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Norrköpings kommun

Norrköping's experience of working with Tampere

Norrköping and Tampere have been twin cities since 1946 and share a long history of collaboration. Norrköping's experience from this collaboration is that Tampere is an excellent city of innovation and an inspiring partner to work with.

Tampere dares to explore new ways to develop their city. One example is how they have developed their old industrial and business structure to meet new challenges, and the new way they have related business to the university.

The spirit of innovation is present in many areas in Tampere. The city's museums are very impressive in how the exhibitions reflect challenges in society and keeps cultural issues contemporary. Tampere has also worked with urban planning in an exciting way. Furthermore, they tend to discover and focus on the possibilities when we discuss the infrastructure of our respective cities. The methods Tampere uses in working with environmental issues or caring for the elderly are also good examples.

In conclusion, Tampere has been very successful in developing their municipality in many different areas. The city has a long tradition of innovation which Norrköping has been fortunate to be inspired by and learn from. It is therefore our pleasure to endorse Tampere's application to become the European Capital of Innovation.

Yours sincerely,

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