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COP19 Side event: Reducing emissions and growing the economy – the Nordic way

Date: November 15, 2013

Time: 20:15–21:45

Venue: Room Wrocław, 2nd floor, zone B2,
National Stadium, Warsaw

The Nordic countries are often seen as green in respect of both a good environment and reduction of Greenhouse Gas emissions. During the last decades, the Nordic countries have implemented ambitious energy and climate policies. At the same time, economic growth has been relatively strong – even through the current economic crisis. How has this been possible? What policies have been the most effective? Can these policies be implemented in other countries?

Within the framework of the Open Climate Network and with support from the Nordic Council of Ministers, think tanks from Sweden, Norway and Denmark present a report highlighting some of the more efficient climate policies from the Nordic countries.



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Programme

Introduction Green growth the Nordic way

Representative from the Nordic Council of Ministers

Presentation of the Open Climate Network

Taryn Fransen, Project Director for Open Climate Network –
World Resources Institute

WRI is a global research organization that works closely with leaders to turn big ideas into action to sustain a healthy environment – the foundation of economic opportunity and human well-being.

Nordic Climate Policy – a case study on efficient policy measures

This case study gives concrete examples of how packages of policies in combination with the natural resources of the Nordic region have been transformed into efficient policies for a specific area. The cases are: District heating and low emitting cars in Sweden, wind power in Denmark and zero emission vehicles in Norway

Susanne Krawack, Chief consultant – Concito

CONCITO is Denmark's green think tank. Its purpose is to provide analyses and information on the best and most low-cost transition towards a climate-neutral society in Denmark and in other parts of the world.

Jakop Dalunde, Programme director – Fores

Fores is an independent Swedish research foundation, dedicated to furthering entrepreneurship and sustainable development through liberal solutions to societal challenges brought on by accelerated globalization and global warming.

Camilla Skriung, Policy advisor – Zero

Zero Emission Resource Organisation (ZERO) is an independent, non-profit organization working to limit human-induced climate change and to meet the world's growing energy demand without harming the environment.

IEA's Nordic Energy Technology Perspectives – A carbon-neutral energy system by 2050

Benjamin Donald Smith, Senior Advisor - Nordic Energy Research
Nordic Energy Technology Perspectives explores the role of the energy system in achieving the long-term national climate goals of the five Nordic countries. The central scenario outlines the different technologies needed to reach a carbon-neutral Nordic energy system by 2050. The report was published earlier in 2013 by the IEA and Nordic Energy Research, and is the first regional edition of the IEA's flagship publication Energy Technology Perspectives.

Panel discussions and interventions from the audience

Drinks and snacks



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Nordic co-operation

Nordic co-operation is one of the world's most extensive forms of regional collaboration, involving Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, and the Faroe Islands, Greenland, and Åland.

Nordic co-operation has firm traditions in politics, the economy, and culture. It plays an important role in European and international collaboration, and aims at creating a strong Nordic community in a strong Europe. Nordic co-operation seeks to safeguard Nordic and regional interests and principles in the global community. Common Nordic values help the region solidify its position as one of the world's most innovative and competitive.

The Nordic Council of Ministers is the forum for Nordic governmental co-operation. The Prime Ministers have the overall responsibility for Nordic Co-operation. In practice, responsibility is delegated to the Ministers for Nordic Co-operation and to the Nordic Committee for Co-operation, which co-ordinates the day-to-day work of the official political Nordic co-operation.

The Nordic Council of Ministers' Climate and Air Pollution Group (KoL) contributes to Nordic goals of limiting serious climate change and of preventing air pollution from damaging the environment or human health.

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