

# WASA FUTURE FESTIVAL

11.-14.8.2021

## Nordic Cooperation - Case Kvarken

**Saturday 14.8.2021, 10:30-14:15** (current local time in Finland – Helsinki)  
**Part of the Wasa Future Festival 11-14.8.2021**

Moderated by Anna Bertills

Organised by Kvarken Council EGTC in cooperation with three  
Interreg Botnia-Atlantica funded projects: FAIR, NORDIC BATTERY  
BELT and FIXED LINK OVER KVARKEN

### Hybrid event

This event will be arranged as a physical event with an interactive live  
webcast. Meet up at Wasa Innovation Center, Bocks Corner,  
Gerbyntie 18, Vaasa

or **participate via streaming: <https://youtu.be/HmEr4F-qSD0>**

Presentations in English. Questions can  
be asked also in Finnish and Swedish.

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**10.00-10:30 Coffee and snacks**

**10:30-12:00 FAIR – Promoting Electric Aviation in the Kvarken region**

10:30-10:40

**Why is Kvarken EGTC interested in Electric Aviation?**

Mathias Lindström, director Kvarken Council EGTC, project owner and chairman of the FAIR steering committee

10:40-11:15

**What does it take to be the early bird?**

Andreas Forsgren and Isak Brändström, FAIR project managers  
Jeroen Peeters, Senior Design Researcher RISE Research Institutes of Sweden / Carita Roslund, Project Manager, RISE Research Institutes of Sweden

**Short panel discussion** with speakers and Riitta Björkenheim, Development Director, Vaasa Region Development Company VASEK

11:15-12:00

**How to benefit from Electric Aviation?**

Antti Mäenpää, Associate Professor University of Vaasa

**When will Electric Aviation be a part of everyday life?**

Arne Smedberg, CEO, BioFuel Region / Ida Nordberg, Project Leader, BioFuel Region

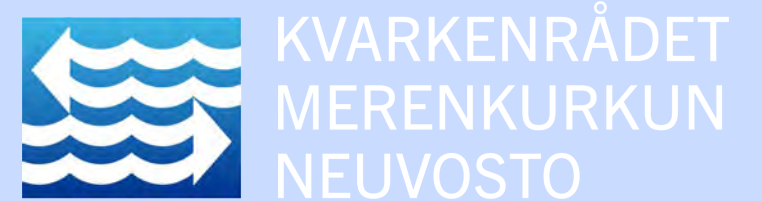
**Where will the first regional Electric Aviation routes appear?**

Lars Westin, Professor in Regional Economics Umeå University

**Q&A**

**12.00-12:45 Sandwich lunch**

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**12:45-14:15 KVARKEN REGION – Cooperation to Promote and Develop a Strong and Viable Cross-border Region**

12:45-12:55 Introduction

Mathias Lindström, director Kvarken Council EGTC, Project owner

**Reality: Nordic Battery Belt**

**Need: Fixed Link over the Kvarken, Electric Aviation and Upgraded Ferry Connection**

**Tools: Cross Border Cooperation and Kvarken Council EGTC**

**12:55-13:10 Nordic Battery Belt and the possibilities**

**Tom Einar Jensen, CEO of FREYR Battery (participates remotely)**

**13:10-13:15 Comments by Anders Ahnlid, Director-General at the National Board of Trade Sweden**

**13:15-13:25 Kvarken Fixed Connection Dr. Esa Eranti, Eranti Engineering Oy and M.Sc, Ph.D Antti Talvitie**

**13:25-14:15 Panel discussion with regional decision makers and business representatives**

Joakim Strand, MP, Chairman of Vaasa City Council and Chairman of the Kvarken Council

Rickard Carstedt, Chairman of the Regional Development Board at Region Västerbotten

Åsa Ågren Wikström, Vice Chairman of Region Västerbotten's Regional Development Committee

Arne Langset, CEO/Head of Secretariat at Indre Helgeland Region, Norway

Peter Östman, Member of the Finnish Parliament

Paula Erkkilä, Director, Ostrobothnia Chamber of Commerce