

INVITATION

The Swedish Government has recently announced a new Sustainable Cities Council as well as a new support for municipalities' work on urban ecosystem services. This is championed by the Swedish Environment Minister, Ms Karolina Skog. The Sustainable Cities Council will serve as a national forum aimed at strengthening urban conditions to develop into living, green, healthy and safe places where people meet. The overall task of the Council is to implement the city development policy. The mission extends to May 2022 and involves ten authorities. A funding package named the Greener Cities Initiative has also been established by the Swedish Government to support the aims of the Council.

The Platform on Urban Ecosystem Services which has received funding from a Swedish Innovation Fund called Vinnova to identify opportunities for synergies and partnerships between the European Union and Sweden on Sustainable Urbanisation. As part of this project we plan to run a workshop in Brussels on the 5th of March between 1500 and 1730, (1445 registration) followed by a reception with the Minister from 1800 onwards. The overall aim of this workshop and reception is to identify synergies and partnerships between Sweden's new Sustainable Cities Agenda and the EU's Sustainable Urbanisation Agenda between 2018 and 2022.

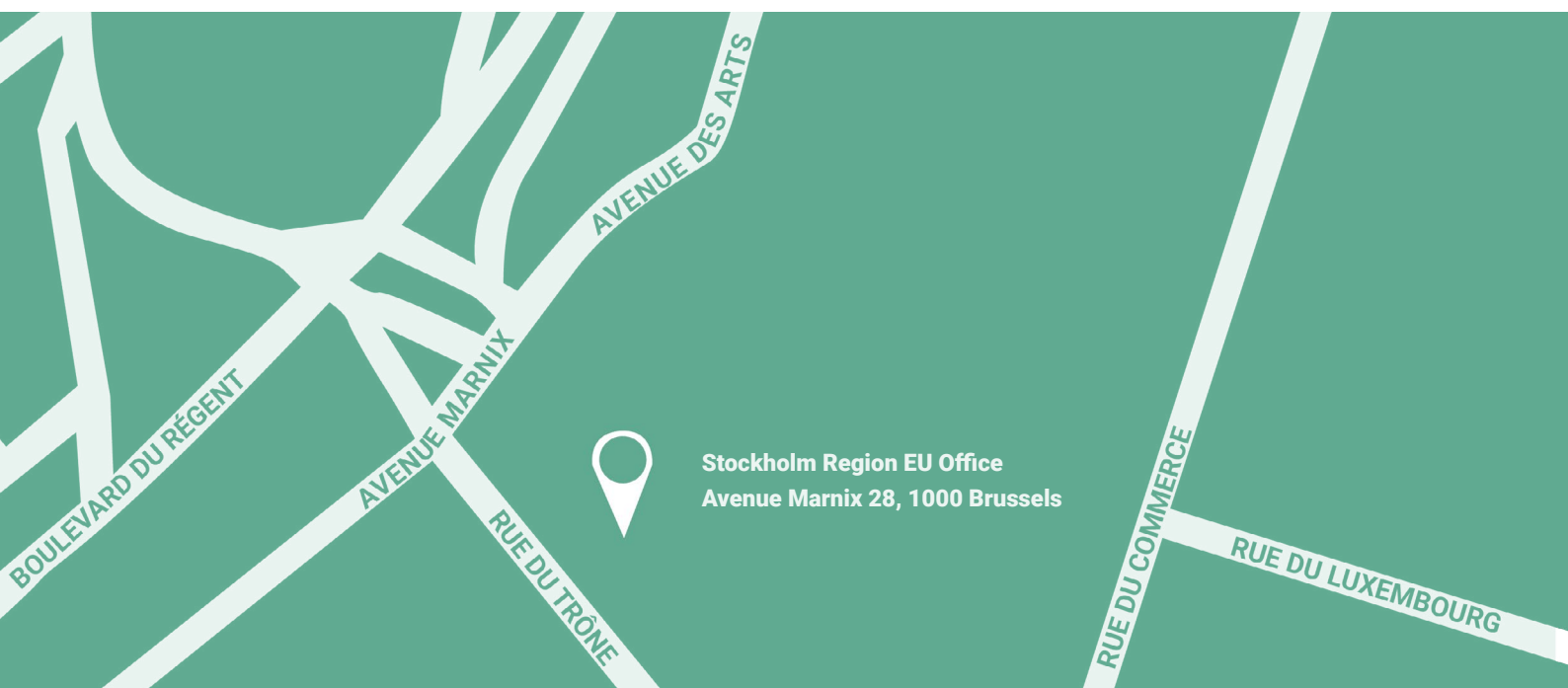
You are cordially invited to attend this event. The program can be viewed on the next page.

Places at this event are limited. **Please RSVP Harald Klein harald.klein@slu.se by the 26th February 2018.**

We look forward to seeing you at this event!

Best wishes,

The Platform on Urban Ecosystem Services Team



Fostering new synergies and partnerships on sustainable urbanisation 5th of March

Both the Swedish Government and the European Commission have launched sustainable urbanisation policy and funding agendas, resulting in the potential for new synergies and partnerships in research and innovation. **The aims of this workshop and reception are to foster new synergies and partnerships between these complementary agendas, and to build new networks and relationships.**

Workshop programme

Stockholm Region EU Office, Avenue Marnix 28, 1000 Brussels

- 14.45 **Registration and Coffee/Tea**
- 15.00 - 15.10 **Welcome from the Moderator**
Dr. Allan Watt, Co-ordinator of EKLIPSE and Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, UK.
- 15.10 - 16.10 **Overview of the NBS and Sustainable Urbanisation agenda leading into FP9**
Mr. Christos Fragakis, Deputy Head of Sustainable Management of Natural Resources Unit, Directorate-General Research & Innovation, European Commission – 15 mins.
Overview of Sweden's sustainable cities initiatives
Dr. Maria Ulfvarson Dahlman, Ministry of the Environment and Energy - 15 mins.
Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences' Urban Ecosystems Research and Innovation Agenda 2018-2022
Dr. Christopher Raymond, Senior Researcher, SLU – 15 mins.
Stockholm University's Urban Research and Innovation Agenda 2018-2022
Associate Professor Erik Andersson, Stockholm Resilience Centre – 15 mins.
- 16.10 - 17.10 **Workshop**
Identifying synergies between Sweden's Green Cities Program and the EU's Sustainable Urbanisation Program and a roadmap for future partnerships
- 17.10 - 17.30 **Next steps**
Moderator

Reception programme

Stockholm Region EU Office, Avenue Marnix 28, 1000 Brussels

- 17.45 - 18.00 **Welcome drinks and snacks**
- 18.00 - 18.30 **Speeches:**
Ms. Karolina Skog, Minister for the Environment, The Government of Sweden – 10 mins.
Mr. Humberto Delgado Rosa, Director, Natural Capital, Directorate-General for Environment, European Commission – 10 mins.
Professor Ylva Hillbur, Pro Vice-Chancellor of International Relations, SLU – 5 mins.
Professor David Simon, Director, Mistra Urban Futures – 5 mins.
- 18.30 - 20.00 **Buffet and networking**