

# Cross Border Region Statistics

## Lunch seminar on statistics and analysis of a cross border region - Challenges and opportunities

4 March 2014

*Sweden and Norway have a long history in common. The geographical border has changed over time, as has the flow of labour and resources. In the last decade the predominant migratory flow has been Swedes utilizing the possibility of finding work in Norway. The open border constitutes a possibility for growth and development, however, the Regional Councils at the border face a challenge in facilitating cooperation and identifying means of growth.*

*The Interreg-project KUSK (Knowledge, Development, Statistics and Communication) aims to develop and visualize harmonized statistics for the cross border region of Østfold and Västra Götaland, and to increase the understanding of statistics for a professional planning for development. At the seminar KUSK will present key findings, methods of cooperation and modern ways to visualize statistics.*

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*We welcome you to a lunch time debate on the possibilities of open borders, the economic opportunities of cross border regions and the role of statistical knowledge in developing good grounds for regional development.*

### Programme:

- Introductory remarks, *Magnus Engelbrektsson, Region Västra Götaland*
- Border regions - Challenges and opportunities, *AEBR (Association of European Border Regions) tbc*
- Statistics and analysis of a cross border region - Capacity building for regional development  
*Representatives of KUSK, Christina Christiansson, Region Västra Götaland and Kjell Rennesund, Østfold County Council*
- Increased growth with less border barriers – opportunities at the EU's external border  
*Annika Daisley and Stina Gottlieb, Association of Local Municipalities of Fyrbodal*
- Closing remarks, *Kent Johansson, Member of European Parliament*

**Date:** Tuesday 4 March 2014

**Time:** 13:00-15:30, a light lunch will be served

**Venue:** Region Västra Götaland Brussels Office, Rue du Luxembourg 3, Brussels

**Register at:** <http://goo.gl/FK2QEm>



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