

NSPA FORUM 2024 PROGRAM

September 12 - 13, 2024

Bodø, Nordland, Norway

Hotel: Thon Hotel Nordlys

Wednesday, September 11

20:00 | Early Arrival

Dinner at restaurant EGON, Thon Hotel Nordlys

Thursday, September 12

09:00 - 10:00 | Sea Eagle Safari

Boat/RIB tour around the Hjertøya Islands - available only to those participants who have pre-registered

11:30 - 12:30 | Lunch

12:15 - 12:30 | Welcome Speech and Introduction of the Day

Svein M. Eggesvik, County Governor of Nordland and Jouni Ponnikas, Chair of the NSPA Steering Group

12:30 - 13:15 | Bodø 2024: European Capital of Culture

Presentation of the Bodø 2024 project and Ung 2024, highlighting the successful involvement of youth in the project.

Henrik S. Dagfinnrud, Program Manager and Charlotte Nyheim Eriksen, Project Manager Bodø 2024

- Digital presentation of Oulu's plan for their European Capital of Culture 2026 project.
- Digital presentation of Kiruna's work and plan to become a European Capital of Culture.
- Sofia Lagerlöf Määttä and Emma Jonsson, Project Managers, Kiruna Municipality

13:15 - 14:00 | Geopolitics, Infrastructure, and Transport in the Arctic Europe

Arvid Halvorsen, Deputy Military Representative, NATO HQ in Brussels

14:00 - 14:20 | Break

**14:20 - 15:30 | The OECD Study – Recommendations and
Publication Planning**

*Stefano Barbieri, OECD and Jouni Ponnikas, Kainuu / Chair of
the NSPA Steering Group*

15:30 - 15:45 | Break

**15:45 - 16:15 | NSPA Future: Based on the OECD Study and
recommendations, NATO's needs, and in light of EU Arctic
Policy – What should we focus on and how should we
structure NSPA work in the future?**

16:15 - 16:30 | Break

**16:30 - 18:00 | NSPA Steering Group Meeting and NSPA
Working Group Meeting**

21:00 | Dinner and Beer Tasting

Dinner and beer tasting at Restaurant Bådin (local brewery)

Friday, September 13

09:00 - 10:15 | Rebranding NSPA – Finalizing Workshop

NSPA Working Group

10:15 - 10:30 | Break

10:30 - 11:00 | Arctic Race – A Possibility for Cross-Border Cooperation in Arctic Europe?

Knut Eirik Dybdahl, Arctic Race of Norway

11:00 - 11:30 | Presentation of a North Nordic Project named Team Nordic Arctic

Pro Tromsø, Business Oulu, and Umeå Municipality

11:30 - 12:00 | Summary, Conclusion, and Takeaways

12:00 | Lunch and Departure

Hotel Information

We warmly welcome you to stay at **Thon Hotel Nordlys**, Bodø, Norway. Guests can book their own rooms by emailing the hotel and adding the booking code "**NSPA Forum 2024**" to the reservation.

Room Price per Night: 1,325 NOK

Please send your reservation to: lill-heidi.myrvoll@olavthon.no

Travel Information

The easiest way for international guests to travel to Bodø is by flying to Bodø Airport. Transportation to the city center is available via public bus or taxi.

For more information about the city of Bodø, visit visitbodo.com. Here you will find information about the European Capital of Culture 2024 and other activities you can enjoy during your stay!

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