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**Regional Innovation in the Nordic Arctic and
Scotland with a Special Focus on Regions with
Large-Scale Projects**



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Nordic Council of Ministers

Northern Peripheri and Arctic Programme

- Priority Axis 1: Using innovation to maintain and develop robust and competitive communities

Objectives

- To develop methods and processes for how regional authorities and R&I institutions can support local communities in achieving economically beneficial and socially and environmentally sustainable development in sparsely populated areas dominated by large-scale industries related to the exploitation of natural resources
- To strengthen local communities in tackling serious challenges and developing the vast opportunities that characterize the Arctic region
- Transfer of best practice and concrete solutions through transnational cooperation

Main challenges

- Demographic challenges
- Land use conflicts
- Green growth & Local entrepreneurship

Demographic challenges

- Ageing population – High share of elderly people compared to people in working ages
- Outmigration of young people – Especially young women
- Availability of qualified labour force
- Fly in – Fly out

Land use conflicts

- Innovative approaches – Multiple land use
- Win Win solution between e.g. mining industry, urban development, reindeer herding, recreation and tourism, nature conservation
- Nordic culture and the everyman's right

Green Growth & Local entrepreneurship

- The relationship between economy and ecology in mining, oil and gas industry
- Innovation, new entrepreneurship and improved market behaviour among SME's
- New businesses within the experience economy sector
- Synergies between exploitation and preservation of natural resources

Partners

- 3-5 Research institutions
- 3-5 Regional authorities
- 6-10 Case studies

At least one partner/case study from:

- Norway/Sweden/Finland
- Iceland/Faroe Islands/Greenland
- Scotland/Northern Ireland

Budget

- 1,5-2 Million EUR over three years
- 65% EU contribution