

PNASTINA-project

Promotion of natural stone industry in the northern areas

Project objectives

The overall objective

Regional development of an operational environment for the development of small and medium size natural stone enterprises.

Detailed objectives

- Pointing out both environmentally and economically sustainable, good quality natural stone resources with geological exploration and its results.
- Creating a transferable regional business development and resource management concept to stimulate the development and increase of sustainable stone production and local entrepreneurship.
- Transferring and sharing best practises and know-how throughout the Northern Periphery area and stimulate co-operation across the borders.

Project partners

- Geological Survey of Sweden
- Geological Survey of Norway
- Geological Survey of Denmark and Greenland
- Pyhäjärven Kehityks Oy, Finland

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Time-frame

Start of project: Oct. 1st 2003

End of project: Dec. 31st 2005

Expected results

- New natural stone deposits to benefit the industry
- Database of natural stone resources, including also waste rock of natural stone production, in the project area to help companies in development of their operations and authorities in land use planning. This database can be later connected to other databases covering mineral resources.
- Practical co-operation within the region between enterprises, public authorities and project partners.
- Enterprise network of the project area connected with the local business development organisations and educational institutions.
- Employment and new entrepreneurship based on good quality stone resources and lifted quality grade of stone products.
- Enhanced total use (including waste rock) through new product innovations and improved resource exploitation planning.
- Network between enterprises, research organisations and educational institutions to exchange know-how and ideas of the development of natural stone sector in the conditions of northern areas. Emphasised are especially best practises and knowledge of the sustainable use of stone resources, reduction of waste material, and procedures of enterprise development.

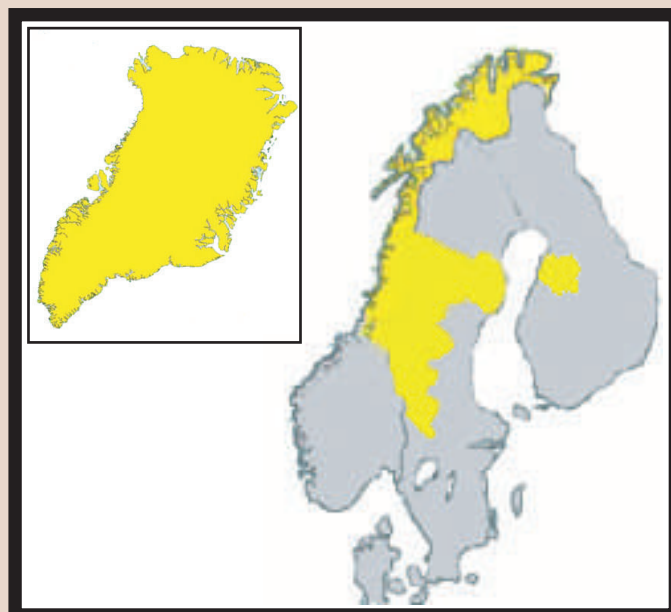
PNASTINA area

Sweden: Västerbotten, Jämtland, Dalarna (parts)

Norway: Nord-Trøndelag, Nordland, Troms, Finnmark

Greenland: Greenland (as a whole)

Finland: South-western part of Northern Ostrobothnia, sub regions of: Nivala-Haapajärvi, Siikalatva, Raahe, Ylivieska



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