<b>EXAMPLES FROM INSULAR LABOUR MARKETS THAT ARE, IN FACT, ISLANDS</b>	
9.05	<p><b><i>"Networks, Flexibility, Common Sense and Labour Market Measures- Åland"</i></b>  <b>Director of Åland Labour Market &amp; Student Services Agency Lasse Karlsson</b>  Being an agency in a small region with limited research resources, we need to sustain good relations with our Nordic neighbours in order to increase our knowledge. The Åland autonomy gives us unique possibilities to participate in Nordic top-level discussions and the flexibility to use that knowledge in the best possible way when carrying out labour market measures.</p>
9.50	<p><b><i>"State closures &amp; state expansions – towards a knowledge labour market in Gotland"</i></b>  <b>Head of regional development Lena Thalin, Gotland Council</b>  In the face of a total transformation of the local labour market, a broad partnership including regional development actors and the local university college work to create a new knowledge economy after the closure of military installations.</p>
10.35	<b>Break</b>
11.05	<p><b><i>"Avoiding long-term unemployment – job rotation a success measure- Bornholm."</i></b>  <b>Principal officer Gitte Hagelskjær Falkenstrøm, Job Centre Bornholm</b>  The Job Centre determines priorities for local and regional measures and has placed emphasis on job rotation as a measure to create more robust employment situations. AF Bornholm works in partnership with other local actors: municipalities, business schools and other agencies.</p>
11.50	<p><b><i>Practice and research: comments and reflections</i></b>  <b>Katarina Fellman, Statistics and Research Åland,</b>  <b>Margareta Dahlström, Nordregio</b>  <b>Tage Petersen and Jesper Manniche, Centre for Regional and Tourism Research, Bornholm</b></p>
12.20	<b>Plenary discussion</b>

12.35	<b>Lunch</b>
13.30	<b>"Lessons learned"</b> <b>Researcher Katarina Fellman, Statistics and Research Åland</b> Some key conclusions and observations from the thematic comparison between the areas and some of the conclusions from the project.
14.00	<b>"The future of insular income systems"</b> <b>Principal officer Wolfgang Pichler, Swedish National Rural Development Agency</b> Looking forward – outlook to current research and studies into issues of growth in insular areas. Interesting patterns, trends and forecasts. Pichler reflects on insular income systems within the framework of current work to develop strategies for sustainable regional development in Sweden with an international outlook. What examples of problems and solutions have been identified in this work and which issues are not addressed at all? The presentation also includes comments on trends at a geographical level below the local labour market: unconventional trends, barriers and facilitators to entrepreneurship in rural areas.
	<b>Plenary discussion</b>
15.00	<b>The seminar ends</b>

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