Nordic thematic group for Sustainable Rural Development 2017-2020

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

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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

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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?

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Nordregio Forum 2018 parallel session

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 effect 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

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