

## Program for visit to Sweden in October 2021

### Monday | October 25th

**08.00** *Luxemburg arrival to Copenhagen airport*

**08.05** *Finland arrival to Copenhagen airport*

**09.00** *Chartered bus transport to Bäckaskog Castle - departs when everyone is on board 😊*

**11.30** *Arrival of international guests at Bäckaskog Castle*

**12.30** *Lunch Buffet*

**13.30-14.00** *Check-in to rooms (some rooms may be ready prior to this). Arrival of Swedish participants.*

**14.30** *We assemble in the conference hall*

- *Welcome from local leader executive managers Kerstin Hallenborg and Kristin Sjövall*
- *Short presentation of Swedish participants*
- *Finland and Luxemburg regions introduce themselves and their participants*
- *Project manager Erik Rosenblad presents the program for the visit*
- *Short presentation of the castle and practicalities*

**15.30** *“Fika” is served in conference hall (coffee-tea-cake)*

**16.00** *Keynote speaker: Erik Berg on Circular economy and community led local development*

*Erik Berg is an inspirational speaker and an architect, working with social mobilization and local economic development. He sees a promising future for communities that manage to connect producers and businesses to consumers on a local level and identify common interests between these groups, creating circular flows of resources on a closer geographical scale.*

**17.00** *Circular Quiz with mixed teams!*

**18.00** *Free time before dinner*

**19.00** *Two course dinner at the restaurant of Bäckaskog Castle*

### Tuesday | October 26th

**07.00** *Breakfast buffet*

**08.45** *Departure with chartered bus*

**09.30** *Visit at company Gårdsfisk at Maltesholm\**

*Fish farming on land that merges agriculture with pisciculture, and produces the first climate certified fish in the world. Circular stance with recycling of nutrients back to agricultural lands and utilization of waste heat for heating of water pools.*

[www.gardsfisk.se](http://www.gardsfisk.se)

**11.15** Departure

**12.00** Presentation on **Absolut Factory** in the town of Åhus, at Åhusgården

*The Absolut Vodka brand is one of Sweden's most well-known brands internationally. The factory and distillery that produces the Absolut range is situated in the Skånes Ess Leader region, in the town of Åhus. Absolut, and the present owner Pernod-Ricard is a large company, but the Absolut distillery is probably the most environmentally low-impact in the world with many circular flows, and both raw materials and glass for the bottles are locally sourced.*

[One Source Story on www.absolut.com](http://www.absolut.com)

[More about the Absolut distillery](#)

**13.30** Lunch at **Absolut Home** restaurant

*At the restaurant of Absolut Home, the visitor facility, the ingredients of the food are almost exclusively from the Åhus surroundings and the nearby Hanö gulf of the Baltic Sea.*

[www.absoluthome.com](http://www.absoluthome.com)

**14.45** Departure – on this trip we will also reveal the answers and winner of the Circular Quiz!

**16.00** Visit at company **Skånefrö** in Östra Tommarp\*

*Environmentally oriented seed company with circular perspective. Using residue from husking/cleaning of seeds for district heating and to make biochar. Waste heat from pyrolysis also goes in to district heating. Biochar used in projects to convert astro turf soccer fields into “natural” ones with healthy long-rooted grass.*

[www.skanefro.se](http://www.skanefro.se)

**17.00** Departure (to visit Skånefrö's pyrolysis plant in Hammenhög – 7km)

**18.00** Departure

**18.45** Dinner at restaurant **Fridens Gårdskrog** outside Kivik

*Rustic pizza restaurant with firewood oven. Sourdough pizzas with many local and organic ingredients. Wide variety of beers and serves apple juice produced at the adjacent apple farm. This is the place to relax from social media and calls – it is a mobile free establishment 😊*

[www.friden.nu](http://www.friden.nu)

**20.45** Departure for Bäckaskog Castle (approximately 1h drive)

## Wednesday | October 27th

**07.00** Breakfast buffet

**08.15** Checkout and departure with chartered bus

**09.00** Visit at **Alltmöjlighetverkstaden** in Broby\*

*This is a non-profit that, from a circular standpoint, is working with an interesting concept of re-use and redesign that also brings into perspective the need to “recycle” people – bringing people that have challenges finding jobs and fitting in to society, back into employment and a social context. In the workshops, participants repair/upcycle worn out items, and there is also a well-visited second-hand store.*

[www.amverkstaden.se](http://www.amverkstaden.se)

**10.15** Departure

**11.30** Visit and lunch at **Ecotopia** in Bondrum

*Ecotopia is an educational center for sustainable solutions. At Ecotopia, courses are held in organic farming, eco-building/straw bale construction, sustainable sewage and heating solutions etc. Here we will have lunch, listen to presentations, discuss, and get a guided tour.*

*Presentation 1: **Martin Behm**, working for the organization **Economy for the common good (ECG)**, whose economic model Ecotopia uses as a basis for their work, and founder of sustainability consultant firm **Make Thrive**. He will share insights into how businesses can evolve and reinvent their business models, services and strategies to create sustainable, competitive brands while serving the common good.*

*Presentation 2: **Karin Malmgren**, founder of Ecotopia. Karin will share some information of how Ecotopia functions, some examples of sustainable practices businesses can apply, and will bring us on a small tour to look at the sustainable and circular construction and energy technologies used at Ecotopia.*

[www.ecotopia.se/en/](http://www.ecotopia.se/en/)

**14.30** Farewell meet-up, time for goodbyes!

*A link to a web-based evaluation form will be handed out to the participants to complete on the way back home (or when you are safe back home).*

**15.00** Departure for Kastrup Airport CPH

\* At these visits/stops some refreshments or “fika” will be served.



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ja kiertovierailulle!**



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Visite!**