

**Final programme**  
**Cross-border cooperation for dynamic labour markets – a Swedish EU presidency  
conference in Kiruna, 1–2 July 2009**

**1 July**

**08.45–09.00** Welcome address and context of the conference *Angeles Bermudez-Svankvist, Director General, Arbetsförmedlingen*

Presentation of the conference programme for day one, Conference chair: *Elisabet Arp, Head of International Affairs, Arbetsförmedlingen*

SESSION I

**09.00–10.15 Cross-border cooperation in the Arctic region: challenges and results**

**Objective:** To give an overview of how the cooperation between the countries in Northern Scandinavia with different languages and currencies have broadened the options for job-seekers and employers  
Chair: *Francisco Javier Orduña Bolea, Director-General, Servicio Público de Empleo Estatal/ Instituto Nacional de Empleo, Spain*

Speakers: *Lena Liljebäck, Deputy Director General, Arbetsförmedlingen Pirkko Saarela, Director of the Employment and Economic Development Centre, Lapland, Finland Ingunn Foslund, Assistant Director, Finmark, NAV (Norwegian Labour and Welfare Administration), Norway*

Plenary discussion

**10.15–10.45** Coffee break

SESSION II

**10.45-12.00 Mobility patterns between new and old EU member states**

**Objective:** To give an overview of the changing mobility patterns between new and old member states and its effects, with practical example from Poland.

Chair: *Lena Skiöld, Arbetsförmedlingen*

**Speakers:** *Dr. Hubert Krieger, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions Alicja Przepiorska, Regional Office of Walbrzych, Poland*

Plenary discussion

## WORKSHOPS

### 12.00–12.45 Parallel workshops

**Objective:** To highlight practical examples of regional cross-border cooperation, with a special focus on success factors **Introduction**, *Elisabet Arp, Head of International Affairs, Arbetsförmedlingen*

**Alt. 1** How local cooperation can result in regional development and growth, with practical examples from the Swedish and Finnish towns of Haparanda and Torneå

**Moderator:** Per-Anders Ruona, Arbetsförmedlingen **Speakers:** Anita Lundström, Haparanda local authority Ritva Nousiainen, Provincia Bothniensis Haparanda–Tornio

**Alt. 2** Cross-border cooperation for new skills for new jobs: building a common training and education centre, and dealing with language and cultural challenges

**Moderator:** *Lena Jatko, Arbetsförmedlingen* **Speaker:** *Stina Tiainen, Utbildning Nord*

**Alt. 3** The new industrial future and the labour supply in the Arctic region, including examples from the mining industry

**Moderator:** *Kristina Palo, Arbetsförmedlingen* **Speakers:** *Kirsten Hallman Petersen, LKAB Niklas Dahlström, Northland Resources Arve Tannvik, Kirkenes local authority, Norway*

### 12.45–14.15 Lunch

## SESSIONS III

### 14.15-16.00 Effects of cross-border cooperation in a changing environment

**Objective:** The objective of this part of the programme is to present three different angles of transnational cooperation and its importance for the creation of dynamic labor markets. While the German/Czech presentation will give a picture of what kind of situations cross-border cooperation facilitates, the Austrian presentation will deal with the synergies of working in partnership. The French presentation will discuss if and how the financial crisis has affected the mobility issue.

**Chair:** *Marja Rantakaulio, Ministry of Employment and the Economy, Finland*

**Speakers:** *Günther Schauenberg, Bundesagentur für Arbeit, Germany Vera Kolmerová, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Czech Republic Werner Schelling, AMS, Austria Annie Gauvin, Pôle Emploi, France*

Plenary discussion

## 2 July

**09.00–09.10** Presentation of the conference programme for day two, **Conference chair:** *Elisabet Arp, Head of International Affairs, Arbetsförmedlingen*

## SESSION IV

### 09.10–10.15

**Tools and challenges for cross-border cooperation: the EU and regional perspective** **Objective:** To give an overview of the practical tools for cross-border cooperation within the EU, and to discuss the challenges as seen from a regional perspective

**Chair:** *Patrick Venier, Executive Secretary, World Association of Public Employment Services*

**Speakers:** *Lambert Kleinmann, European Commission Per-Ola Eriksson, County Governor of Norrbotten, Sweden*

### 10.15–10.45 Coffee break

## CLOSING SESSION

### 10.45–11.30

**Objective:** To draw conclusions from the presentations and discussions, especially focusing on the concrete steps that need to be taken to improve regional cross-border cooperation

**Roundtable** led by *Director General Angeles Bermudez-Svankvist*

**Participants:** *Günther Schauenberg, Bundesagentur für Arbeit, Germany Per-Ola Eriksson, County Governor, Sweden Pirkko Saarela, Employment and Economic Development Centre, Finland Ingunn Foslund, NAV, Norway Annie Gauvin, Pôle Emploi, France Kjell Hjelm, The Swedish Federation of Business Owners–Norrbotten Lambert Kleinmann, European Commission Eva-Lisa Höglund, Arbetsförmedlingen*

**11.30–11.45 Conclusion and final remarks** by *Director-General Angeles Bermudez-Svankvist*