



City of Oslo
Department of Business Development and Public
Ownership

CITIES FOR TRANSNATIONAL CLUSTER COOPERATION

I am proud to host the Northern Connections political conference at the City Hall Wednesday 28th of November 2018.

Background for the Conference in Oslo:

City of Oslo is partner in North Sea Region EU project Northern Connections (Interreg 2016-2020). The partnership consists of 21 clusters, cities, regions and knowledge institutions. The main output is to unlock the potential for sustainable energy clusters across the borders in the North Sea Region. As the pollutions knows no borders so should the clean tech solutions –the key here being best practice sharing, on policy and on concrete solutions and new innovations. It is going to be two political conferences, one in Oslo in 2018 and the closing conference in Goteborg in 2020.

I hope that this Northern Connection Conference will develop broader political backing. To create coherence between political ambitions and cluster potential for innovation support. This helps creates the foundation for involving more SMEs and startups in innovation, not just nationally but also building capacity and transnational relations of sustainable energy clusters.

Agenda: Cities for Transnational Cluster Cooperation

Moderator: Mali Skogen CEO, OREEC

12:00 - 13:00 **Lunch** Oslo City Hall

13:00 - 13:10 **Welcome to Oslo** by Vice Mayor of Business Development and Ownership
Kjetil Lund

13:10 - 13:20 **Setting the frame:** Short introduction to Northern Connections by moderator
Mali Skogen

13:20 - 13:50 **Unlocking the potential for regional innovation: What works?**

Based on recommendations from Northern Connections, three cities will present short inspiring examples on how they have encouraged regional innovation and transnational cooperation.

Mayor Thomas Kastrup-Larsen, Aalborg.

Chairperson David Ljung, Business Region Gothenburg.

State secretary Michael Pollmann, Environment and Energy Hamburg.

13:50 - 14:15 **Keynote “Sustainable growth in an EU-perspective”** by EU representative.

14:15 - 14:35 Break with cake

14:35 - 15:45 **Presentation of the main challenges and lessons learned in Oslo**

“How can a City’s Climate Budget be a driver for Clean Tech Innovation?”

Technology for a Circular Economy by Marianne Reime OREEC/City of Oslo

The EV Capital of the world by Eric Rambech OREEC/City of Oslo

15:45 - 16:00 Break

16:00 - 16:15 **Draft of policy recommendations for promoting transnational innovation.**

Short presentation by WP 5 Lead / CO-lead

16:15- 17:00 **What can Cities and Clusters do to make it easier for companies to overcome barriers for transnational cooperation?**

Panel discussion with high-level representatives from the cities and cluster organizations in the Northern Connections (Oslo, Aarhus, Hamburg, Falkirk, CLEAN, Innovatum AB, Energy Valley)

This session will be moderated by Mali Skogen

The day will end with Dinner at Dyna Fyr <https://www.dynafyr.no/english>

Sincerely



Kjetil Lund
Vice Mayor