

THE CAPITAL ROOM

A Nordic Safe Cities Concept

5 Nordic capital cities working together to ensure safe, trustful and tolerant Scandinavian capitals

Collaborative action in Stockholm, Oslo, Helsinki, Copenhagen and Reykjavik to build social cohesion and peace, prevent violent extremism and future attacks.

WHY

In the fight against extremism it is widely acknowledged that cities are at the frontier and forefront of the challenges and therefore constitute the main actor to prevent extremism and new attacks and build social cohesion in local communities.

The capital cities of the North are facing many of the same challenges threatening common values and beliefs. Because of similar political environment, size, structures and resources the capital cities share many problems and apply similar methodologies to solving them.

As a capital city you are on the frontier of the challenges of extremism but do also have resources to act on and show a frontrunner leadership in tackling the issues as well as develop and pilot new innovative solution. Much to the benefit and inspiration of smaller cities. And much to the inspiration to other capitals in Europe and the world, who, at the moment have their lenses on the Nordic way of preventing terrorism and extremism through early prevention.

Based upon a kick off meeting on December 11th, 2018 it is reinforced by all five capitals that there is a need and potential to increase the collaboration between capital cities. Through this the cities can create better prevention and intervention on extremism to keep our cities safe and preserve our democratic and human-rights centered Nordic values.

It was agreed at the meeting that the capital cities can benefit from having an exclusive room to meet, share best practice and spire new innovations in a closed and private forum a long side other activities in Nordic Safe Cities, RAN and other networks.

It is the vision to build a long term partnership between the cities to continually work together to create more safety and resilience in Nordic Capital cities.



WHATS IN IT FOR MY CAPITAL

Based on collaboration with other capitals each city will get:

- **An insight and easy access** to capital cities strategies, ways of working, upcoming projects and organizational challenges
- **Reinforcing own multi-level agency structure** inside the city and with key external stakeholder (organizations, institutions, companies, families etc.)
- **Inspiration for new policy initiatives** and strengthening your own extremism projects and build political support
- **Launch of the capital code** with mayors taking lead of joint Nordic Capital action to prevent extremism
- **A long-time partnership** and easy daily access to other capital city officials and projects

FOCUS AREAS 2018

The following areas has been identified as special areas of interest in the five cities. The capital Room programme in 2019 will touch upon all areas to give new insight and inspire for new city policies and practices.

General Nordic Capital city strategies and action plans:

- Exploring the general ways of working
- Governance and building alliances with civil society

Wide exploration:

- Broad and early prevention
- Preventing polarization & marginalization locally

New special target groups:

- Children of Extremism
- Defector & former jailed

Ideologies of particular interest:

- Far right extremism

PROCES 2019 FOR CAPITAL SESSION

The Capital Rooms

Nordic Safe Cities will gather the 5 Nordic capital cities to identify, innovate, share and scale best practices, and push for new local capital solutions.

This will happen at 2 annual Capital Rooms, where we will discuss difficult issues and develop new solutions. Each capital room will be a closed forum where cities in confidentiality can share experiences and new thoughts and strategies, policy and activities. A forum to debate and take in the new trends and future themes of action on extremism, polarization and violence in the Nordic Region.

The capital room will consist of 2 annual 12 hours Capital rooms with casework, inspirations keynotes and time to exchange and discuss current problems, policies and projects. Between the sessions each city will work on next steps and present new results at each Capital Room. At the end of each session the Nordic Safe Cities secretariat will summarize learnings and next steps for each city.



At the Capital Rooms, Nordic and international experts, city officials, police leadership and potentially political leadership from the 5 capital cities can attend. The Capital Rooms will be facilitated by the Nordic Safe Cities secretariat. Each city can participate with three people at each session.

PRODUCT 2019

The Capital Code

The product of all Capital Rooms will be *The Capital Code*, a publication introducing key challenges and solutions, new policy recommendations and guiding principles to keep Nordic capital cities safe from extremism. The publication will be shared with the rest of the Nordic Safe Cities network and the justice departments across Scandinavia at a Nordic Safe Cities session end of 2019.

The Nordic Safe Cities team will provide existing analysis of work in the Nordic Region for the production and the cities will contribute with short pieces of information on their strategy and organizational ways forward.

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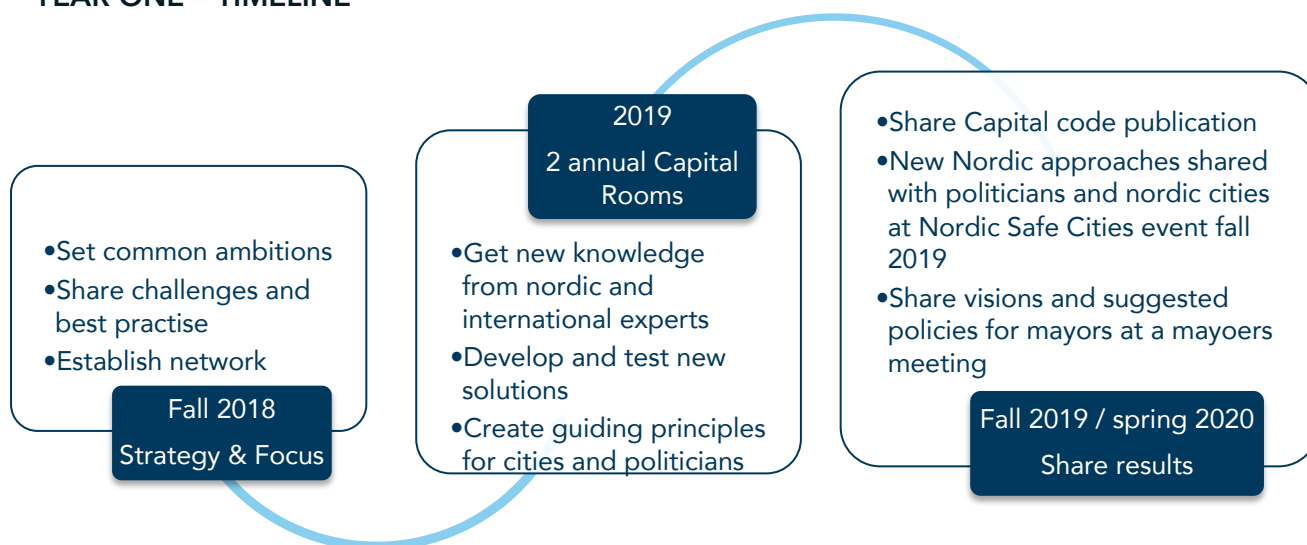
The Capital Rooms will take place at municipal locations in the capital cities. The first Capital Room will take place in Helsinki 28th February – March 1st, 2019.

MASTERPLAN

In the first-year focus will be on sharing ideas and initiatives around specific themes. Hereafter the focus will be increasingly on scale of concepts and implementation of strategies.

Year one is a test period for the functioning of the network. It is suggested that the capital room can work independently and sustainable from 2020 as a forum where cities meet with each capital taking the lead in turns.

YEAR ONE – TIMELINE





DELIVERABLES

Nordic Safe Cities will be responsible for organizing the Capital Rooms, secure next steps in 2019 and produce the Capital Code publication.

PRODUCT	DELIVERABLES
2 Capital Rooms 1 Mayors meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prepare pre-read material for each meeting with information from each city on strategies and approaches to the theme and inspiration from the Nordic region• Planning of 2 capital rooms including coordination with cities, location, contact to speakers and experts• Moderation of meetings and sparring on next steps in each city• Resume from each meeting with key take-aways and next steps for each city• Preparation, planning and facilitation of one Mayors meeting to be held beginning 2020• Be available for sparring on policies and projects in between Nordic capital sessions
1 Capital Code Publication	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact to each city and collection of city strategies• Production of capital code including the core themes of capital cities, the structures and strategies, differences and similarities across the North, dilemmas and political and practical recommendations including guiding principles for the Nordic model as inspiration for the cities of the North• Distribution of the Capital Code for Nordic cities and politicians (locally and nationally)• Preparation of the capital code for presentation for mayors in beginning of 2020.

INVESTMENT

Investment for Reykjavik City: 50.000 DKK ex. VAT and travel costs.



CAPITAL ROOM I, IN HELSINKI

(Draft: to be discussed primo 2018)

Date: February 28th – March 1st, 2019. Time: From lunch to lunch

Preparation

- The state of the realm: a short pre-read on the status from each city on strategies and approaches to the particular theme
- 1 specific challenge to be worked on at the capital room (to be send beforehand to ensure all cities and experts can contribute with relevant inspiration)

Participants

- 2-3 people from each city, working with the theme
- Experts within the theme
- Nordic Safe Cities team

Theme

- Early prevention // Early intervention // Promote well-being

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM OUTLINE

MODULE 1: STRATEGY AND ADVANTAGES AND WEKNESSES OF MY SYSTEM

Exploration strategies and approaches in each city. Open source discussions on strengths and weaknesses

MODULE 4: OUR UNDERSTANDING

Getting to know the theme. Towards a Nordic common understanding of prevention. What is the Nordic model: what does it entail, where are similarities, where are differences.

MODULE 3: KEYNOTE SPEAKER 1

Expert on early prevention approaches in the North

MODULE 2: OUR APPROACH TO EARLY PREVENTION

Working on each city's specific challenge

LATE DINNER: See or meet someone from Helsinki

DAY 2: EACH CITY'S NEXT STEPS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER 2

Concrete example /approach for inspiration

MODULE 5: CONTINUE WORKING ON THE CHALLENGES

Working on each city's specific challenge. Who, what and how can the solution take form in your city.

MODULE 6: NEXTSTEPS

Take-aways from my city and targets for next meeting. What will we have achieved when we meet next time. Targets for next meeting.