

# ITEM ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2018

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**Cross-border cooperation: challenges ahead**

**Grensoverschrijdende samenwerking: toekomstige uitdagingen**

**Grenzüberschreitende Zusammenarbeit: Aktuelle Herausforderungen**

**Coopération transfrontalière : les défis à venir**



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# Welcome

Moderators:

Ms. Simone van Trier

Mr. Martin Unfried





# Prof. Hildegard Schneider

Board ITEM

Professor of European Union Law





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## Director

European Territorial Cooperation,  
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# Mr. Spyros Spyridon

Vice-President

COTER commission

European Committee of the Regions





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Senior Advisor

Department for the European Union

Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Sweden



# Freedom of Movement Council

Claes Håkansson  
Eva Tarselius Hallgren

## Labour and movement in the Nordic Region

- 70,000 cross-border commuters
- 280,000 live in another Nordic country
- In 2011 58,000 moved to another Nordic country





# A long journey, with many milestones

- 1952 Nordic Council
- 1957 Passport Union
- 1962 Helsinki Treaty
- 1971 Nordic Council of Ministers
- 1982 Agreement on a fully integrated labour market
- 1987 Nordic Language Convention
- 1996 Free access to higher education
- 2014 Freedom of Movement Council



# ITEM cross-border impact assessment 2018

## Dossiers

1. Exploration of the cross-border impact of an increase in the low VAT rate.
2. The qualifying foreign taxpayer Obligation (90% rule): a preliminary ex-post impact assessment.
3. Schemes relating to retirement ages in NL/BE/DE: a multidisciplinary analysis.
4. Baukindergeld.
5. Social security of non-standard workers: a challenge at the national and European level.
6. Student-dossier: The potential effects of the '*Experiment gesloten cannabisketen*' on the Euregions Meuse-Rhine and Rhine-Meuse-North.



Mr. Thomas Antoine, Benelux

Mr. Jeroen Lenaers, European Parliament

Mr. Martin Guillermo Ramirez, AEBR





# Ms. Caroline de Gruyter

European Affairs correspondent  
Dutch newspaper NRC Handelsblad





# Lunch break until 13:45

## at Atrium 5





# Mr. Jaap Hoeksma

Author of  
'Theory of Democratic Integration'



# 25 YEARS MAASTRICHT TREATY

The Theory of Democratic Integration

# THE BOARD GAME EUROCRACY





# CNN WELCOMES THE EU

- on the eve of the entry into force of the Maastricht Treaty by portraying the board game Eurocracy as symbol of European integration.
- European Championships Eurocracy held at the Soirée Electorale of the first elections for the EP under the vigour of the Maastricht Treaty!

# Celebration Lisbon Treaty with Herman van Rompuy



# THE LESSON OF EUROCRACY

- As a result of the discussions with pupils and students I learned that, in order to understand the nature and functioning of the EU, we should replace the Westphalian paradigm of states with the civic perspective of democracy and the rule of law.

# The game at play in the class room



# FIRST PRINCIPLE OF TRANSNATIONAL GOVERNANCE

- From the civic angle of democracy and the rule of law it is self-evident that, if two or more democratic states agree to share the exercise of sovereignty in a number of fields in order to attain common goals, the organisation they establish for this purpose should be democratic too.



# FIRST PRESENTATION FIRST PRINCIPLE



# EU CITIZENS' DEFINITION



# The Theory of Democratic Integration presented in the European Parliament





# The Maastricht Model of Transnational Relations

## MODELS OF INTER- & TRANSNATIONAL RELATIONS

Subjects	Westphalian System of International Relations	Maastrichtian Model of Transnational Relations
Sovereignty	Absolute	Flexible
War	Not excluded	Materially impossible
Customs	National	Common
Borders	National	Common external
Market	National	Internal
Citizenship	National	National plus European
Currency	National	Single
Democracy	National	National plus European
Internal Affairs	Non-interference	Supervision
Global Stage	Irrelevant	Major player

# Home in Maastricht





# Panel 1: Cross-border impact assessment

- Mr. Martin Unfried (ITEM)
- Mr. Eleftherios Stavropoulos (DG Regional and Urban Policy)
- Mr. Zintis Hermansons (ESPON EGTC)
- Dr. Hynek Böhm (Technical University of Liberec)
- Mr. Johan van der Valk (CBS)



## Panel 2: Recognition of qualifications

- Prof. Hildegard Schneider (ITEM)
- Mr. Justus de Hooge (Ministry of Education, Culture and Science)
- Mr. Lukas Schmüling (Bezirksregierung Düsseldorf)
- Mr. Konstantinos Tomaras (DG Grow)
- Ms. Julie Anderson (DG Education and Culture)
- Mr. Koen Nomden (DG Employment, social affairs, inclusion)

## Panel 3: Cross-border cooperation: governance future of cross-border regions

- Ms. Nathalie Verschelde (DG Regio)
- Ms. Sandra Sodini (EGTC GO)
- Ms. Nike Koloniaris (Bezirksregierung Köln)
- Mr. Claes Håkansson (Nordic Council of Ministers)
- Mr. Thiemo W. Eser (Ministry of Sustainable Development and Infrastructures, Luxembourg)



# Informationssessions

## 15.15-16.15

1. Cross-border impact assessment - **room JDE 2253**
2. Recognition of qualifications – **room JDE 3253**
3. Cross-border cooperation: governance future of cross-border regions – **room JDE52**



# Mr. Claes Håkansson

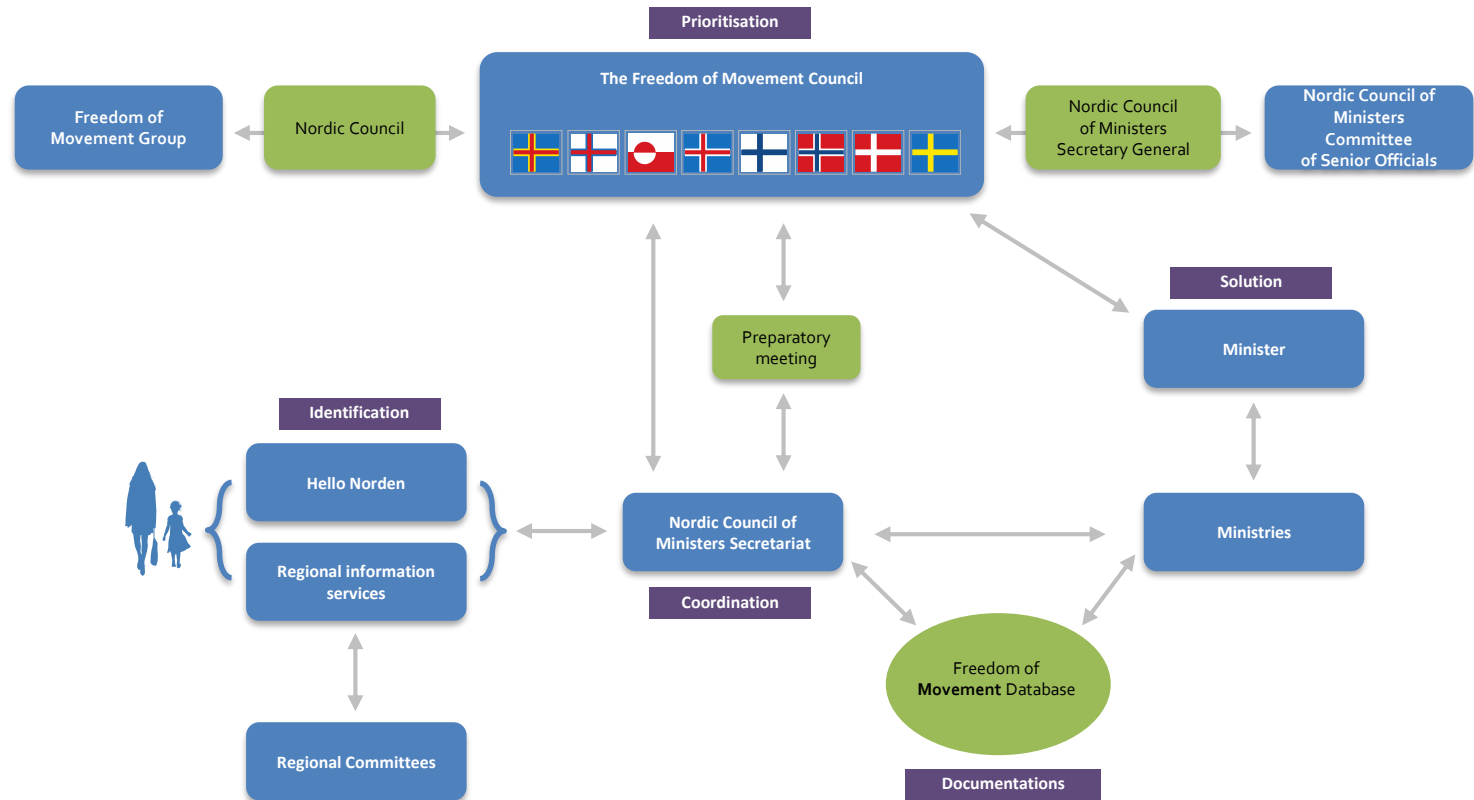
Senior advisor  
Nordic Council of Ministers



# Freedom of Movement Council



# The Freedom of Movement Council



## The Nordic Region

Five countries

Denmark, Norway,  
Sweden, Finland,  
Iceland

Three autonomous  
territories

The Faroe Islands,  
Greenland and Åland



# The Freedom of Movement Council 2014– 2021

At the initiative of the Nordic prime ministers, the Ministers of Nordic Cooperation established the Freedom of movement Council.

## **Members:**

*A unique composition of individuals with firm political, professional and administrative backgrounds.*

## **Eight national members**

The Nordic countries, Greenland, the Faroe Islands and Åland  
national member **prioritizes 3–5 border obstacles**

## **Two Nordic**

Secretary General of the Nordic Council of Ministers  
Representative from the Nordic Council

## **Meetings:**

One annual kickoff meeting.  
Four operational meetings.

*Each*



Kickoff-meeting, Snekkersten (DK), 18-19 February 2014

Image credit: Christiaan Dirksen

# The mandate – what is new?

## **Additional resolved cross-border obstacles**

We have gone from 5-10 to 8-12 per year

## **More political support**

The member of the Freedom of Movement Council can get support from the national government

## **Stronger network**

Members of the Freedom of Movement Council should build its own network and hold meetings based on the domestic need for it

## **More capability**

The member of the Freedom of Movement Council has the option of going directly to the concerned ministry to solve the cross—border obstacle

## **More freedom**

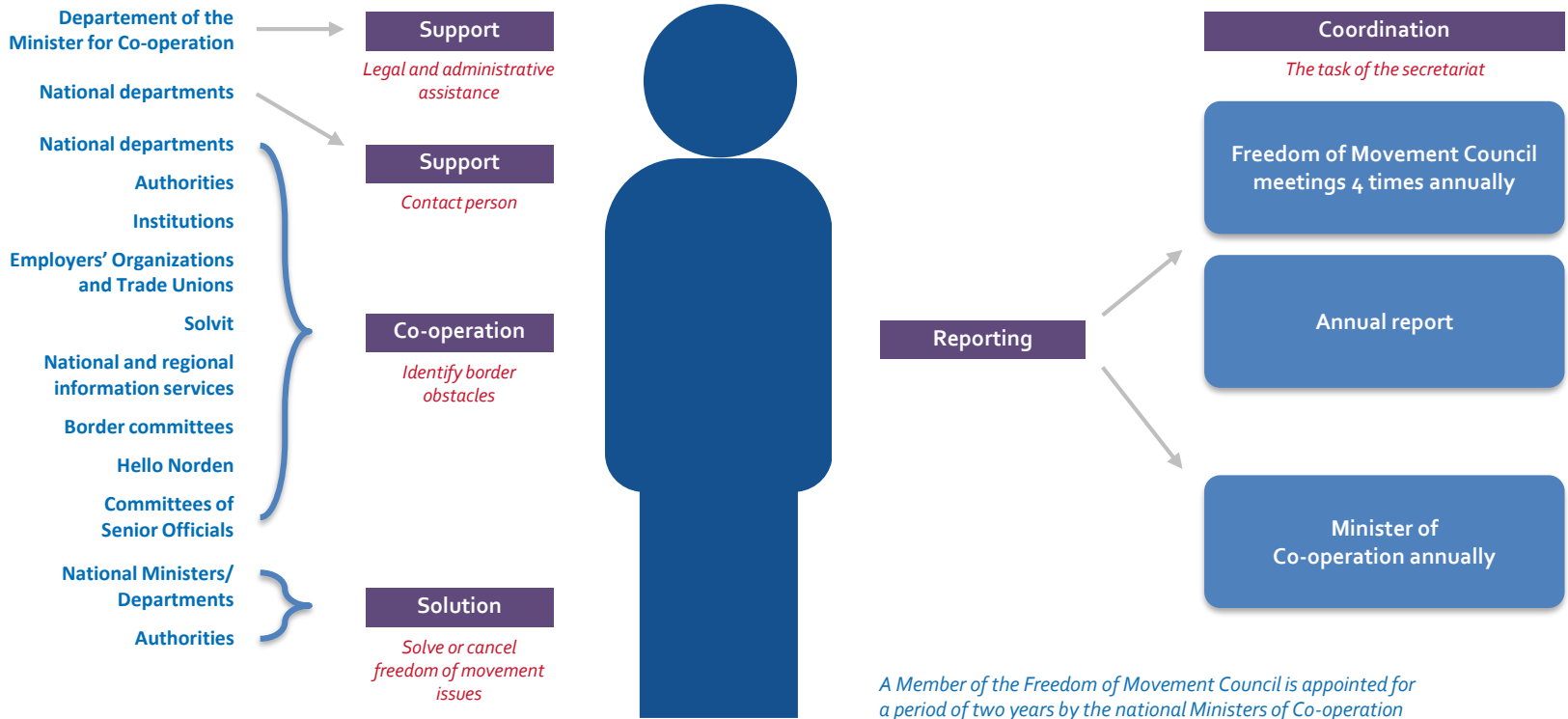
The member of the Freedom of Movement Council has a better possibility to act independently of national administration

## **More knowledge**

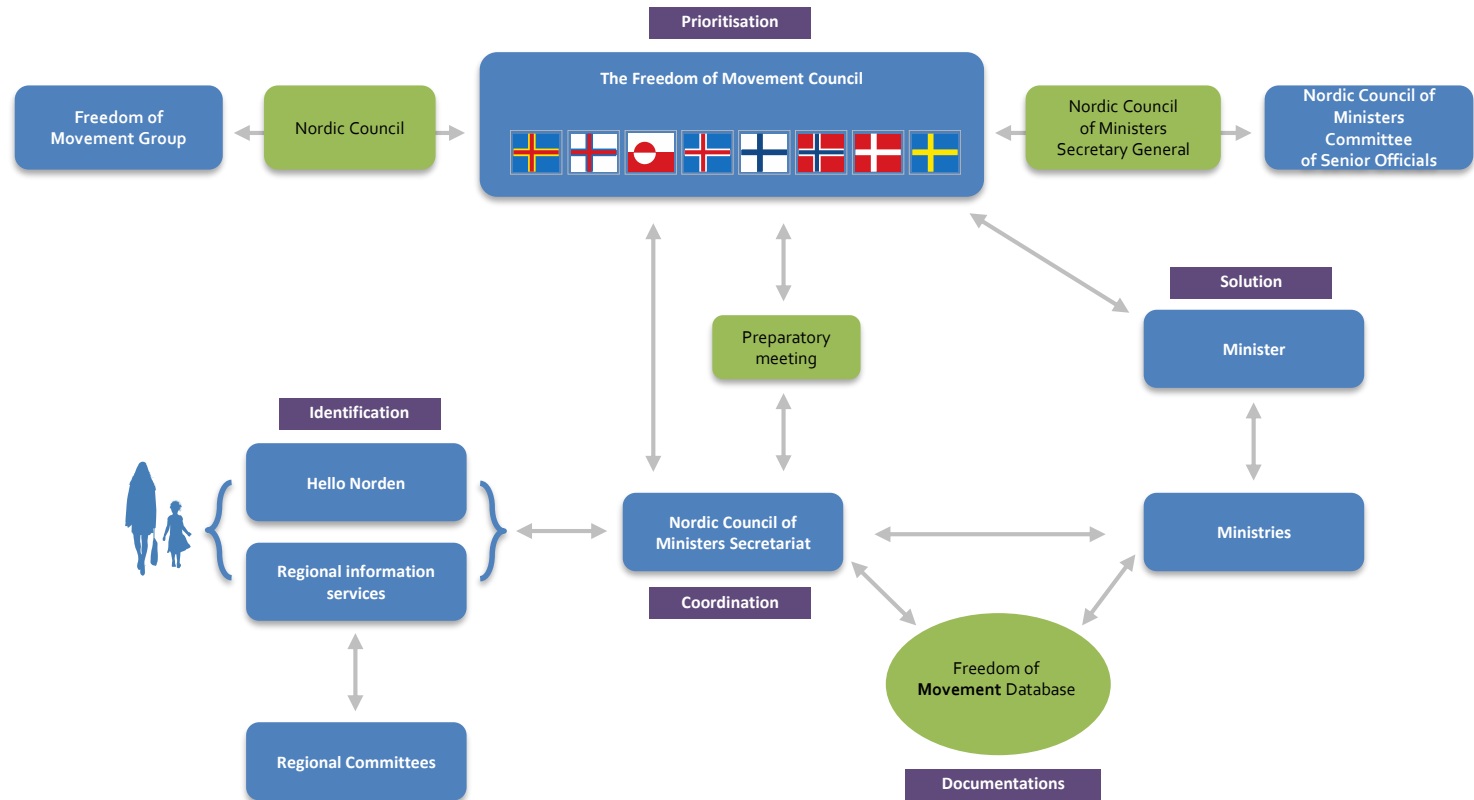
There is funding for inquires and analyses, if the member of the Freedom of Movement Council wishes to have such made

*The members of the Freedom of Movement Council has the impelling role in the work of getting national ministers and ministries to solve cross-border obstacles*

# Member of the Freedom of Movement Council



# The Freedom of Movement Council



# The Freedom of Movement Council annual report



Thanks.







# Mr. Thomas Antoine

## Secretary-General of the Benelux





We thank you for your attention!

Networking & Drinks  
17.00-18.00  
Atrium 5

