WG05 Municipalities in Northern peripheries: Service provision – resilience – democracy

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WG05_1 Municipal structure and municipal reforms

May 23, 9:10 - 10:30 Room 6

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West Nordic municipal structure. Developments, reforms and future prospects.

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Experimental governance collaboration in Dutch rural peripheral areas

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Munipalities' amalgamation and interregional migration in Iceland

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Planning and plan-making in Volda, Norway

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WG05 2: Rural municipal services

May 23, 15:40 - 17:00 Room 3

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Towards a typology of rural municipalities in the Nordic Region (work in progress)

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The financial performance of rural municipalities in Iceland

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From Revival to Disillusion: Evidence on Democratic Participation in Lithuanian Municipalities

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Dichotomies of Knowledge, Power and Structure: Narratives of Preparedness and Emergency Services after the Lærdal Fire

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WG05_3: Local democracy and participation

May 24, 9:10-10:30 Room 1

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Streamlining operations of the municipalities in the wake of the economic crisis and their impact on the employees and local community.

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The role of rural community members within (un)engaging areas of service delivery

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Rural service provision through citizen initiatives: what is the recipe for success?

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Co-production or (co)-reduction? Addressing equality in service provision in large amalgamated Danish municipalities

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