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**URBAN CHALLENGES AND
OPPORTUNITIES**

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This is Kiruna

The very north of Sweden

Subarctic climate

The municipality is almost the size of Belgium

23.000 residents

What makes us special?

We have to relocate our city!





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Deformations





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We are moving

3000 housing units

A commercial center

1500 workplaces

Public buildings

Infrastructure





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This is what we want to accomplish



White Arkitekter och Gørdal & Halsten Arkitekter



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Kirunas new City Hotel





Three challenges

1. Effective forums for dialogue with residents?
2. Effective political leadership?
3. How to safeguard the public interest over the long-term (railroad station)?



Dialogue with the residents

The project: Vision for Kiruna

Meeting people in situations where they feel comfortable – rather than debating, conversation over ideas and ambitions

Dialogues have formed the base for our Development plan



Effective political leadership

Twelve parties in the City council (unusual for Sweden)

It took a long time to decide the location of the new city

Conclusion: We need to establish a political leadership that makes us trustworthy in the eyes of developers and residents



Safeguarding public interest in a long-term perspective – the rail road station



What we have had



What is proposed



What are the challenges?

A city location is approximately € 30 million more expensive compared to an external location

A traditional cost–benefit analysis favors an external location

However seen from societal long–term perspective a city location is favorable

- dynamic effects in the city (tourism retail, shopping, employment)
- environmental gains

Now we are on the move





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Thank you for listening

