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# Nordic Singapore Innovation Days 2025

Delegation Presentation



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In October, a Nordic delegation will travel to Singapore to take part in Nordic Singapore Innovation Days 2025. The delegation will include founders, investors, family offices, incubators, and public innovation agencies from across the Nordic countries, all with a strong focus on climate impact, deep tech, and cross-border collaboration.

Over several days, participants will gain first-hand insights into Singapore's dynamic innovation ecosystem. The program includes visits to key actors, opportunities to share knowledge with peers, and activities designed to strengthen long-term ties between the Nordic and Singaporean innovation landscapes.

Central to the agenda are thematic events, networking sessions, and matchmaking activities that connect startups, corporates, and investors. These interactions aim to create concrete opportunities for collaboration, while also providing a deeper understanding of how innovation is driven in both regions.

Nordic Singapore Innovation Days serves as a platform where Nordic and Singaporean actors meet to exchange perspectives and lay the groundwork for future partnerships in green and sustainable innovation.

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## Vinnova

Vinnova is Sweden's innovation agency. For us, innovation is about bold thinking and doing things differently to improve people's lives and our planet. We believe innovation is needed everywhere in society. This will make Sweden competitive and our world a different place. Vinnova is a government agency under the Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation, and the national contact authority for the EU framework programme for research and innovation. We're also the Swedish Government's expert authority in innovation policy.

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## SISP

Swedish Incubators and Science Parks (SISP) is Sweden's industry association for incubators and science parks. Through strong collaboration between members (incubators and science parks) and Sweden's leading universities, innovations offices, holding companies, private sector actors, public organizations, and customers, SISP aim to develop the world's most effective innovation ecosystem to tackle today's biggest challenges.

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## Ignite Sweden

Ignite Sweden is a non-profit program that aims at catalyzing commercial partnerships between startups, large companies and the public sector. Since 2017, it has tailored more than 7000 matchmaking meetings between 1700+ startups and 400+ corporates and public organizations, resulting in over 610 commercial collaborations. The program is led by SISP - Swedish Incubators & Science Parks, and co-funded by Vinnova and Energimyndigheten.

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## Startup Estonia

Startup Estonia is a governmental initiative aimed at developing Estonia's startup ecosystem and positioning it as one of the most vibrant in Europe. The initiative supports founders by strengthening the local environment, providing access to resources, and fostering connections between startups, investors, and international partners. Startup Estonia's mission is to make Estonia the best place to launch, grow, and scale innovative companies.

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## Business Finland

Business Finland helps customer companies grow and succeed globally by developing future-oriented solutions and boldly renewing business operations. The organization fosters collaboration between companies and research groups, enabling the creation of international business ecosystems. Business Finland's mission is to make Finland the most attractive and competitive innovation environment.

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# Co-organisers

## Business Sweden

Business Sweden is commissioned by the Government and the Swedish industry to help Swedish companies grow global sales and international companies to invest, expand and collaborate in Sweden. With networks at all levels, it offers strategic advice, information and hands-on support in more than 40 of the world's most attractive markets. Business Sweden, the Swedish Trade and Invest Council, is jointly owned by the Swedish government and the Swedish industry.

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## Nordic Innovation House

Nordic Innovation House is a collaborative initiative representing the Nordic countries, serving as a bridge between the Nordic region and global innovation hotspots. Supported by Nordic Innovation, the organization brings Nordic entrepreneurship, values, and business practices to the global innovation ecosystem. Nordic Innovation House unites the most forward-thinking entrepreneurs, fostering connections and collaboration.

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# Supporting Partners

## Enterprise Singapore

Enterprise Singapore is the government agency championing enterprise development. It also supports the growth of Singapore as a hub for global trading and startups.

With Enterprise Singapore's global network in over 35 locations spanning many developed and emerging markets, it connects businesses with relevant Singapore companies for their business expansion.

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## SGInnovate

SGInnovate is a Deep Tech ecosystem builder and investor, backed by the Singapore Government. Their expertise and approach combines investments, talent development and community-building to catalyse the translation of emerging technologies into tomorrow's opportunities.

Through their flagship Deep Tech Central platform, SGInnovate connect individuals, founders and companies to specialised resources and opportunities across all technological domains and stages of growth. Their investment portfolio of emerging tech startups comprises some of the most promising companies leading the commercialisation of research developed from Singapore's RIE ecosystem.

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## EDB

The Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB) is a government agency under the Ministry of Trade and Industry, responsible for driving Singapore's sustainable economic growth. EDB partners with global companies, investors, and innovators to create new business opportunities and strengthen Singapore's position as a leading hub for investment and innovation. Its mission is to foster a vibrant economy that creates good jobs and enhances Singapore's global competitiveness.

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## Embassy of Sweden in Singapore

The Embassy of Sweden in Singapore promotes bilateral relations, trade, and cultural exchange between Sweden and Singapore, supporting Swedish businesses and citizens abroad.

[Website](#)

## Embassy of Denmark in Singapore

The Embassy of Denmark in Singapore works to promote Danish interests, trade, and innovation partnerships, while also assisting Danish citizens in the region.

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## Embassy of Estonia in Singapore

The Embassy of Estonia in Singapore strengthens diplomatic, economic, and innovation ties, helping Estonian companies and fostering collaboration across Southeast Asia.

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## Embassy of Finland in Singapore

The Embassy of Finland in Singapore advances Finland's economic, political, and cultural cooperation with Singapore and the wider region, supporting companies and citizens.

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## Swedish Chamber of Commerce Singapore (SwedCham)

SwedCham Singapore connects Swedish companies and professionals in Singapore, fostering business opportunities, networking, and dialogue with local partners.

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# Activity Overview

## **October 27: Networking Dinner**

Mingle and networking at the Estonian Business Hub.

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## **October 28: Site visits**

Ecosystem Immersion: Site Visits to key Singaporean innovation actors.  
Nordic Singapore Innovation Party

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## **October 29: Inauguration Day at SWITCH**

Inauguration of Nordic Innovation Days conference and panel discussions with key actors from The Nordics and Singapore ecosystem.  
Cultural experience: Lau Pa Sat & River cruise

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## **October 30: Matchmakings**

Corporate and investor matchmaking session with 1:1 meetings to discuss potential business collaborations. Investor round table discussions on topics including innovation, investment, startup and a greener tomorrow.  
Nordic Ambassador Reception

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## **October 31: SWITCH**

Participation in SWITCH – Singapore's premier innovation event & IPI's TechInnovation  
Marina Barrage visit



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## Fredrik Sandberg, Prime Minister's Office

*Senior Director – Sweden*

Fredrik Sandberg is a senior adviser at the Government Offices of Sweden, focusing on gov tech, innovation policy, digitalization, and data as a strategic resource. With a background spanning start-ups, international companies, and government, he has deep expertise in product development, software, and business development. Fredrik holds an M.Sc. in Industrial Engineering and Management and brings strong insight into telecom, media, and other international sectors.

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## Boel Swartling, FEMBRIS Ventures

*Founder, Investor - Sweden*

Boel Swartling is a founder, investor, and board professional with deep experience in cleantech and sustainable innovation. She has founded and scaled technology companies, served on the boards of industrial and tech ventures, and advises private equity firms focused on brown-to-green transitions. In addition to her investment activities, she is engaged with Sting, Sweden's largest incubator, supporting founders on their journey from idea to scaleup. Her work spans capital markets, industrial transformation, and entrepreneurial coaching, giving her a unique perspective as both investor and ecosystem builder.

**Motivation:** Boel joins NSID to strengthen Nordic–Singapore ties in cleantech and explore new opportunities for climate-positive investments, drawing on her dual perspective as both founder and investor.

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## Karl Lindoff, Scania VC

*Investment Associate – Sweden*

Karl Lindoff is an Investment Associate at Scania, where he co-leads Scania Invest, the company's corporate venture capital arm. With a background in finance and business from both Sweden and the United States, as well as consulting experience in the defense and security sector, Karl has built a strong foundation in strategic analysis and international business development. At Scania, he focuses on identifying and supporting ventures that can drive the transformation of transport and mobility.

**Motivation:** Karl sees NSID as an opportunity to connect with leading investors, corporates, and startups in one of the world's most dynamic innovation hubs, strengthening Scania's international outlook and investment strategy.

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## Johan Lassing, Qamcom Group AB

*CEO – Sweden*

Johan Lassing is CEO of Qamcom Group AB. Holding a PhD in Communication Systems from Chalmers University of Technology, he has led Qamcom in building a strong reputation as a deeptech company bridging research and industry. With a passion for applied science and innovation, Johan focuses on turning cutting-edge research into real-world impact.

**Motivation:** Johan takes part in NSID to explore collaborations in deeptech and applied research, and to connect with Singaporean partners for joint development projects.

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## Jonas Sandberg, Qamcom Group AB

*Founder, Business Development – Sweden*

Jonas Sandberg is an entrepreneur and founder at Qamcom Group AB. With extensive experience in technology-driven ventures and business development, he has built a strong track record of transforming advanced research into industrial applications. He combines strategic insight with entrepreneurial drive to expand Qamcom's portfolio into international markets.

**Motivation:** Jonas joins NSID to explore expansion opportunities in Asia and to present Qamcom's offerings within advanced technology and applied research to new partners.

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## Mart Maasik, Nordic Science Investments

### Partner – Estonia

Mart Maasik is Partner at Nordic Science Investments, a venture capital investor and innovation ecosystem leader. With a strong background in empowering science-driven startups, he brings experience in bridging academia, entrepreneurship, and capital to accelerate deeptech growth.

**Motivation:** Mart participates in NSID to strengthen cross-border investment opportunities and to support Nordic and Baltic science-based startups in scaling globally.

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## Josefina Sonnhammer, Science Park Gotland

### *Head of Startup Incubation – Sweden*

Josefina Sonnhammer is a serial entrepreneur turned ecosystem builder, with experience from Klarna, Deloitte, and several startup ventures. Today, she leads the incubation programs at Science Park Gotland, where she supports founders in developing sustainable and scalable companies from a regional hub perspective. Her focus is on enabling early-stage entrepreneurs to succeed while strengthening innovation outside capital city regions.

**Motivation:** Josefina joins NSID to exchange knowledge on ecosystem development, learn from Singapore's approach to innovation and urban resilience, and build international bridges for early-stage companies.

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## Darius Sarka, Norrköping Science Park

*Program and Project Manager – Sweden*

Darius Sarka is Program and Project Manager at Norrköping Science Park, where he leads cross-border projects supporting scaleups with internationalization. With academic training in political science and international strategy, he has worked on EU programs, sustainability initiatives, and studies for the Swedish Energy Agency. His expertise lies in logtech, sustainable growth, and innovation-driven export support.

**Motivation:** Darius joins NSID to strengthen ties with Singapore as a priority market, develop new collaborations, and bring practical learnings back to Nordic scaleups.

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## Catharina Sandberg, LEAD Business Incubator

*CEO – Sweden*

Catharina Sandberg is the CEO of LEAD Business Incubator in Linköping and Norrköping – a deep-tech incubator closely connected to Linköping University. LEAD is a national leader in supporting startups to build sustainable and scalable businesses and has launched Sweden's first dual-use accelerator program. Under her leadership, LEAD has also been selected as Sweden's national node for NATO DIANA.

Motivation: Catharina joins NSID 2025 to share insights from supporting B2B deep-tech and dual-use startups, and to connect with other incubators, accelerators, and organizations driving innovation across sectors.

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## Camilla Johansson, QSIP / Chalmers Industriteknik

*Director – Sweden*

Dr. Camilla Johansson is Director of the Swedish Innovation Platform for Quantum Technology (QSIP) and Group Manager for Innovation Management at Chalmers Industriteknik. With a PhD in materials science, she has extensive experience in national competence centers and EU-funded projects supporting research utilization.

**Motivation:** Camilla participates in NSID to build international partnerships in quantum technology, coinciding with an MoU signing in Singapore, and to connect with leading stakeholders in science and innovation.

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## Magnus Rehn, STING

*Investor, Board Member, Business Coach – Sweden*

Magnus Rehn is a member of the board of STING, one of Sweden's leading incubators and accelerators. As a chairman of several deeptech companies, primarily in the climate area he brings extensive experience from the startup to scaleup phases for sustainable solutions. He brings long experience from a multitude of tech industries where disruptive ideas have changed the respective industry. As the co-founder of a global company and engagement with many entrepreneurs contributing to rapid growth or instrumental in turn-around missions. In addition to his investment activities, he has been a business coach for more than 50 companies at Sting as well as BGI in Portugal.

He has extensive experience in supporting entrepreneurs and guiding startups through business development, scaling strategies, and investor readiness.

Motivation: Magnus participates in NSID to strengthen STING's international ties and to explore opportunities for Nordic startups to connect with Singapore's innovation ecosystem.

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## Anna Söderlund – Movexum

*Business Coach – Sweden*

Anna is a Registered Nurse with specializations in midwifery, geriatrics, psychiatry, pediatrics, and somatics. She has transitioned into the innovation ecosystem as a business coach at Movexum, supporting startups in their growth journeys.

**Motivation:** Movexum would like to join the Nordic Singapore Innovation Days to broaden its international network, strengthen collaborations, and explore opportunities for startups within the health and innovation ecosystem.

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# Kädi Ristkok, Cleantech Estonia & Cleantech for Baltics

*CEO – Estonia*

Kädi Ristkok leads both Cleantech Estonia and Cleantech for Baltics, playing a pivotal role in advancing the clean technology sector across the region. With experience in climate policy, sustainable business, and ecosystem building, she works to connect industry, investors, and policymakers to accelerate the green transition.

**Motivation:** Kädi joins NSID to link the Baltic cleantech ecosystem with Singapore's globally recognized innovation landscape and to explore opportunities for scaling climate-positive technologies internationally.

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## Ragmar Saksing, Estonian Maritime Cluster

### *General Manager – Estonia*

Ragmar Saksing is General Manager of the Estonian Maritime Cluster, representing more than 60 companies and contributing significantly to Estonia's economy. With a background in marine biology and nearly two decades in technology and cleantech, he has led startups, corporates, and large-scale innovation projects. He specializes in building visionary strategies, guiding teams, and scaling environmentally friendly technologies across industries. Today, Ragmar focuses on accelerating the maritime sector's green transition and bridging Nordic innovation with global markets.

**Motivation:** Through NSID, Ragmar aims to expand international cooperation in sustainable maritime innovation and connect with Singaporean partners to co-develop scalable solutions for the global green transition.

**Networks:** Ministries, ports, universities, R&D institutions, EU clusters, innovation alliances.

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## Pirko Konsa, Tartu Science Park

*Executive Board Member - Estonia*

Pirko Konsa is a board member at Tartu Science Park, contributing to the development of Estonia's innovation ecosystem. He has long-standing experience in science-based entrepreneurship and ecosystem management.

**Motivation:** Pirko joins NSID to represent Tartu's ecosystem and to explore international opportunities for collaboration with Singaporean innovation actors.

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## Mark-Emil Talivere, City of Tallinn

*Head of Innovation - Estonia*

Mark-Emil Talivere serves as Head of Innovation at the City of Tallinn, where he oversees urban innovation strategies and digital transformation projects. He plays a key role in building partnerships that strengthen Tallinn's position as a smart city.

**Motivation:** Mark-Emil participates in NSID to exchange experiences in smart city development and to build connections with Singapore's urban innovation leaders.

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## Miikka Neuvonen, Business Vantaa

### *Startup Ecosystem Manager – Finland*

Miikka Neuvonen has spent nearly a decade building startup ecosystems, following his own entrepreneurial journey. With a background in sports and international experience across Europe, Miikka now manages startup ecosystem initiatives in Vantaa, focusing on enabling growth, networking, and global collaboration.

**Motivation:** Miikka takes part in NSID to expand Vantaa's connections to Southeast Asia, explore collaboration opportunities, and support Nordic startups in accessing Singapore's innovation ecosystem.

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## Sami Puttonen, Business Tampere

### *Project Manager – Finland*

Sami Puttonen is a business development expert and project manager at Business Tampere, where he drives international growth projects for startups and SMEs. With a background as a founder and strong expertise in public-private partnerships, Sami focuses on green transition opportunities and international expansion.

**Motivation:** Sami takes part in NSID to promote Tampere-based companies, particularly those aligned with Singapore's Green Plan 2030, and to identify concrete pathways for market entry and partnerships.

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## Lotta Partanen, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland / VTT LaunchPad

*Head of Incubation and Acceleration - Finland*

I am an innovation leader passionate about building science-based startups for global category leadership. Since founding VTT LaunchPad in 2019, we have created 14 funded spinoffs with a combined market value of ~0.5 BEUR. Earlier, I held innovation roles with leading tech companies, shaping new business opportunities and future strategies at the crossroads of customers, foresight, technology and design.

I hold two MAs in Art and Design and a certificate in strategic foresight, and grew up and studied in seven countries. At VTT, I am responsible for incubating new companies and accelerating growth firms in strategic verticals. On this trip, I look forward to learning best practices from Singapore's startup ecosystem and meeting science startup investors focused on Seed to Series A.

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## Sarita Blomqvist, DIMECC / Metaverse Finland Ecosystem

*Ecosystem Facilitator – Finland*

Sarita Blomqvist is Ecosystem Facilitator at DIMECC Oy, where she drives collaboration in the metaverse field. With 20 years of experience in media, journalism, and international collaboration, she is passionate about connecting people and ideas to create long-term impact.

**Motivation:** Sarita participates in NSID to represent the Finnish Metaverse Ecosystem and to build international partnerships that can support the growth of immersive technologies.

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## Sindre Bornstein, Nordic Innovation

*CEO – Norway*

Sindre Stemshaug Bornstein is CEO of Nordic Innovation, an institution under the Nordic Council of Ministers working to promote cross-border innovation and sustainable growth across the Nordic region. He brings long experience in building international collaborations, supporting ecosystems, and driving policy for innovation and entrepreneurship.

**Motivation:** Sindre participates in NSID to engage with the Singaporean innovation ecosystem, foster Nordic-Asian collaboration, and highlight opportunities for Nordic startups and scaleups in Southeast Asia.

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## Nils Arne Haagenzen, Nordic Innovation

*Senior Communication Adviser – Norway*

Nils Arne Haagenzen is Senior Communication Adviser at Nordic Innovation, where he works to strengthen visibility and engagement across Nordic initiatives. Based in Oslo, he brings experience in communication strategy, stakeholder collaboration, and cross-border innovation projects.

**Motivation:** Nils Arne participates in NSID as part of the Nordic Innovation team, supporting the joint mission to accelerate international collaboration and showcase Nordic strengths in green and deeptech innovation.

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## Håkan Lind, Nordic Innovation

*Senior Advisor – Norway*

20+ years' experience in technology, business development, and international relations. Worked in Sweden, Norway, and Africa. At Nordic Innovation, focuses on internationalization and capital attraction.

**Motivation:** Strengthen Nordic presence in Singapore, connect with innovation partners, attract investments.

**Networks:** Nordic Innovation House, Nordic cooperation platforms.

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## Peter Johansen, Nordic Asian Venture Alliance (NAVA)

*Founder – Denmark*

Peter Johansen is Founder of the Nordic Asian Venture Alliance (NAVA) and has spent 15 years promoting Nordic–Asian collaboration. Through Asia House in Copenhagen, he has launched initiatives such as Innovation Lab Asia and built strong connections between Nordic and Asian innovation ecosystems.

**Motivation:** Peter takes part in NSID to showcase NAVA's latest initiatives and to explore opportunities to scale Nordic–Asian collaboration into Singapore.

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## Honar Abdollahi, Asia House Denmark / EAC Foundation

*Head of Youth Initiatives – Denmark*

Honar Abdollahi is Head of Youth Initiatives at Asia House Denmark and the EAC Foundation. With over 15 years of experience in education, talent development, and youth engagement, she has worked with UNESCO, EU projects, and Danish universities. Her work focuses on creating international opportunities for young people and fostering cross-cultural collaborations.

**Motivation:** Honar joins NSID to explore Singaporean collaborations in youth, education, and sustainability, and to share learnings with Nordic partners.

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## Audronė Janulaitytė, Innovation Agency Lithuania

*GreenTech Hub Coordinator – Lithuania*

Audronė Janulaitytė coordinates the GreenTech Hub at Innovation Agency Lithuania, leading initiatives to help companies transition toward renewable energy and circular economy practices. With a Master's degree in innovation management, she combines academic expertise with hands-on experience from the cleantech sector.

**Motivation:** Audronė participates in NSID to strengthen Lithuania's role in international cleantech collaboration and to open new opportunities for Baltic startups in Southeast Asia.

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## Dr Marija Meisutovic-Akhtarieva, Innovation Agency Lithuania

*Global Head of Sector - Lithuania*

I am a Doctor of Environmental Engineering science. As a researcher, I focus on air quality and aerosol dynamics and sustainability issues. I have ten years of expertise in social activities and study. During my PhD, I gained valuable experience in nanotechnologies and in measuring air quality, including the assessment of numerous contaminants such as volatile organic compounds (VOCs), carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), and particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>1</sub>). I have a strong background in air emissions modelling and reporting. As well as I have experience in modelling of odours emissions and measuring odours by dynamic olfactometer method. I am deeply committed to advancing sustainability through scientific research, interdisciplinary collaboration, and the development of innovative solutions to environmental challenges

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## Ebrahim Balouji – EcoPhi AB

*CEO & Founder – Sweden*

Dr. Ebrahim Balouji is an acclaimed innovator and entrepreneur in the field of electrical power engineering and deep machine learning. Holding dual Ph.D. degrees from Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden, and Gazi University, Turkey, Dr. Balouji's expertise lies in AI applications for power systems. His academic and professional pursuits have earned him numerous accolades, including the Skapa Prize, the IEEE Transaction on Industry Applications Outstanding Paper Award, and recognitions from the Swedish Energy Agency and ABB. Dr. Balouji's contributions to the industry are further highlighted by his extensive list of patents and research publications, cementing his reputation as a leader in renewable energy and AI technology.

Motivation: To learn more about the innovation ecosystem in Singapore, and if possible meet with electric utilities from the region.

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## Alvaro Morales Lopez – Akira Science

*CEO & Founder – Sweden*



I hold a PhD in Additive Manufacturing with a focus on bioprocessing applications and have co-invented multiple patents in this field. As CEO of Akira Science, I lead the development of bioresorbable, 3D-printed implants for soft tissue regeneration, combining strategic leadership with deep technical expertise. I've successfully driven innovations from lab-scale research to commercial-ready products, fostering collaborations with leading academic and industry partners. My passion is advancing sustainable, patient-centered healthcare solutions worldwide.

Motivation: I am eager to join this program to create business opportunities and foster collaborations that accelerate innovation in the medical and sustainable fields. My main interest lies in bioresorbable materials, 3D printing, and sustainable solutions for reconstructive surgery. I aim to connect with investors, corporates, research institutions, and healthcare innovators who share a vision for patient-centered, cost-effective technologies. Engaging with organizations driving clinical translation and regulatory pathways would be particularly valuable to scale our impact globally.

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## Tor Einar Norbakk – Svenska Aerogel

*CEO – Sweden*

Tor Einar Norbakk is CEO of Svenska Aerogel Holding AB with over 25 years of international leadership experience. He has led the transformation of the company from a researchdriven organization into a marketoriented scale-up with global customers, strategic partnerships, and establish investor support. Throughout his career, he has led largescale transformations, built high-performing teams, and secured significant investments. With a background in engineering and business, he is recognized for driving innovation and sustainable growth.

I am participating to present our novel deep-tech technology for producing advanced materials with aerogel properties in a highly efficient and disruptive way. We already see strong traction in the building and construction sector, transport, and process industries, with vast potential beyond these fields. Our silica-based material offers a wide range of benefits, from lightweight and thermal insulation to fire resistance and controlled release mechanisms. Equally important is building a strong investor network to support our growth, and I look forward to meeting and learning from the full startup and scaleup ecosystem.

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## Frederick Hultman – Buddywise

*Head of Sales – Sweden*

As a professional with years of experience in the Swedish tech startup scene, I build high-performing teams to achieve record growth. I pride myself on innovation, delivering impactful tech solutions for complex business challenges across diverse industries. A certified innovation expert and AI enthusiast, I am passionate about creating value, fostering collaborative growth, and championing workplace safety.

Motivation: I want to join Nordic Singapore Innovation Days 2025 to represent Buddywise and explore opportunities for collaboration in industrial safety and innovation. My main interest is in scaling workplace safety technologies internationally, and I look forward to meeting organisations and partners focused on digital transformation, safety, and future-of-work solutions.

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## Kasper Bourdette – Acorai

*Co-founder & COO – Sweden*

With a masters degree from the Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, Kasper has 7+ years of experience as a management consultant. As a co-founder of Acorai, he leads operations and commercial strategy.

Motivation: Acorai's non-invasive cardiac and pulmonary pressure monitor is a unique solution to manage the >64m patients suffering from heart failure globally.

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## Johan Nellbeck – Hydrogen Lift AB

*Chairman of the Board, Sweden*

Johan Nellbeck is Chairman of the Board at Hydrogen Lift AB, an early-stage startup developing sustainable hydrogen solutions. Based on his broad leadership and industry experience, he supports the company's journey in advancing innovation for the emerging hydrogen economy.

**Motivation:** Johan participates in NSID to explore international collaboration opportunities, connect with partners, and accelerate Hydrogen Lift's growth in Southeast Asia.

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## Karl Pärtel – RAIKU Packaging

*CEO – Estonia*

Karl is a cleantech entrepreneur and co-founder of startups (RAIKU, Myceen), accelerators (Beamline Accelerator, EIT CKIC Estonia), and funds (Little Green Fund). With a background in Innovation Management and Industrial Ecology, he is currently leading RAIKU, a sustainable packaging company supported by the EIC Accelerator, LVMH Accelerator, and multiple global awards.

Motivation: Karl is joining NSID to expand RAIKU's network and business operations in Asia, connect with market players, and engage with Singaporean investors as the company prepares to close its upcoming Series A round.

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## Terje Eichelmann – LightCode Photonics

*Founder – Estonia*

I'm the Co-Founder and CCO/COO of LightCode Photonics, where we're redefining how machines see the world through innovative 3D vision technology. With a background in psychology and business, I bring a people-centric approach to scaling deep-tech innovation—bridging strategy, culture, and growth. My journey across corporate and startup ecosystems has fueled my passion for building purposeful teams and grow business with clarity, courage, and impact.

Motivation: I wish to join the delegation to Singapore to explore collaboration and investment opportunities in deep-tech and vision sensing innovation. As Co-Founder and CCO/COO of LightCode Photonics, I'm focused on expanding global partnerships, especially with mobility, robotics, and defense ecosystem leaders. Singapore's innovation-driven environment aligns perfectly with our mission to transform 3D vision technology and scale internationally.

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## Heigo Mõlder – Mindchip OÜ

*CEO – Estonia*

Heigo Mõlder is CEO of MindChip OÜ and a researcher at Tallinn University of Technology. Combining academic research with entrepreneurship, he leads MindChip's development of innovative technologies and brings strong experience from both the startup and research ecosystems.

**Motivation:** Heigo joins NSID to participate in business matchmaking, build collaborations with Singaporean partners, and strengthen MindChip's international presence in deeptech innovation.

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## Igor Bogdanov – VARCUS Solutions OÜ

*Head of Maritime Division – Estonia*

Igor is Head of the Maritime Division at Varcus Solutions, with a background in marketing, XR/VR simulation, and game development. Since 2020, he has led the maritime R&D team, delivering certified XR simulators and AR navigation assistants for leading maritime academies worldwide.

Motivation: Igor and Varcus Solutions are eager to share their green-policy oriented products, stay updated on the latest technologies, and use NSID to connect with partners and potential investors in the maritime industry.

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## Sergei Mordovin – Varcus Solutions

*Lead Business Developer – Estonia*

Sergei is Lead Business Developer at Varcus Solutions with a strong background in business development and immersive technologies. His role focuses on driving innovation and helping companies adopt cutting-edge solutions.

**Motivation:** Sergei and Varcus Solutions are highly interested in immersive technologies and aim to leverage NSID to expand their international reach, build new collaborations, and explore business opportunities in Singapore.

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## Killu Leet – Myceen

*Co-founder & CEO, Estonia*

Killu Leet is the Co-founder and CEO of Myceen, an Estonian startup developing sustainable construction materials based on mycelium technology. With a background in architecture and design, she combines creativity with deep sustainability expertise to challenge conventional building practices. At Myceen, Killu is leading the development of biobased alternatives that not only reduce environmental impact but also open new possibilities for circular design in the built environment.

### **Motivation for joining NSID**

Killu is joining Nordic Singapore Innovation Days to connect with ecosystem actors, corporates and investors who are driving sustainable innovation in Asia. She is particularly motivated to explore how mycelium-based materials can be part of Singapore's push for greener cities and to build long-term partnerships that accelerate Myceen's international expansion.

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## Paul Wong – Halide Energy

*CEO & Co-founder – Finland*

Paul Wong is the CEO and Co-founder of **Halide Energy**, a deep-tech company developing copper-based flow batteries for large-scale energy storage. He has extensive experience working across **Finland and Singapore**, combining expertise in international business development and sustainable energy innovation.

Motivation: With **Halide Energy's** long-term ambitions in developing **scalable, sustainable energy storage solutions**, Paul joins **NSID 2025** to explore cross-border collaborations and connect with innovation ecosystems and potential partners in Southeast Asia.

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## Pooya Saketi – EyeDentify Oy

CEO – Finland



Pooya Saketi is a deep-tech innovator with over 60 patents (41 granted, 19 pending). He received his PhD (with distinction) from Tampere University of Technology in 2015. His experience brings a balanced blend of startup success and big tech leadership. Pooya was part of a startup acquired by Meta (Facebook) in 2016 and was later recognized by Mark Zuckerberg and Meta's leadership in 2018 for his contributions at the META Cork office. At Meta, he served as both a Research Scientist and EU Business Development Manager, combining technical insight with strategic execution. In 2023, he founded Precisement to apply semiconductor manufacturing expertise to healthcare. In 2025, he launched EyeDentify Oy (currently in stealth), an AI cybersecurity company focused on protecting financial institutions and society from emerging AI threats. Pooya Saketi's leadership is grounded in a clear doctrine: objective innovation, engineering pragmatism, operational excellence, financial efficiency, intellectual honesty, and holistic accountability.

Motivation: EyeDentify Oy closed its Pre-seed investment in Q1, 2025. We have completed our Proof-of-Concept, including SW-HW integration and AI Core Model. The demo for our first product is ready. Filed 3 patents, including a dual use application. We are targeting to meet investors in AI, Cyber Security and FinTech for our Seed-funding round that is initiated in Oct. 2025.

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## Mustafa Teber – Codease OY

*Advisory Board Member / BD Leader – Finland*

I am an entrepreneur and a mechanical engineer. I have worked as a team and project manager in government institutions. I have established my own ventures and made investments. Currently, I represent Codease Low-Code, our own engineering product, a software development platform. We have achieved great success with the goal of creating a development environment defined by humans and designed by machines. My goal, together with my team, is to pioneer digital transformation as a global brand.

Motivation: Singapore is currently one of the countries in our growth program. I want to increase awareness of the Codease brand in this region and establish new partnerships. Technology and consulting companies that we can work with are of interest to me.

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## Joni-Pekka Kääriäinen – Xortec

*Marketing Director – Finland*

Joni-Pekka Kääriäinen is Marketing Director at Xortec with a strong technical background from the University of Oulu and extensive international business experience. He combines deep knowledge of technology with hands-on market expertise, building bridges between innovation and commercial growth.

*Motivation:* Based in Singapore, Joni sees NSID as an excellent opportunity to strengthen his networks and contribute to Nordic–Singapore collaboration in innovation and business.

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## Mikael Westerlund – Agate Sensors Oy

*Chief Business Officer – Finland*

Mikael Westerlund is an international business developer and serial entrepreneur with extensive experience in scaling technology-driven companies. As Chief Business Officer at AGATE Sensors Oy, he focuses on driving growth, building strategic partnerships, and expanding the company's presence across global markets. Mikael is deeply engaged in the Nordic startup community and brings a strong track record of supporting innovation and business development internationally.

### **Motivation:**

His motivation is to explore opportunities for collaboration, connect with the Singaporean innovation ecosystem, and position AGATE Sensors as a key player in the region's fast-growing deeptech landscape.

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# Joanna Boquist, Vinnova | Embassy of Sweden in Singapore

*Programme Manager - Innovation and International Cooperation - Singapore*

Joanna Boquist is Innovation Counsellor at the Embassy of Sweden in Singapore. Joanna's mission is to connect the Swedish and Singaporean innovation ecosystems. The purpose is to create more innovation collaborations and enhance innovation capabilities amongst key stakeholders, capabilities that are needed for a green, resilient and digital future. Joanna has 15+ years of experience of promoting international collaborations with Sweden. Prior to her current role she has held positions in public organizations and private corporates. Six years ago Joanna found a passion in promoting sustainable and inclusive innovation at Vinnova, the Swedish Innovation Authority. Joanna has professional experience from Israel, Poland, India, China and Hong Kong. She holds a Engineering Degree in Physics from Lund University and a Master of Business and Administration from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

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## Karin Rydén, Vinnova

*Head of Department – Sweden*

Ms. Karin Rydén studied urban and regional planning at the university of Stockholm. She has more than 20 years of experience from different governmental agencies focusing on international cooperation, business development, and innovation. Today she is Head of Department for International Cooperation at Vinnova, Sweden's Innovation Agency.

**Motivation:** Bianca takes part in NSID to deepen her understanding of Singapore's innovation ecosystem and to explore new forms of collaboration in areas such as sustainability, mobility, and healthcare.

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## Bianca Dochtorowicz, Vinnova

*Programme Manager – Sweden*

Bianca Dochtorowicz is Programme Manager at Vinnova's International Department, where she fosters bilateral collaboration and supports innovation-driven international partnerships. She previously worked at Business Sweden as Regional Operations Manager for Central Eastern Europe and holds an LLM from Stockholm University.

**Motivation:** Bianca takes part in NSID to deepen her understanding of Singapore's innovation ecosystem and to explore new forms of collaboration in areas such as sustainability, mobility, and healthcare.

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# Katarina Bennich, Swedish Incubators & Science Parks

*Project Lead, NSID – Sweden*

Katarina Bennich is Project Manager at SISP and leads Nordic Singapore Innovation Days. With a background in communications, partnerships, and international projects, she has worked across Sweden, Silicon Valley, and Europe to build innovation ecosystems and support startups and scaleups.

**Motivation:** Katarina participates to strengthen Nordic–Singapore ties and to ensure that NSID creates lasting opportunities for startups, investors, and ecosystems.

## **Area of Responsibility**

Strategi Communications & International Partnerships

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## Sasan Shaba, Swedish Incubators & Science Parks

*VP Philanthropy and International Relations - Sweden*

Sasan Shaba is VP Philanthropy & International Cooperation at Swedish Incubators Science Parks. With 15 years of experience in the Swedish Innovation Ecosystem, he has a global outlook, having worked in Silicon Valley and key markets like Germany, France, Brazil, and India. Sasan Shaba is dedicated to delivering concrete results for companies and organizations, leveraging his expertise in startups and his background as a CEO and manager.

Previously, as Senior Portfolio Manager at the Swedish Energy Agency, he supported over 250 Swedish Cleantech and Energy startups. His focus lies in making a significant impact on climate and people through pioneering and improving services and products.

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## Arwin Zendeckh, Ignite Sweden



### *Project Manager Matchmaking – Sweden*

Arwin Zendeckh is Project Manager for Matchmaking at Ignite Sweden. A chemical engineer by training, he is now specialized in connecting startups with corporates and public organizations to drive innovation partnerships. His work focuses on creating meaningful matches that accelerate the adoption of new technologies.

**Motivation:** Arwin joins NSID to facilitate international matchmaking opportunities, support Nordic startups in entering the Singaporean market, and strengthen cross-border collaboration.

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## Elijah Aldana Silverman, Ignite Sweden

Head of International Projects - Sweden

Elijah Aldana Silverman is the Head of International Projects at Ignite Sweden. A non-profit organization focused on connecting innovative startups to corporates and the public sector in order to solve some of the world's greatest challenges.

Elijah Aldana Silverman brings a background in international business development, working for a San Francisco based corporate, and Singaporean startup before joining Ignite. Having missions and clients in countries across the Americas, APAC, and EMEA.

**Motivation:** Elijah takes part in NSID to expand Ignite's international collaborations and connect Nordic startups with global corporates in Singapore.

**Area of Responsibility**  
Ecosystem & Project Manager

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## Elina Puskarzewicz, Business Finland

*Head of Decarbonized Cities Program - Finland*

Elina Puskarzewicz is an expert in internationalization and sustainable business, currently leading the Decarbonized Cities Program at Business Finland, the Finnish innovation funding and trade promotion organization. The program aims to enhance Finland's competitiveness and boost exports by developing solutions for global carbon-neutrality challenges. Elina's work focuses on establishing long-term partnerships with cities like Singapore, Los Angeles, and Madrid to address issues related to the mobility, built environment, and energy. A key goal is to activate Finnish companies for global growth and innovation while fostering cross-industrial networks.

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## Sari Paavilainen, Business Finland

*Partner Manager, Startups - Finland*

Sari Paavilainen represents the Startup unit at Business Finland, where she serves as a Partner Manager. In her role, she focuses on building international partnerships for Finnish startups. Business Finland, headquartered in Helsinki and fully owned by the Finnish Government, is the nation's innovation funding, trade, investment, and travel promotion organization. With 700 experts across 40 global offices and 20 regional offices in Finland, Business Finland is part of the Team Finland network.

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## Kati Pärn, Startup Estonia

### *Nordic Partnerships Lead – Estonia*

Kati Pärn is the Nordic Partnerships Lead at Startup Estonia, where she strengthens international collaboration and builds bridges between the Estonian startup ecosystem and Nordic partners. With a strong background in ecosystem development and international cooperation, she plays a key role in connecting founders, investors, and innovation stakeholders across borders.

**Motivation:** Kati participates in NSID to foster deeper Nordic–Singapore partnerships and to support Estonian startups in exploring new opportunities in Southeast Asia.

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