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University Alliance Inner Scandinavia UNISKA * 1998

- Karlstad University
- University College of Gjøvik
- University College of Hedmark
- University College of Lillehammer
- University College of Østfold, 1999
- University College Dalarna, 2000
- University College of Akershus, 2004



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UNISKA Partners, location





Long history of cooperation

- Started in the 60's with
 - Teacher training
 - Tourism
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- Major activities in the 90's; Interreg II-projects a new starting point
 - Master in Public Administration
 - Problem oriented learning on the web
 - 12 courses for competence development
 - Q-Learn



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Why UNISKA?

A present analyses shows

- Internationalization and globalization
 - competition for students, teachers, researchers and founding
 - growing offers of distance learning as courses and programs
- New actors on the educational arena
- Increasing demands and less recourses
- Receding demand for some subjects

Competition!! – A Demand for co-operation!!



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Objectives for UNISKA

- Strengthen the position of the individual member
- Get a more distinct presence; regionally, nationally and internationally
 - The Baltic countries
 - Europe
 - Africa
 - Asia



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Focus for UNISKA

- Networking
- Education
- Research and development
 - Cooperation between and inside subject areas
- Administration



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Means – network groups

- Top down - Support from the top management
- Bottom up – Engagement from subject areas
- Coordinators for inspiration and as facilitators

Existing networks

- Research
- Ph D studies
- Libraries
- Healthcare
- Engineering
- Language
- School development
- Working place as arena for learning
- ICT security



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How?

- Cooperation with the surrounding society
- UNISKA acts as a facilitator and an information broker
- The UNISKA coordinator is a local contact point



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Results

- Interreg projects UNISKA in Inner Scandinavia
- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Community Care
- Master of Innovation Management
- Course on International social insurance
- Trans Border Design
- Ph D programs -16 postgraduate students
- Open Ph D courses
- Student and teacher exchange programs
- A number of seminars and workshops
- Network groups



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Border Regional Network – competence development for growth and quality of life

- Interreg III A, Social fund
- Inner Scandinavia
- A 1, Knowledge and competence development



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Border Regional Network – competence development for growth and quality of life

Cooperation for social and environmental development – Target groups and main activities:

- Industry and administration
- Education, competence development and research
- UNISKA Energy Contest
- Brainstorming seminars
- Tailor made competence development
- Utilizing Innovations from research
- Evaluation



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Cooperation with Industry

Activities

- Industrial representatives in the project management
- Exchange of experiences between “Green houses” and Knowledge parks
- Trans border tasks for students
- HotSpot/EXPO with trans-border participation
- Trans border mentorship



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Activity groups

- Education and competence development
- Commercialization of results from research
- UNISKA Energy Contest
- Brainstorming seminars



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Education and Tailor made competence development

- As part of other regional activities
- Problem Oriented and Blended learning
- Build upon existing real competency
 - as qualification requirement
 - for lecturing and tutoring
- Part of Life-long-learning



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Innovations from Research

Cooperate with existing clusters for business and administration for dissemination of adapted information from research

- Employ readers searching, transforming and disseminating results from research from selected branches; adventure industry, environment and energy, packaging, services and administration
- Create meetings for information dissemination and group discussions on the regional relevance of presented results from research
- Website for support
- Regional Innovation systems



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UNISKA Energy Contest

Objectives

- Nominate the best new business idea in Inner Scandinavia within a defined sector
- Offer support for business development
- Jury

Focus

- Environment
- Small and Medium sized enterprises
- Regional relevance

Open for people living in Inner Scandinavia



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Brain storming seminars

Growth factors for setting up new industries

- Build upon experiences from Innovation Camp and the Brain Storming Seminar
- Establish meeting areas for business and academy
- Offer seminars followed by discussions
- Establish new “Green houses”



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MCC as an example

- two project managers (Norway and Sweden) very closely working together
- the project stated writing the syllabus and designing the program.
- the same syllabus was accepted by all six partner institutions – quite necessary as this was a receipt on that they accepted each others competence
- one project group with professors from the 6 partner institutions
- two student representatives who took part in the planning and evaluation meetings



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MCC as an example

- the program consists of four modules, each one with one Swedish and one Norwegian professor as managers
- members in the project group have also been responsible for the module which means that there has been a direct link between the project group and the teaching staff



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MCC as an example, cont.

- meetings with the project group normally has been arranged next to lectures and seminars to make it easier for the students to participate and for the professors to meet with all the students as well as taking part of cultural activities.
- all six partner institutions was involved in every module



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UNISKA 2007 and beyond

- A new agreement on cooperation was signed late 2006 focusing
 - Exchange programs for students, professors and staff
 - Practice
 - Writing papers
 - Education, preferably master programs, and research in
 - ICT and security
 - Health care
 - Environmental studies
 - School management
 - Design of distribution system for Electrical power
 - Tourism, culture, adventure – as an industry?



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UNISKA 2007 and beyond

- Cooperation on a European level
- Possibly to cooperate with other Interreg regions in Europe
- Thank you for listening – any questions?