

EUniverCities Network Meeting

4 -6 December 2018, Trondheim (Norway)

From global vision to action through entrepreneurship.
Student mobilization in the cooperation between cities and universities - what strategies are needed to work together on our joint challenges?



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Introduction EUniverCities

EUniverCities is a European network, officially launched in 2012, in which medium-sized cities and their universities work together (in so called tandems) to improve cooperation. The network brings together mainly cities and universities with an economic, social and technological profile. It embodies the recognition of the importance of technology, innovation and knowledge for society. Furthermore the network enhances the visibility of knowledge cities within Europe.

The network's aim is to exchange and spread the knowledge, expertise and experience with regard to city-university cooperation across urban Europe.

More information can be found on the [EUniverCities website](#).

Aims of the conference

What?

From global vision to action through entrepreneurship. Student mobilization in the cooperation between cities and universities - what strategies are needed to work together on our joint challenges?

Why?

There is a gap between sustainable vision and action. We need innovative ecosystems to achieve the UN's Sustainability Objectives. How can we do this in practice in cooperation between cities and universities? How can we as a network mobilize students and other stakeholders to achieve sustainability goals? The purpose of the meeting is to work with these questions and define concrete steps forward.

How?

The City of Trondheim and the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) will show examples of how they are cooperating and enabling students to take on real life questions during their studies and after they have graduated. A large portion of the seminar will be a workshop where we sit together and develop ideas to bring home in order to strengthen the local partnership and ecosystem.

Day 1: Reception, introduction to Trondheim and NTNU, opening perspectives

Day 2: Main-program; keynote speakers and workshop

Day 3: Coordinators' meeting and site-visits

Registration

Please register until **20 November** latest: [Link](#)

Programme

Tuesday, 4 December

- 18:00** **Welcome and introduction**
Trondheim City Hall
Official welcome to Trondheim and NTNU
Introduction to the innovation ecosystem and the question of sustainability
- 19:00** **Keynote**
Introduction to the conference topics: Student mobilization, innovation and the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (Prof. Roger Sørheim)
- 19:30** **Dinner (Restaurant TBC)**

Wednesday, 5 December

- Location:** **FRAM – Student Innovation Center - Gløshaugen Campus]**
- 8:00** **Registration and Coffee**
- 8:30** **Opening remarks**
Welcome to the seminar (City of Trondheim and NTNU)
Presentation of the FRAM Student Innovation Center (TBC)
Welcome from the network (Wilhelm and Klaus)
- 9:00 – 10:30** **Intro sustainability and student engagement - how doe the ecosystem work, and what are our strategies**
Industry partner working with student involvement (Example: Trønderenergi (Spark*) TBC)
Innovation management at the university (Eirik Medbø)
Trondheim University City project (Kristian Mjøen)
Experts in team (TBC) <https://www.ntnu.edu/eit>
- 10:30 - 11:00** **Coffee break**
- 11:00 – 12:30** **Student projects about sustainability and their part in the ecosystem**
Start-up (SenseroTBC)
Start-up (TBC)
Experts in team project group
Student voluntary organization (Engineers Without Borders)



12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14.15	Roundtable – Discussion Before going into workshops and groups we want to discuss the whole idea of letting students work on UN development goals. We interview some leaders from Trondheim and also some people from the network about the philosophy: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Why is it important to let students do that? Why not just train them to be good engineers?- Can we solve all the problems or should we focus on a few ones?- How big part of the curriculum should be filled with this?- What would be needed to engage teachers/professors in this? What could be resistances?
14:15 – 16:45	Workshop UN Development goals, student involvement and innovation - which ideas or initiatives in this space could be generated for us and other University Cities? We split into groups where University City representatives collaborate with close involvement from student representatives, and finish with short presentations from each working group.
16:45 – 17:00	Workshop - Wrap-up
17:00	Dinner at FRAM
18:00	Break
20:00	Informal meetup in the city for drinks (Work-Work bar/coworking hub, City center)

Thursday , 6 December

Location:	Trondheim City Hall / Site Visits
09:00 – 11:00	Coordinators Meeting and discussion
09:00-11:00	Visit to Trondheim University school Public undergrad school working as a school in close cooperation with the university.
11:00-13:00	Innovation Ecosystem tour
13:00	Lunch

Practical Information

Hotels:

Two Hotels will reserve rooms **until the 1.november.**

Scandic Nidelven (price: 1390 NOK)

<https://www.scandichotels.no/hotell/norge/trondheim/scandic-nidelven>

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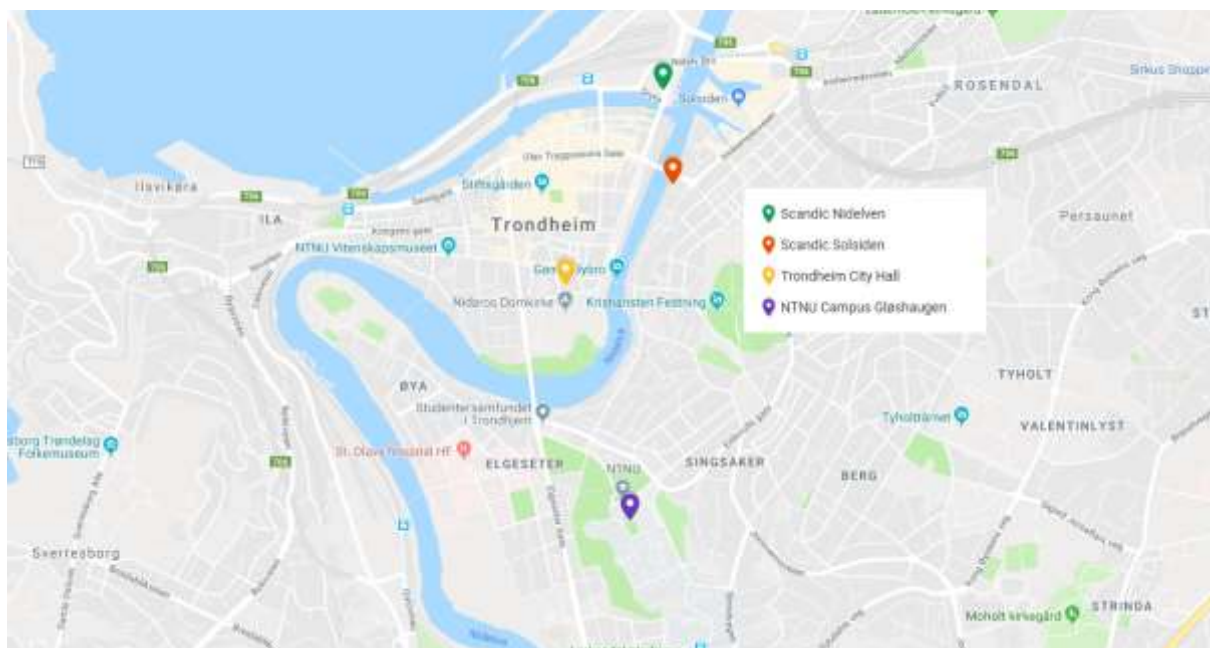
Scandic Baklandet (price: 1290 NOK)

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Feel free to use other Hotels in Trondheim





Flights:

Trondheim airport is about 30min from the city center with the airport express, leaving from right outside the Arrival Hall every 10 minutes.

Most european airports has direct flights to Oslo. There are several flights connecting from Oslo to Trondheim every hour.

Some flights directly from europe to Trondheim will be a good match for the opening of the seminar:

Direct flights from Amsterdam at 14:30

Direct flight from Copenhagen at 12:45

Direct flight from London at 14.15

Weather:

Trondheim might be cold in december. Bring warm clothes.

More Informations

<https://trondheim.com/>

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