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EU's Green Deal and NCM's Green Vision 2030 - the policy strategies and the role of NGOs

**Online 2-day symposium,
Tuesday – Wednesday, 17th – 18th of September 2024**



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1. Frame

Titel of Symposium

EU's Green Deal and NCM's Green Vision 2030 - the policy strategies and the role of NGOs

Time, type and language

Online 2-day symposium, Tuesday – Wednesday, 17th – 18th of September 2024

The 2-day event only has 3 hours each day from 10:30 – 12:00, and 12:30 – 14:00 CET (11.30 – 13 and 13:30 – 15 Finnish and Baltic time). The language used is English.

Participants

We invite approx. 30 participants from the Nordic-Baltic states, including 9 speakers and 5 group moderators. The participants will be the project team plus a mix of representative NGOs, opinion formers, politicians.

Symposium fee

It is free to participate for the invited participants. As a peer-to-peer symposium, the participants is invited and it is not open for free enrolment.

Part of the Prosperous Future project: GreenADeN

The Symposium is part of the development project, entitled: "Green Skills Adaptation and Development for the Nordic Region (GreenADeN), June 2023 – October 2024", supported by the Nordic Council of Ministers' new Prosperous Future Programme for Civil Society Cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region.

2. Objectives, learning methods, and materials

Objectives

- To present the EU strategies in the Paris Agreement and European Green Deal agenda and especially their view on how civil society associations can contribute to realize the strategies.
- To present the Nordic Council of Ministers' 2030 green visions and especially their view on how civil society associations can contribute to realize the visions.
- To present good NGO practice examples from the Nordic – Baltic countries.

Learning methods

As an online symposium, there is a need for short sessions. The programme will alternate between short plenary presentations and short summarizing group debates in 5 smaller groups of 5-6 people, all of which have a moderator and common leading questions.

Symposium materials

EU documents:

- [Communication from the Commission - The European Green Deal. COM/2019/640 final](#)
- [Annexes to the Communication - Roadmap - Key actions. COM\(2019\) 640 final](#)

NCM documents:

- [Our Vision 2030. The Nordic Region will become the most sustainable and integrated region in the world. 20.08.2019.](#) By the Nordic prime ministers. Ministers for Co-operation (MR-SAM)
- [Action Plan Vision 2030 - for 2021 to 2024.](#) 14.12.20. By The Nordic Council of Ministers
- [Guidelines for involving civil society in work relating to Our Vision 2030.](#) 12.02.21. By Secretary of the Nordic Council of Ministers

3. Day-to-day-programme

Tuesday, 17th of September: 10:30 – 12:00 and 12:30 – 14:00:

➤ **Main topic: The relation between the EU and Nordic green policies**

- 10:30 – 10:40 **Welcome and** presentation of the Symposium programme
Moderator: Hans Jørgen Vodsgaard, chief executive, Interfolk
- 10:40 – 10:50 **Introduction** to the GreenADeN project and the other project activities.
By Andrei Rybin, director, Innovation Acceleration institute ry, InAI, and coordinator of the GreenADeN project.
- 10:50 – 11:10 1st presentation: EUs Green deal agenda and climate policies
By Niels Fuglsang, [Danish Social Democrat, MEP](#)
- 11:10 – 11:30 2nd presentation: The NGOs role in the EU strategies.
By Uffe Hvidkær, [Europe Dialogue](#)
- 11.35 – 11:55 Group work I (5 groups): Presentation round and dialogue about the EU policies.
The 1st and 2nd speaker have short visits to the four groups for Q/A.
- Lead questions:*
- *Key points in EUs Green Deal strategies*
 - *What role do the NGOs have in the Green Deal action plans*
 - *How can EU better support the NGOs to strengthen their green activities.*
- 12.00 – 12.30 Lunch break*
- 12:30 – 12:35 Introduction to the second session, by Interfolk
- 12:40 – 13:00 3rd presentation: NCMs Vision 2030 of a sustainable Baltic Sea region.
By Hanna Bökmark, Project Officer/Office of the Secretary General at [Nordic Council of Ministers](#)
- 13:05 – 13:25 4th presentation: The NGOs role in the Nordic vision 2030.
By Ole Meldgaard, member of NCM's civil society network, [Nordic CIV](#)
- 13.30 – 13:50 Group work II (5 groups): Presentation round and dialogue about the Nordic policies
The 3rd and 4th speaker have short visits to the four groups for Q/A.
- Lead questions:*
- *Key points in NCMs Vision 2030*
 - *What role do the NGOs have in NCMs Action Plans*
 - *How can NCM better support the NGO to strengthen their green activities.*
- 13:55 – 14:00 Wrap-up and outline for the 2nd day

Wednesday, 18th of September 2024: 10:30 – 12:00 and 12:30 – 14:00:

➤ Main topic: The role of NGOs in a sustainable transition in the Baltic Sea region

- 10:30 – 10:35 Good morning and short introduction to the sessions the second day,
Moderator: Uffe Hvidkjær
- 10:40 – 11:00 5th presentation: The role of NGOs in the green transition.
By Hans Jørgen Vodsgaard, leader of [Interfolk](#)
- 11:05 – 11:30 Group work III (5 groups): Presentation round and dialogue about the NGOs role in the green strategies in EU and NCM
The 5th speaker has short visits to the four groups for Q/A.
- Lead questions:*
- *Why is the civil society and the NGO activities important?*
 - *Which type of NGOs are most important for green transitions?*
 - *How can EU and NCM help to strengthen the capacities of the NGOs to plan and implement green activities (promote the green transition)?*
- 11:30 – 12:00 *Lunch break*
- 12:00 – 12:05 Introduction to the final session,
Moderator: Uffe Hvidkjær
- 12:05 – 12:20 6th presentation: Good green NGO practice in Estonia
By Margit Säre, chairwoman, Peipsi Center
- 12:25 – 12:40 7th presentation: Green NGO initiatives in social volunteer work
By Susanne Juhl Paaske, General Manager, Volunteer Centre Middelfart
- 12:45 – 13:00 8th presentation: Good green NGO practice in Iceland
By Helena Eydís Ingólfssdóttir, project leader, Husavik Academic Center
- 13:05 – 13:15 9th presentation: Good green practice in Denmark
By Dorte Grastrup-Hansen, centre leader for Miljøpunkt Amager.
- 13:20 – 13:45 Group work III (4 groups): Presentation round and dialogue about the impact of good green NGO practises in the Baltic Sea region
The 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th speaker shave short visits to the four groups for Q/A.
- Lead questions:*
- *Key learning points from the four green practice examples?*
 - *What type of green practice can inspire your organisation?*
 - *Could green cross-border cooperation be relevant for your organisation?*
- 13:45 – 13:55 Wrap-up, mention the Symposium Compendium, Farewell

Symposium Compendium

The plenary can be shown as PowerPoints at the Symposium and summarized in short articles by the speakers. The articles will afterwards be presented in the Symposium Compendium, we will disseminate extensively to our target groups in the Baltic Sea area as well as to the symposium participants.

4. Symposium Organisers

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