

# **Emerging Innovation in Northern Europe Programme**

## **Report on block 3**

### **Introduction**

The third and last meeting within the programme *Emerging Innovation in Northern Europe* took place in Gävle and Stockholm January 24-27 2011.

### **Overall objective of the meeting**

This was the third and last meeting in the programme. The focus of this meeting was on introducing the Swedish innovation scene and the financing mechanisms prevalent in the Swedish system to the participants. Another objective was to continue discussions on common project ideas in a workshop setting. Activities included presentations from external innovation actors, group workshop with presentations, a joint networking dinner as well as several study visits to some of the most important Swedish innovation financiers and actors, placed in Stockholm.

### **Participating institutions**

In total 18 participants had arrived in Stockholm, 4 Nordic and 14 Russian. Most of the participants in Stockholm had participated in the two previous meetings in Saint Petersburg and Oslo. A complete list of the participants and their organizations, a list of visited organizations as well as the final programme is presented separately.

## Activities

### Day 1

Block 3 of the Innovation programme started on January 24. The participants met in Gävle, the home of one of the participants; incubator Movexum. The visit in Gävle began with a short presentation of the **incubator Movexum**. This was followed by presentations from 3 of the enterprises currently within the incubator system of Movexum. The enterprises were: *H.I.T Sweden AB*, *Swedish Aerogel AB* and *Solarwave*. After the enterprise presentations, the group went to the University of Gävle for a short tour around some of the soon to be inaugurated technical premises. A presentation of the **Centre for Logistics and Innovative Production (CLIP)** was made. In the evening a dinner was held at the city hall hosted by the director of the city of Gävle and the region of Gävleborg.

### Day 2

The second day of the meeting all of the participants travelled to Stockholm and Nordregio. One of the senior research fellows at **Nordregio** gave a presentation on innovation in Sweden and some of the ongoing projects at Nordregio in this area. A study visit was organized in the afternoon to **VINNOVA**, Sweden's Innovation Agency. A general presentation of their work as well as presentations on specific areas such as cluster support and programs for SMEs was made. The day ended with a workshop session, where the participants were divided into 4 groups and were instructed to discuss and write down proposals for how the network should continue after the end of the programme. The results of the workshop will be compiled by the programme manager and distributed to all participants and other key people connected to the programme.

### Day 3

The third day of the meeting started with a presentation of **Innovationsbron**. After the presentation by Innovationsbron, all of the participants went to visit **Kista Science City** for a presentation of the region and a guided tour around the area. This visit was followed by a visit at **SSE Business Lab**, the incubator at the Stockholm School of Economics. The incubator was presented as well as two of the companies currently within the incubator system, among them *SkrivaPå*.

### Day 4

The fourth and last day included an evaluation of the meeting and the entire programme. A short discussion about the programme provided some useful ideas and proposals for the possible continuation of the programme as well as some

new insights into the collaborations that have started as a result of the programme. The follow-up meeting in May in Saint Petersburg was briefly discussed and presented.

### **Conclusions**

Overall, the meeting in Stockholm was very successful. The evaluation forms show that the study visits were greatly appreciated by the participants, as were the presentations. There were good, productive discussions between the participants during the last workshop session and a short presentation of the discussions will be put together by the programme manager.