

Global goals for local priorities

Nordic experiences in implementing the 2030 Agenda at local level

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Agenda

- Presentation of project and its results
- Some time for questions
- Discussion with neighbours
- Open discussion





Our research questions

- Which Nordic municipalities are already working with the 2030 Agenda?
- How do they work with the Sustainable Development Goals?



How we identified the municipalities

— Request for suggestions from

- networks of Nordregio and the Nordic Council of Ministers
- organisations working with municipalities, cities, sustainability questions
- municipalities that we interviewed

— Criteria for selection:

- Municipalities work explicitly with the SDGs
- Municipalities are beyond the planning stage
- Municipalities agreed to be interviewed and part of the project



The first movers in the Nordic Region

Interviews with 27 municipalities:

5 in Denmark

4 in Finland

2 in Iceland

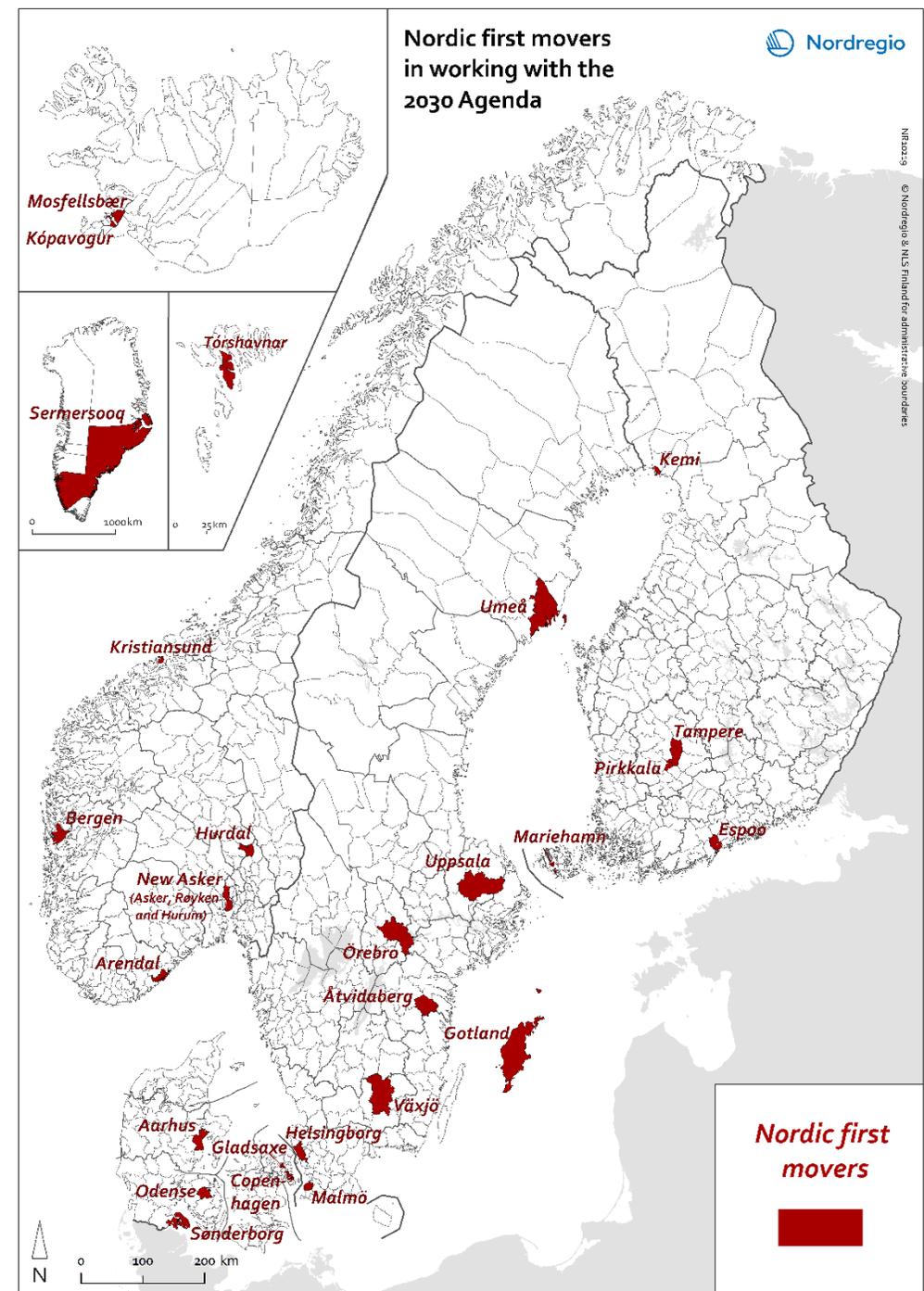
5 in Norway

8 in Sweden

1 on Åland

1 on the Faroe Islands

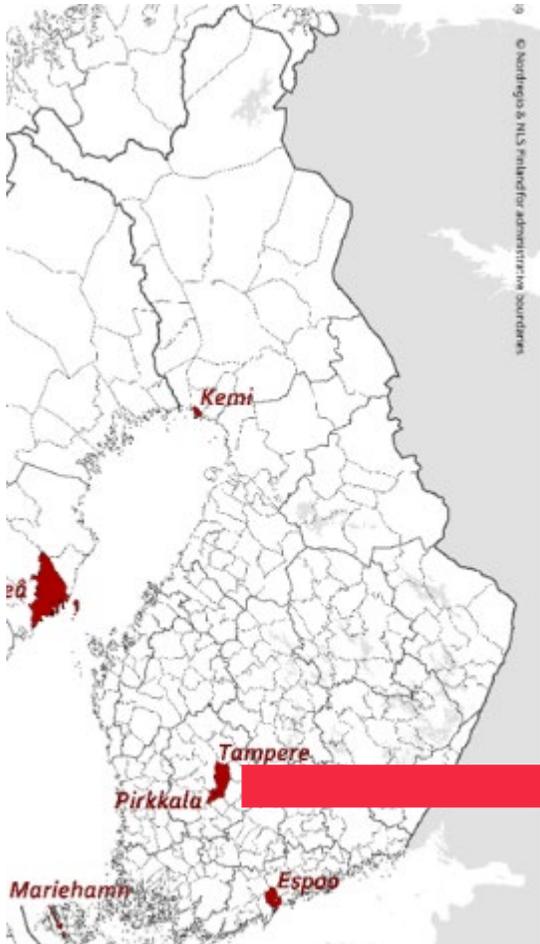
1 on Greenland



How do municipalities „translate“ the SDGs into a local context? – Example 1



How do municipalities „translate“ the SDGs into a local context? – Example 2



Sustainable economic and innovation policy and responsible procurement in Tampere

Commitment brief

With its commitment to sustainable development, the City of Tampere agrees to promote sustainable economic and innovation policy, resource-wise economy and responsible procurement in its own operations. Tampere challenges also the different sectors of the city to prepare their own commitments to sustainable development.

Background

Tampere is committed to sustainable development through signing the Aalborg Commitments (European Sustainable Cities and Towns Towards Sustainability). With this new national commitment, Tampere wants to emphasise sustainability and co-operation between businesses and universities and pays attention to the environmental and ethical impacts of its procurement.

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1. The City of Tampere agrees to promote a sustainable economic and innovation policy and resource-wise economy

The City of Tampere supports industrial renewal by providing companies with new platforms and environments, in accordance with the Smart Tampere program. Developing digital services in co-operation with different operators is an overarching theme that supports the objective of a resource-wise economy.

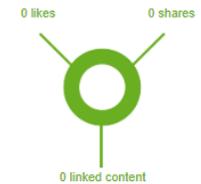
Concrete steps:

- The City of Tampere actively promotes the Tampere 3 project, which brings universities in Tampere together and strengthens their innovative skills. The city launches projects on sustainable urban development that serve as bases for research and development.
- The City of Tampere participates in a regional project that involves developing Tarastenjärvi and Kolmenkulma into cleantech districts with industrial ecosystems and into functional, collaborative platforms for renewing production.

Metric • (realized / not realized)



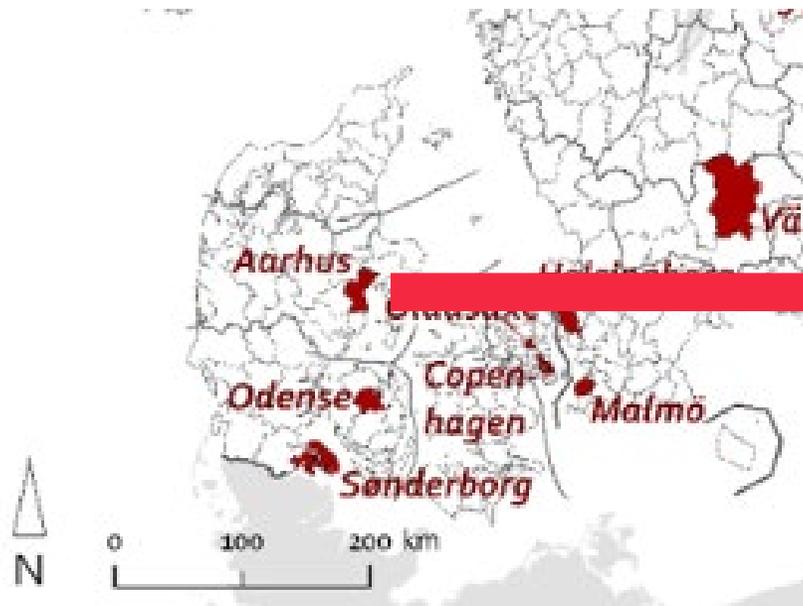
Tampereen kaupunki



THE COMMITMENT'S PRIMARY GOAL SUPPORTS THE FOLLOWING GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS):



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Differences in working with the SDGs



Challenges in working with the SDGs

- Making the global relevant at the local level
- Setting priorities
- Convincing colleagues
- Engaging the public



Success factors in working with the SDGs

- Get political support
- Create a story about the municipality's future
- Network with other municipalities
- Accept that change takes time



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Some questions for you...

- Which global goals are most important in a Swedish context?
- Which of the goals are best addressed at a regional/local level?
- How do you work with the SDGs?
- What support is needed?



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