



Nordregio seminar

Changes and sustainable development in the rural
arctic

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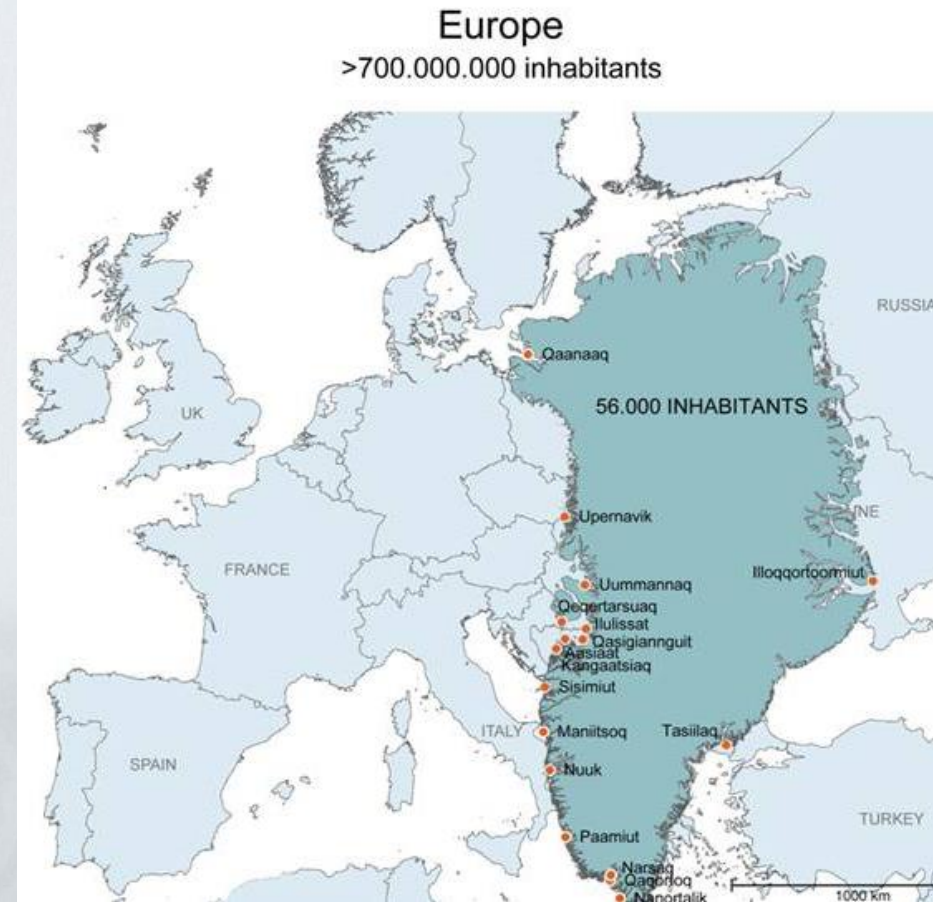
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GREENLAND – QUICK FACTS



- We are 56.370 inhabitants
- Greenland is 2,166,086 km² (the 12th largest country in the world)
- The population lives primarily along the westcoast and very spread.
- Nuuk is the Capital of Greenland with 17.000 inhabitants.
- 85 % of the population lives in (small) cities with more than 500 people.
- 15 % of the population lives in small settlements.
- 5 municipalities and 1 national park in the northeast.



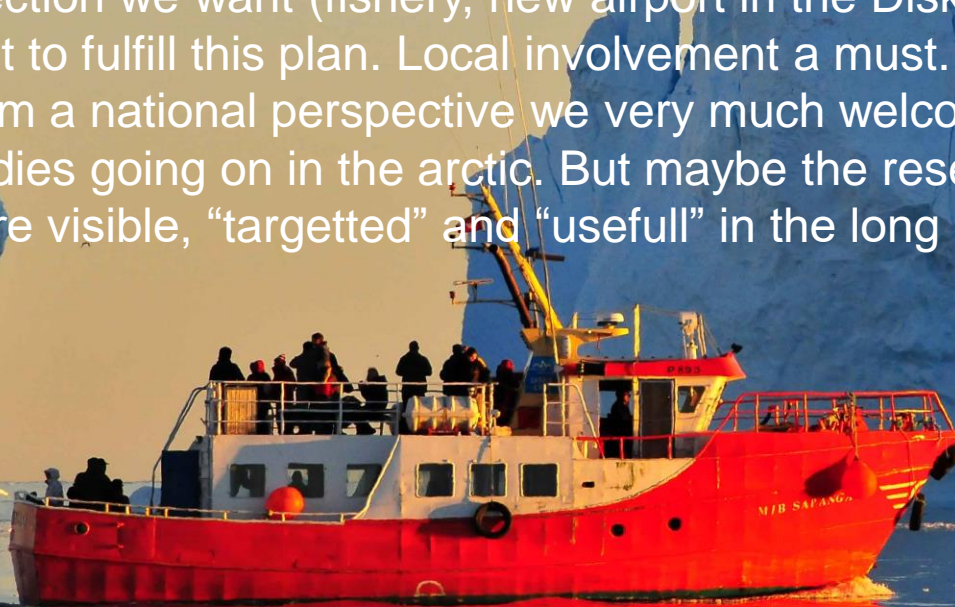
Coherent regional planning...



...needed if you want a sustainable development

Climate change are very visible than in the arctic. With the ice melting, a growing tourism industry and an overall increased activity and traffic in the Arctic it is important to focus on regional planning (and safety in the Arctic).

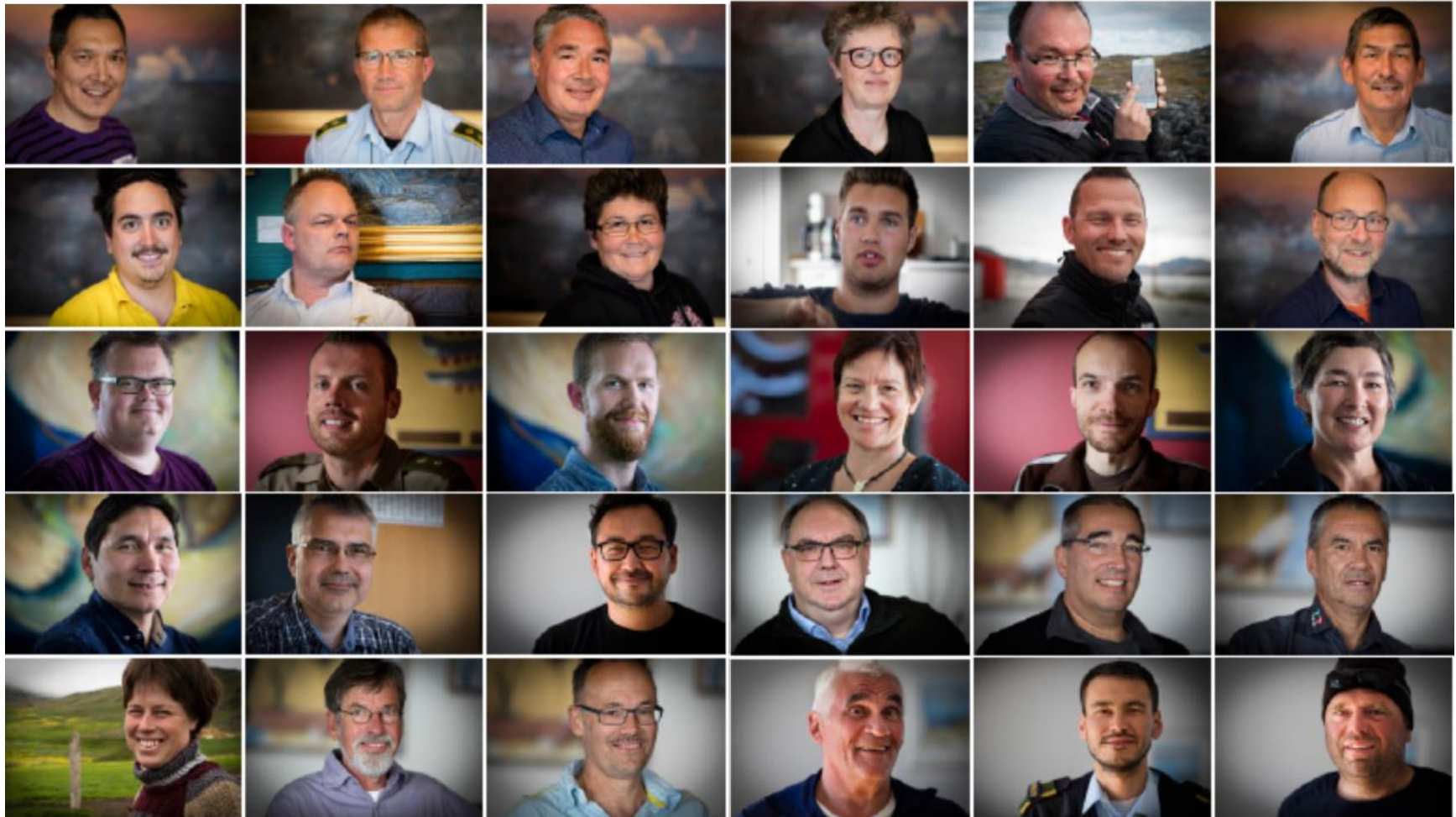
- If we want a sustainable development we need to define which change or conditions we can control or regulate and then make a plan for the direction we want (fishery, new airport in the Diskobay area) and try our best to fulfill this plan. Local involvement a must.
- From a national perspective we very much welcome all the reseach and studies going on in the arctic. But maybe the research could become more visible, “targetted” and “usefull” in the long run.



Involvement...



...and ownership



Coordination



We need a better co-ordination and a more holistic approach

- If we want any effect of our efforts we need to align or make sure that there is a coherence between the planning and initiatives on the national and local level. We need to coordinate the national sectorplans with the planning at the municipality level – and also government and administration with science and reseach.
- Many initiatives going on right now (indigenous municipality, NunaGIS)
- Can new data and information technology help to globally promote indigenous peoples rights, create economic growth and new solutions to the many challenges facing the people living in the Arctic?
- SDG 2030 agenda?

