

WASA FUTURE FESTIVAL

11.-14.8.2021

Nordic Cooperation - Case Kvarken

Saturday 14.8.2021, 10:30-14:15 (current local time in Finland – Helsinki)
Part of the Wasa Future Festival 11-14.8.2021

Moderated by Anna Bertills

Organised by Kvarken Council EGTC in cooperation with three
Interreg Botnia-Atlantica funded projects: FAIR, NORDIC BATTERY
BELT and FIXED LINK OVER KVARKEN

Hybrid event

This event will be arranged as a physical event with an interactive live
webcast. Meet up at Wasa Innovation Center, Bocks Corner,
Gerbyntie 18, Vaasa

or participate via streaming: <https://youtu.be/HmEr4F-qSD0>

Presentations in English. Questions can
be asked also in Finnish and Swedish.

**Most of the Wasa Future Festival
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10.00-10:30 Coffee and snacks

10:30-12:00 FAIR – Promoting Electric Aviation in the Kvarken region

10:30-10:40

Why is Kvarken EGTC interested in Electric Aviation?

Mathias Lindström, director Kvarken Council EGTC, project owner and chairman of the FAIR steering committee

10:40-11:15

What does it take to be the early bird?

Andreas Forsgren and Isak Brändström, FAIR project managers
Jeroen Peeters, Senior Design Researcher RISE Research Institutes of Sweden / Carita Roslund, Project Manager, RISE Research Institutes of Sweden

Short panel discussion with speakers and Riitta Björkenheim, Development Director, Vaasa Region Development Company VASEK

11:15-12:00

How to benefit from Electric Aviation?

Antti Mäenpää, Associate Professor University of Vaasa

When will Electric Aviation be a part of everyday life?

Arne Smedberg, CEO, BioFuel Region / Ida Nordberg, Project Leader, BioFuel Region

Where will the first regional Electric Aviation routes appear?

Lars Westin, Professor in Regional Economics Umeå University

Q&A

12.00-12:45 Sandwich lunch

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12:45-14:15 KVARKEN REGION – Cooperation to Promote and Develop a Strong and Viable Cross-border Region

12:45-12:55 Introduction

Mathias Lindström, director Kvarken Council EGTC, Project owner

Reality: Nordic Battery Belt

Need: Fixed Link over the Kvarken, Electric Aviation and Upgraded Ferry Connection

Tools: Cross Border Cooperation and Kvarken Council EGTC

12:55-13:10 **Nordic Battery Belt and the possibilities**

Tom Einar Jensen, CEO of FREYR

13:10-13:20 **Kvarken Fixed Connection** Dr. Esa Eranti, Eranti Engineering Oy and M.Sc, Ph.D Antti Talvitie

13:20-13:25 **Comments** by Anders Ahnlid, Director-General at the National Board of Trade Sweden

13:25-14:15 **Panel discussion with regional decision makers and business representatives**

Joakim Strand, MP, Chairman of Vaasa City Council and Chairman of the Kvarken Council

Rickard Carstedt, Chairman of the Regional Development Board at Region Västerbotten

Åsa Ågren Wikström, Vice Chairman of Region Västerbotten's Regional Development Committee

Arne Langset, CEO/Head of Secretariat at Indre Helgeland Region, Norway

Peter Östman, Member of the Finnish Parliament

Paula Erkkilä, Director, Ostrobothnia Chamber of Commerce

Dr. Esa Eranti, Eranti Engineering Oy (investigation Fixed link over the Kvarken; construction technology costs, schedule and environmental impacts)

M.Sc, Ph.D Antti Talvitie (investigation Fixed link over the Kvarken; transport visions, project economics and political economics)