

Scandinavia/ North Sea BGD
(Blue Green Solutions)

in Stockholm as a collaboration
between KTH-SU

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- At KTH the host for the BGD initiative is the new department of sustainable development, which also includes environmental engineering and science.
- The BGD/BGS we see primarily from three perspectives, or under three interrelated topics of urban/regional development: i) planning, ii) water-coast system, iii) ecosystem services.
- Our prime goal now is to gather the regional stakeholders with a few national partners, toward a BGD/BGS Nordic gathering.

- Our current tentative plan is to have a regional/national meeting before summer and then a Nordic one in the fall.
- We would like to organize the regional/national meeting with CTH, possibly including Lund/Malmö, SLU and LuTH in Luleå. LuTH has an interesting Urban-Europe project going related to the old-new city of Kiruna in the north and focused on stormwater.

- The idea would be to jointly attract broad and complementary interests and perspectives on BGD/BGS with other Nordic countries.
- This would then be one part in the international BGD initiative as sketched out by Prof. Cedo Maksimovic.
- The Strong KTH link with University of Illinois (U-C), where we have several on-going comparative studies (MSc and PhD levels) on ecosystem services in cities of Chicago and Sthlm, that are naturally related to BDG/BGS.