Municipal and Regional reforms – new project 2019-2020 will focus on following issues:

- Mapping municipal systems and mergers, highlight good examples, effects of reforms
- Distribution & decentralization of tasks
- Democracy, participation, and decision-making
- Access to services (mapping by GIS)
- Lack of competences and quality of data
- Cross-border impacts on education, labour market, healthcare, search and rescue
North Calotte Council (NCC) and regional cross-border cooperation

-NCC (1967) is the cooperation body for highest regional authorities who have responsibility for regional development
-geographical area: Nordland, Troms, Finnmark in Norway, Norrbotten in Sweden, Lapland in Finland
-NCC prioties in 2017-2020
* promote common regional policy
* demographic challenge, securing competence in the area
* border possibilities, removing border obstacles
* cooperation in environmental and nature protection issues
* experience exchange and regional identity
North Calotte Council’s role in TG for Sustainable rural development

- Introduce and highlight the cross-border impacts of the themes which are on the thematic group’s agenda
- In specific, contribute to the project on Municipal and Regional reforms by arranging 3 seminars in our region for municipality and regional representatives in order to clarify
  * what are the possibilities for cooperation today?
  * what are the main challenges for cooperation, especially in education, healthcare, and labor market?
  * how do they expect planned reforms to effect cross-border cooperation in the future?
Purpose of this session is to
- Introduce successful examples of existing cooperation from the North Calotte area and from Greater Copenhagen and Skåne area
- Contemplate how the planned reforms may affect cross-border cooperation
- Provide a platform for further discussion about the effects of municipality and regional reforms, e.g. should we include some additional perspectives to the project
- Provide new input to the planned TG project