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DRAFT, Version 3 - 12/04/2024

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WEDNESDAY 22 MAY

ARRIVAL OF THE DELEGATIONS IN LULEÅ



THURSDAY 23 MAY

**HOTEL CLARION SENSE
SKEPPSBROGATAN 34,
LULEÅ**

08.00 Registration and welcome

08.45-9.00 Opening session of the GA 2024

- Carina Sammeli, Mayor of Luleå
- Cecilia Burenby, Chairwoman of the SERN Executive Board, Mjölby Municipality

09.00 - 09.30 Presentation about Luleå, green transition and skills supply - Carina Sammeli, Mayor of Luleå

Parallel workshops:

09.30 - 11.00 **ERASMUS+ CAPACITY BUILDING: FOUNDATIONS OF PROJECT CYCLE MANAGEMENT (PCM) FOR SCHOOLS**

A training workshop designed to empower representatives from educational institutions with essential knowledge and skills in managing Erasmus+ projects. This training aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of Project Cycle Management, a key methodology used in planning, implementing, and evaluating projects within the Erasmus+ framework. The session is tailored for school representatives who are new to Erasmus+ or looking to strengthen their project management capabilities.

- SERN Secretariat

09.30 - 11.00 **RESKILLING AND UPSKILLING FOR KEY STRATEGIC SECTORS AT LOCAL LEVEL**

This workshop focuses on how SERN members are adapting to the challenges of emerging sectors like green technology, social welfare and healthcare through reskilling and upskilling initiatives. This interactive session will feature case studies, highlighting successful approaches to adult education and workforce development among member organisations. Participants will engage in discussions about effective practices and explore collaborative opportunities between Sweden and Italy to foster a skilled workforce for strategic industries.

- Fredrik Bruhn - Municipality of Luleå
- Christoffer Brännström, Nicklas Häggström - Municipality of Luleå
- Elisabetta Bracci, Luca Arcangeli - Clust-ER Innovate

09.30 - 11.00 **UNDERSTANDING THE CHALLENGE – WATER MANAGEMENT IN A CHANGING CLIMATE**

This session focuses on framing the challenges of water management within the context of climate change, in line with SERN's strategic priority on climate action. It aims to provide an overview of the impacts of climate change on water resources, discussing both scarcity and flooding, and how these issues are being addressed at the European and national levels.

- Maria Rothman - Municipality of Norrköping
- Patrizia Ercoli - Emilia-Romagna Region

Parallel workshops:

11.15 - 13.00 **FOSTERING WELL-BEING AT SCHOOL: LEARNING FROM BEST PRACTICES**

The seminar aims to explore and discuss various strategies and practices for promoting well-being in school environments. The workshop will include a presentation on the 'Best Practice Bridge' model, a successful initiative that has shown significant impact in enhancing student and staff well-being in schools. The session is designed to be interactive and informative, providing participants with practical insights and ideas that can be applied in their respective educational settings.

- Viktor Gardelli, Ylva Backman - Luleå University of Technology
- Lillemor Östman, Joakim Hellgren - Municipality of Luleå
- Helena Hadfy - Municipality of Motala

11.15 - 13.00 **RESKILLING AND UPSKILLING: SKILL ATTRACTION AND STRATEGIES FOR COMPETENCE INFLOW**

The workshop focuses on learning about strategies for attracting and retaining skilled workers, particularly immigrants, to meet the evolving demands of the job market. Participants will explore various methodologies to attract talents, ensure successful integration, and maintain a sustainable influx of competencies. The session will include case studies from member municipalities, showcasing best practices and innovative solutions in talent attraction and retention. Interactive discussions will allow attendees to exchange experiences and ideas on overcoming common challenges in this area.

- Daniele Cristoforetti, Paola Guerzoni - Unione Terre d'Argine
- Eva Jonsson - Municipality of Luleå

11.15-13.00 **BEST PRACTICES IN WATER MANAGEMENT IN ITALY AND SWEDEN**

This session explores best practices for managing water resources in the face of climate change. It will showcase successful initiatives and projects that have effectively addressed water scarcity and flood management, providing practical insights for implementation.

- Elena Bocciarelli, Kleidis Tafaruci - Emiliambiente
- Petra Viklund - Lumire
- Simona Melchiorri - Municipality of Cervia
- Luca Ortolani - Municipality of Faenza

13.00-14.00 Lunch at Clarion Sense Hotel

14.00-16.00 *Meeting of the SERN Board of Auditors (only for the members of the Board of Auditors)*

Parallel study visits:

14.00-16.30 • **Port of Luleå**

The Port of Luleå is the whole region's sustainable link to the world and is 1 of 5 Swedish ports with EU Core network status. The Port of Luleå is a proud community builder and an important enabler for industry, commerce and life in northern Sweden. It endeavours above all to make sure that Luleå will continue to be a vibrant maritime city for future generations. Welcome to the Port of Luleå!

14.00-16.30 • **Secondary Schools in Luleå and Kulturskolan**

The Municipality of Luleå invests in children's cultural activities through Kulturskolan (School of the Arts) which offers courses in music, dance, theatre, media and art. The courses could both take place in schools during the daytime and at Kulturskolan in the afternoons and evenings. Luleå Kulturskola is free of charge for the students and is a good national example, having received several awards. In Sweden "Kulturskola" is mainly a voluntary activity for children and young people who want to practice culture and arts of various kinds. Most culture schools have their roots in the municipal music schools that started in the 1960s-70s. The cultural schools have quite close cooperation with, for example, elementary schools or leisure activities. We will visit the school's premises for a tour and receive information about the activities. Hopefully we'll meet some kids playing music or dancing!

14.00-15.00 • **Digidel Center & Art Gallery (Konsthallen)**

Luleå's digital room. **Digidelcenter** works to increase the digital competence of the elderly, staff and others. Here you can ask questions about how you use your mobile, tablet or computer. It is a place where people can come to get help with digital technology, but also seek new knowledge and learn to navigate the digital world. For example, how to download an app, how to use social media or what a secure password on the internet looks like. Both beginners and experienced digital users are welcome. There is a common method of development and platform so that the municipalities providing Digidelcenter services can quickly learn from each other and exchange experiences.

Art Gallery in Kulturens hus, located in the heart of the center of Luleå, presents art exhibitions all year round. The Luleå Biennale is an international art biennial that takes place every two years. The Luleå Biennale has been organized in Norrbotten since 1991, and is one of Scandinavia's oldest art biennales.

The 2024 edition of the Luleå Biennale highlights the drastic changes taking place in Norrbotten's nature and built environment based on the intersection between art and architecture.

17.30-18.30 **SERN Executive Board meeting**

19.00 Dinner at Clarion Sense Hotel



**PITE HAVSBAD
HOTELLVÄGEN 50,
PITEÅ**

FRIDAY 24 MAY

- 07.45 Transfer to Piteå (leaving from Luleå - Hotel Clarion Sense)
08.45 - 09.15 Welcome - Kata Nilsson and Patric Lundström, Mayors of Piteå

Parallel workshops:

09.15 - 11.00 **TEACHING IN THE TECH AGE: AI IN SCHOOL EDUCATION**

The seminar aims to explore the applications of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in school education. The focus will be on understanding how AI is changing teaching methods. We will also discuss ethical considerations associated with AI in education. This seminar is open to educators, administrators and stakeholders interested in the practical implications of integrating AI in the classroom.

- Katarina Sperling - University of Linköping
- Kristin Egestål, Niklas Karlsson - Kunskapsförbundet Väst
- Johan Falk - Skolverket

- 09.15 - 09.35 Presentation about the Green Industries Project Beatrice Ramnerö - Municipality of Piteå

09.35 - 11.10 **RAISING AWARENESS AND EDUCATION ON THE RATIONAL USE OF WATER**

This session emphasizes the importance of education and awareness-raising in water use and preservation. It aims to explore various educational tools and campaigns that have been effective in increasing public awareness and participation in water strategies, especially in the context of climate change.

- Ilaria Gandolfi - Emiliambiente
- Sonia Geronimo - Gal L'Altra Romagna
- Teresa Elkin Postila - Mid Sweden University

Parallel workshops:

11.15 - 12.00 **SEMINAR FOR CONTACT PERSONS - EFFECTIVE COLLABORATION AND PARTICIPATION WITHIN SERN**

A meeting designed for SERN contact persons from member organizations. The seminar aims to enhance their understanding and skills in three key areas: effective interaction with the SERN secretariat, efficient dissemination of information within their respective member organizations, and the processes involved in developing collaborations in the network. This session will provide practical guidance, tools, and strategies to strengthen the capacity of SERN contact persons in their key roles.

- SERN Secretariat

11.15 - 12.00 **VOICES OF HERITAGE INITIATIVE**

This seminar aims to introduce a new SERN initiative: Voices of Heritage. Emphasizing a bottom-up approach, the initiative seeks to engage citizens in identifying and promoting both tangible and intangible cultural heritage. With a local and transnational dimension, Voices of Heritage aims to establish an open platform for widespread participation and citizen involvement. Key components include digital engagement strategies, youth participation initiatives, and the facilitation of local workshops.

- SERN Secretariat

- 12.00 - 13.00 Lunch at Pite Havsbad



**STUDIO ACUSTICUM
KUNSKAPSALLÉN 14,
PITEÅ**

13.00 - 15.30 **Parallel study visit:**

- **Piteå Learning Center**

At the Learning Center, students from various educational levels and backgrounds gather. Here, individuals studying at elementary and high school levels, Swedish for immigrants, vocational training, and customized adult education come together. It is also a place where students from the University of Applied Sciences, whether they study on-site or through distance/satellite programs, can be found. Additionally, it is open to those pursuing higher education through university, college, or vocational school via distance learning and are registered in the municipality of Piteå.

Participants will also visit the University Organ, one of the most modern organs in the world.

- **Windpark of Markbygden – Europe’s largest land-based wind park.**

In Markbygden, Europe's largest onshore wind farm is currently being established. Approximately 500 wind turbines are now completed. In parallel, Enercon is advancing work on phase 2, while planning for the remaining phases is ongoing. When fully developed by 2025, the park is estimated to contain 700-800 wind turbines. The trend is towards fewer but taller turbines with greater capacity.

The fully developed park will produce 10-12 terawatt-hours (TWh), equivalent to about 6-8 percent of Sweden's total electricity production. The total investment volume amounts to approximately 60 billion SEK. During the establishment phase, around 500-700 job opportunities are created, and during the operational phase over the next 25 years, approximately 200 people will work in service, operation, and maintenance of the wind farm.

15.30-17.30 **General Assembly Session 2024**

18.30 Dinner in Piteå at Studio Acusticum

22.00 Transfer to Luleå