

Details on benefits and opportunities for members

Think tank for innovative urban development

Nordic City Network is a think tank for innovative urban development initiatives and for developing new tools and methods in urban planning, which supports the development of the Nordic cities in the knowledge society.

Nordic City Network works with the interaction between specific cases of urban development initiatives and theory about the knowledge city. Through the network the members gain access to updated information on urban development in the knowledge society.

The Nordic knowledge city on the public and political agenda

To promote the development of the Nordic cities as attractive, innovative and competitive cities, it is necessary to involve a wide range of decision makers and stakeholders in the discussions about urban development, such as politicians, business communities, citizens, cultural institutions and milieus, educational institutions, urban and regional planners and others.

Nordic City Network is planning a knowledge city conference for Nordic private and public decision makers. The conference will be an opportunity to strengthen and develop cooperation and common understanding on how to develop the Nordic cities, both locally in each city and on a Nordic level.

Update information on knowledge development

As a member you receive updated knowledge on the development of city and city regions in the knowledge society, which is relevant for the planning and development of the Nordic cities. The network secretariat continuously 'scans the market' for such knowledge, and communicates it to the network members. The communication of this knowledge happens in the form of summaries and references, distribution of material, lectures and input at seminars etc.

Exchange of Nordic experiences

The network functions as a forum for exchanging experience and knowledge on current urban development issues and initiatives in Nordic cities. A range of interesting urban development issues with relevance to other Nordic cities and to the knowledge city development is being implemented in the member cities. The Nordic experiences are exchanged in the form of presentations and discussions at seminars, material on the web site, direct contact between members etc.

Biannual network seminars

Twice a year network members meet at a 2-day seminar. At the seminars the members develop and qualify current urban development issues, gain updated information on the knowledge city, exchange experiences from the Nordic cities, establish contacts etc.

The biannual seminars are exclusively for network members. Each city is welcome to participate with several people at the seminars, including invited guests.

Hosting network seminars

Hosting a network seminar is an opportunity to bring a local 'hot' urban development issue up for debate, and hence get input from the network members. The participating network members make up a Nordic 'expert team' with valuable knowledge and expertise.

Network seminars also provide the chance to involve local decision makers and stakeholders in discussions about current urban development issues, by inviting them to participate in discussions at the seminar.

Development and qualifying current urban development initiatives

The network members can act as discussion partners on urban development issues and initiatives in your city. This can be done by bringing issues or initiatives up at the biannual network seminars, direct contact to network members who have relevant experience and knowledge, etc.

Website

The website can be used as an exhibition window for member cities, for sharing experiences and knowledge on urban development initiatives, for discussions etc. Network members are encouraged to supply material for the website.

Knowledge city pilot projects

Member cities have the opportunity to join the network initiative with a pilot project, where the resources and expertise within the network will be used to develop and qualify the pilot project ideas. The aim of the pilot project initiative is to develop practical solutions and methods for developing the Nordic knowledge cities.

The actual implementation of the knowledge city pilot projects will be financed by other sources than the membership fee, e.g. the city's own and possibly Nordic Council, EU and other funding sources.

The secretariat is available for consultations on developing pilot project ideas through discussions, meetings, workshop, giving lectures, gathering certain information etc.

Further assistance from the secretariat in developing of urban development initiatives in member cities is available after more specified agreements.

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