

AGENDA FOR THE 16TH OF MAY WORKSHOP 09.00–16.00

THE NORDIC MODEL - RELEVANT FOR EUROPE?

WHEN, HOW AND WHY..

Thursday 16.5, 9–16, University of Vaasa: Auditorium Kurten (C203, Tervahovi)

The Nordic Model can best be understood as a Civil Society where Values such as Knowledge, Transparency, Democracy and Participative Decision Making are crucial in solving a Core Question: how can we provide a Good Life for all Citizens, and Knowledge based Economic Development – also in tough economic times? The Model builds on the understanding that Welfare and Knowledge Policies and Institutions are crucial to Economic Competitiveness, Productivity and Innovation.

Morning Session – Concepts, Strategies and Prospects for Growth

Chair Professor Seija Virkkala

- **What is the Nordic Model (09.00–09.30)**
Botnia-Atlantica Institute Leader Åge Mariussen
- **Citizen's Voice – Prospects of Deliberative Welfare Policies in Finland (09.30–10.00)**
Harri Raisio, Assistant Professor, Social and Health Management, University of Vaasa
- **Science and Education-Based Innovation in the Periphery (10.00–10.30)**
Researcher Kenneth Nordberg, Åbo Academy, Vaasa
- **Rural Development Strategies in Finland (10.30–11.00)**
Professor Kjell Andersson, Åbo Academy, Vaasa
- **Norwegian Regional Innovation Strategies (11.00–11.30)**
Research Manager Håkon Finne, SINTEF, Norway

Panel Discussion – The Nordic Model's Relevance and Potential

Chair Professor Elias G. Carayannis

- **Is the Nordic Model relevant for Europe? (11.30–12.30)**

Lunch 12.30–13.30

Afternoon Session – Nordic Social, Technological, Economic and Political Challenges and Opportunities for Growth (NORDIC_STEP4GROWTH)

Chair Professor Age Mariussen

- **Gender and the Nordic Model (13.30–14.00)**
Professor Chris Hudson, Umeå University
- **Danish Flexicurity, Productivity, Innovation and The Welfare State (14.00–14.30)**
Professor Åge Mariussen, Botnia-Atlantica Institute and Professor Peer Hull Christensen, Copenhagen Business School (via skype/TBC)
- **The Quadruple Innovation Helix and Democratic Capitalism: A Nordic Perspective (14.30–15.00)**
Professor Elias G. Carayannis

Panel Discussion – The Nordic Model: Lessons Learned and Implications for Policy and Practice

Chair Professor Elias G. Carayannis

- **What can we learn from the Nordic Model? Panel Discussion (15.00–16.00)**

