

Launching Event

Mining Regions and Cities Case of Västerbotten and Norrbotten, Sweden

Zoom meeting, 27 January 2021, 14h00- 15h30 (Stockholm time)



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■ What's the issue?

Sweden's most northern region, Upper Norrland, is one of the most important mining regions in Europe and has the potential to become a global leader in environmentally sustainable mining. With the largest land surface and the lowest population density in Sweden, Upper Norrland contains two sub-regions, Västerbotten and Norrbotten. Both sub-regions host the largest mineral reserves in the country, containing 9 of the country's 12 active mines and providing 90% of the iron ore in the European Union (EU).

The study identifies how Västerbotten and Norrbotten can build on their competitive advantages and address current and future challenges to support a resilient future through sustainable mining. Some of their advantages include a pool of large mining companies working closely with universities to reduce the emission footprint across the mining value chain, a highly skilled labour force to drive innovation, a stable supply of green energy and high-quality broadband coverage.

■ About the event

This study is part of the OECD Mining Regions and Cities Project and presents the second finalised case study. The study assesses policies, governance structures and implementation mechanisms related to sustainable supply of raw materials, opportunities for diversification, the regulatory framework and engagement with Sami People of Sweden. The virtual event will present the main OECD recommendations of the case study and invite regional politicians, representatives from national and European level, private sector and universities to share their views on the recommendations and possible ways to implement them.

Participants will be able to learn about opportunities and challenges specific to the regions of Västerbotten and Norrbotten, the process of conducting an OECD case study and connect to the OECD Mining Regions and Cities initiative. The report will be available on the OECD library from January 27th, 2021.

■ Venue

Virtual (Zoom) meeting

When: Jan 27, 2021 14:00 PM Amsterdam, Berlin, Rome, Stockholm, Vienna

Register in advance for this meeting:

- <https://meetoeed1.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlft-qurT0rH9EPixANqNhuBaxDGf2OD5N>

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13:45-14:00

Registration

Moderator: **Andres Sanabria**, Regional and Rural Development Unit, OECD
Lisanne Raderschall, Regional and Rural Development Unit, OECD
Fernando Riaza, Regional and Rural Development Unit, OECD

14:00-14:25

Opening remarks

Alain Dupeyras, Head of Regional Development and Tourism Division, CFE, OECD
Rickard Carstedt, Regional Councillor, County Council of Västerbotten
Nils-Olov Lindfors, Regional Councillor, County Council of Norrbotten

14:25-14:40

Presentation of the case study

Presentation **OECD Secretariat**, CFE, OECD

14:40-15:20

Panel discussion – Implementing OECD recommendations for a sustainable and competitive mining development

Facilitation: OECD Secretariat

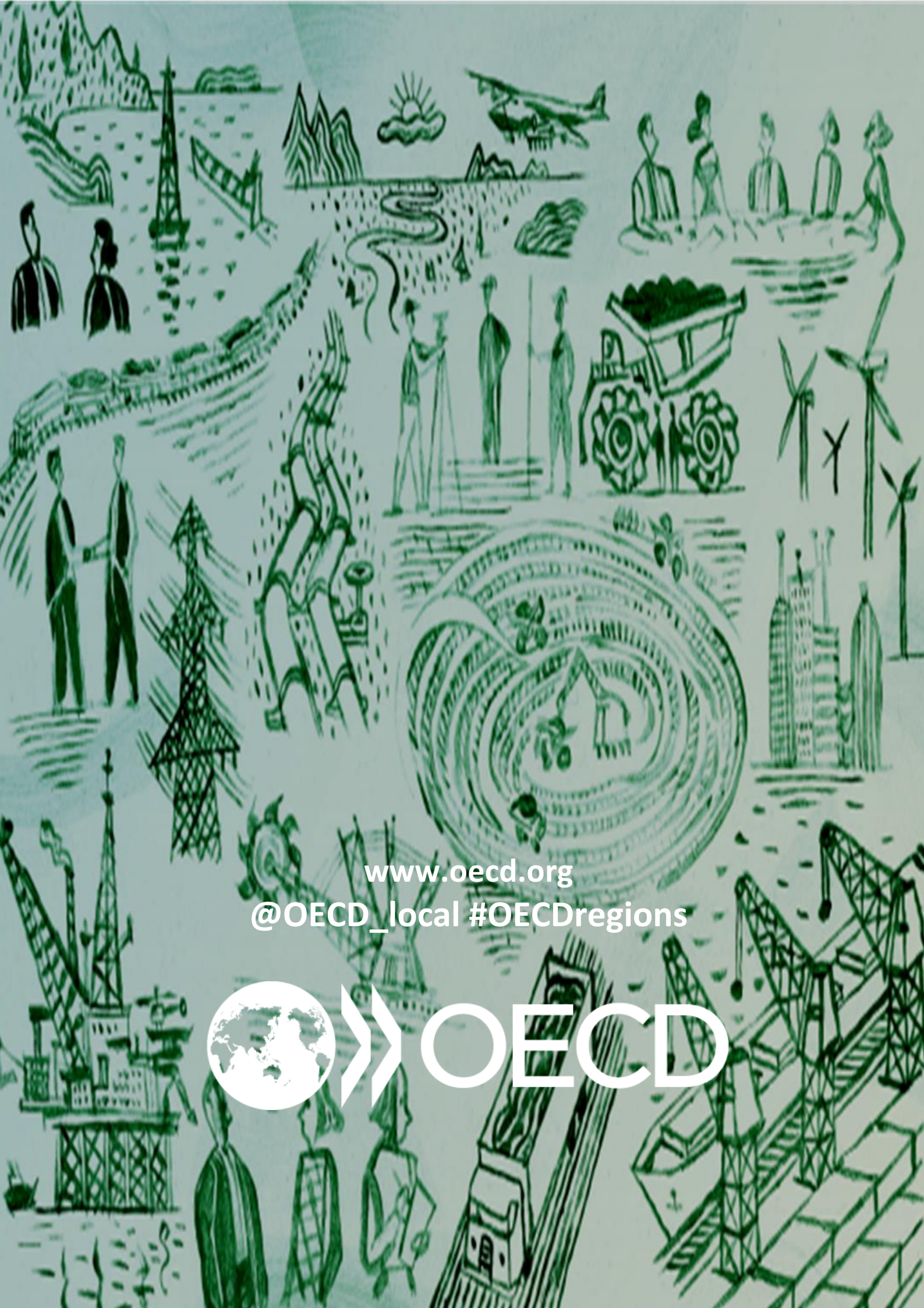
- **Åsa Allan**, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Kaunis Iron
- **Nils-Olov Lindfors**, Regional Councillor, County Council of Norrbotten
- **Pia Lindström**, HR and Sustainability Director, Boliden Mines
- **Jenny Greberg**, acting Chaired Professor Mining and Rock Engineering Luleå University of Technology and Programme Director Swedish Mining Innovation
- **Per-Olof Nutti**, Chairman of the Board/President of the Sami Parliament

Comments **Peter Handley**, Head of unit DG Grow, European Commission

15:20-15:30

Closing remarks

Enrique Garcilazo, Head of Regional and Rural Development Unit, OECD



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