

Discussion: Nordic Network on Agenda 2030?

- **Question 1:**

Would you be interested in joining a network or cooperation on the topic “Agenda 2030 at the local level”?

- **Question 2:**

How should such a network look like? What function should it have?

Please discuss for 15 minutes!

Future cooperation - ideas

- Group 1:

Website for sharing good practice, personal meetings, sharing not just success stories but of stories of failure too, involving more municipalities that are just starting to work with the SDGs

- Group 2:

A network would be useful: sharing practical knowledge (e.g. reaching out to citizens), it could be an informal forum (using social media)

- Group 3:

Sharing indicators, Nordregio as potential place to compile indicators?, increase mutual understanding of measurements, consultancy on data collection for consistent approaches, it would be preferable if this group would have a formal structure (e.g. with a board that takes initiative and is responsible for the administration)

- Group 4:

There is a need for educating political/administrative levels about working with the Agenda 2030, to change mindsets and the network should promote this; learning from failures and successful models and processes; digital platform, conferences, Nordregio could have an "experts list" to facilitate connections, municipal associations should help to promote the network and solutions

- Group 5:

Which role would associations take? Is it better to create a network at the Nordic or national level? Consider expectations from municipalities. Long-term network with secretariat preferable, build on existing municipal associations (organise seminars, offer support)

- Group 6:

It is preferable not to create an additional layer of administration, but to use existing structures (Nordic Council of Ministers and the Council of the Baltic Sea States), Baltic countries and Poland should be included, regular meetings in different formats to bring cities of Baltic region together