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Nordic Twin City Cooperation

Dear colleagues,

In 2015, the Executive Committee of our City Council decided that Kristiansand should reconsider our participation in the Nordic Cooperation by the end of this 4-year election period. This year we will have a new election and it is the last year of this municipal structure. We will merge with two neighbour municipalities, and our international strategy will be reviewed.

Our City Council has now considered whether we should continue to be a partner in the existing cooperation between the Nordic municipalities. And the decision is that Kristiansand withdraws from the Nordic Cooperation by the end of 2019. However, the City Council encourages continued participation in the Nordic Twin City Sport Competition.

In the future, we will probably focus more on bilateral partnerships, based on specific areas or projects. The City Council of Kristiansand would like to underline the importance of a good Nordic cooperation, both for the Nordic countries and the municipalities. Likewise, the City Council would like our new international strategy to contain a renewed and more expedient Nordic cooperation to the benefit of the citizens of Kristiansand.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the municipalities of Reykjanesbær, Kerava and Trollhättan for many exciting encounters and experiences during so many years. These meetings have given us a broader understanding of each other's cultures and ways of life. We have been able to learn from each other within many fields, from education and schools, youth exchanges to the sporting events.

I really hope that we will have the pleasure of working together again. And I am very happy that we will still participate in the Sport Competition. If your municipality in the future identifies potential areas of strategic collaboration between us, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will do the same.

Yours sincerely

Harald Furre
Mayor