

The role of Nordic municipalities and regions in the green transition

Day one:

Tuesday, 10th November, 2015

Location:

Federation of Danish Industry, H. C. Andersens Blvd. 18, 1553 Copenhagen V

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| 08:30 | <i>Coffee and registration</i> |
| Setting the stage | |
| 09:00 | Opening speech <i>Speaker: Morten Bæk, Director, Danish Energy Agency</i> |
| 09:15 | Cities leading the green transition Cities are very much at the receiving end when it comes to the adverse effects of climate change. On the other hand, they are in a unique position to take direct action and for catalysing partnerships to combat climate change. They are now uniting across geographies and organisations in order to accelerate transformative actions and are in turn increasingly recognised for their important role as non-state actors in the climate change negotiations up to and beyond COP21 in Paris. <i>Speaker: Jesper Nygård, Director of RealDania</i> |
| 09:45 | The global energy and climate challenge from a Nordic perspective How will global energy supply and demand evolve in the coming decades and what is role of the Nordic countries in the global green transition? <i>Speaker: Hans Jørgen Koch, Director of Nordic Energy Research</i> |
| 10:15 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| Strategic energy planning in the Nordic countries | |
| 10:45 | Strategic energy planning at local and region level in the Nordic countries Brief overview of strategic energy planning framework and practise. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the national energy and climate objectives? • How does energy planning at local level contribute to fulfilling these goals? • To what extent is energy planning at the local level mandatory? • How is municipal and regional energy planning organised today? <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Representatives from the Nordic countries.</i> |
| 11:40 | Panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are key challenges to strategic energy planning? • To what extent are the challenges common for the Nordic countries? • How can we best ensure adequate coordination between local, regional and national planning? <i>Moderator: Susanne Krawack, Concito, Denmark</i> |
| 12:00 | <i>Lunch</i> |

Five Nordic cases on energy planning for inspiration

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| 13:00 | <p>Integral urban and energy planning in Porvoo Urban planning with the aim of minimizing lifecycle costs and emissions. Experience from developing a masterplan for the Skaftkärr district in the city of Porvoo. <i>Speaker: Fredrick von Schoultz, Municipal Director, municipality of Porvoo, Finland</i></p> <p>Knowledge transfer with focus on sustainable municipal transport strategies How can municipalities and regions contribute to increasing the use of electrical vehicles and biofuels? And how may good practices be transferred from one municipality to another? <i>Speakers: Anna-Lena Lövkvist-Andersen, Climate Strategist at Stockholm County Administrative Board, Sweden and Helena Lindquist, LightSwitch, Sweden</i></p> <p>The Nordic experience with energy product procurement EPC markets in the Nordic countries, their special characteristics and differences, the success factors and barriers. Recommendations for action for the successful development of the EPC. <i>Speakers: Thea Marie Mørk & Liv Randi Lindseth, NEE, Norway</i></p> <p>Integration of wind energy in the Faroe Islands How to provide a carbon free power production by 2030 in an Island(s) system? <i>Speakers: Terji Nielsen, SEV, Faroe Islands</i></p> <p>Project Vistorka: Going carbon neutral in Iceland How the city of Akureyri aims to cut CO₂-emissions through waste management and dedicated measures in the transport sector? <i>Speaker: Albertína Friðbjörg Elíasdóttir, Business Development, Akureyri, Iceland</i></p> |
| 14:30 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 15:00 | <p>Energy festival Presentation of Nordic cases in an informal café session, where Nordic cities and regions are invited to present cases that can inspire others. <i>Presenters: Various – separate list will be available</i></p> |
| 16:15 | <p>Local mobilisation processes How to create local ownership to sustainable energy solutions? <i>Speaker: Morten Mejsen Westergaard, Climate Director, Middelfart Municipality, Denmark</i></p> |
| 16:45 | <i>End of day – A light snack will be served</i> |

Day two:

Wednesday, 11th November, 2015

Location:

Copenhagen City Hall, Rådhuspladsen 1, 1599 Copenhagen

| Nordic metropolises combatting climate change | |
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| 09:00 | <p>How will Copenhagen become carbon neutral by 2025? Presentation of CPH Climate Plan 2025</p> <p><i>Speaker: Morten Kabell, Mayor of Technical and Environmental Affairs, Copenhagen Municipality</i></p> |
| 09:20 | <p>Stockholm's climate and energy strategy</p> <p><i>Speaker: (tbc)</i></p> |
| 09:40 | <p>Helsinki's strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions</p> <p><i>Speaker: Päivi Kippo-Edlund, Director of Environment Protection, Helsinki Municipality</i></p> |
| 10:00 | <p><i>Coffee break</i></p> |
| 10:30 | <p>Oslo climate and energy planning</p> <p><i>Speaker: Silja Bjerke Vestre, Director, Climate and Energy Program, Oslo Municipality</i></p> |
| 10:50 | <p>Panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is city's short and long-term climate targets? • What technical measures and policies measures will be the most important to achieve the targets? • What are main challenges in climate and energy planning? • Examples of successfully policies/instruments • How does the city cooperation with neighbouring municipalities? • How are different stakeholders (citizens, NGO, energy companies etc.) involved in the city's climate and energy planning? <p><i>Moderator: Susanne Krawack, Concito, Denmark</i></p> |
| Global context | |
| 11:15 | <p>What can we expect from COP21 in Paris? An updated analysis on the expectations for COP 21? What are the positions of different countries and regions? Are negotiations gaining momentum ahead of COP 21 and what role do the cities play at the conference?</p> <p><i>Speaker: Representative of the Danish Ministry for Energy Utilities and Climate</i></p> |
| 11:45 | <p>Closing remarks Summary of the conference, conclusions</p> <p><i>Speaker: Susanne Krawack, Concito, Denmark</i></p> |
| 12:00 | <p><i>Lunch-to-go</i></p> |