

## **Arc Gate - Innovative Service Points for Maritime Tourists (Arc Gate)**

Programme Priority: P3 Well-connected region

Programme Specific Objective: 3.2. Improved services of existing small ports to improve local and regional mobility and contribute to tourism development

Sub-programme: Archipelago and Islands

Duration: 01.05.2020 - 31.12.2022

Total funding: 1.109.782 EUR

ERDF funding: 832.337 EUR ERDF

### **Project Summary:**

The Finnish and Stockholm archipelago consist of thousands of islands open to maritime tourists. But how to enjoy them without owning a boat? In the framework of the ArcGate project we have identified 14 travel hubs, we call "Service Points" in the Stockholm and Finnish Archipelago. The service points are all connected to public transport. However, to this day, the service points that we have identified excludes many potential visitors coming by public transport like families, elderly people, disabled and non-native speaking, and so on. We want to give maritime visitors a joyfulexperience by providing them with accessible travel information.

The aim is to open the "gates" to maritime tourists who don't have a boat or knowledge about the peculiar travel conditions that apply each day. The project aims at increasing the service at these "gates" and to get the infrastructure in place so that tourists can find their destination without worrying about how to return home.

The goal is to simplify the planning of their stay with digital maps and signs. For that an investment in resting areas and service port buildings that can provide toilets, shelter, charging of batteries and safe lockers is needed. This way, the service point visitors can benefit from an accessible infrastructure and from a more integrated travel experience. Visitors arriving at the servicepoint by bus, bike or car should easily understand the timetables of departing boats of the way to their destination and back. We want to get the infrastructure in place so that you can literally and mentally reload your batteries. The visitor arriving on e-bike have a need for rest, fill upp water, plan for the night and maybe a more spontaneous island hopping. With our projects, the service points will provide a more integrated and detailed info about the archipelago exeperience.

## **Map of Partners**

### **Partners**

Lead Partner

**Region Stockholm - Tillväxt och Regionplaneförvaltningen (TRF)**

**Country:** SE

<https://www.sll.se/om-regionstockholm/Organisation/forvaltningar/Tillvaxt--och-regionplanevaltningen/> [1]

**Partner budget:** 529.156 EUR

**Amount of ERDF funding:** 396.867 EUR ERDF

Project Partners

## **Kimitoöns kommun**

**Country:** FI

[www.kimitoon.fi](http://www.kimitoon.fi) [2]

**Partner budget:** 190.299 EUR

**Amount of ERDF funding:** 142.724 EUR ERDF

## **Raseborgs stad**

**Country:** FI

[www.raseborg.fi](http://www.raseborg.fi) [3]

**Partner budget:** 199.000 EUR

**Amount of ERDF funding:** 149.250 EUR ERDF

## **Pargas stad**

**Country:** FI

[www.pargas.fi](http://www.pargas.fi) [4]

**Partner budget:** 191.327 EUR

**Amount of ERDF funding:** 143.495 EUR ERDF

Associated Partners

## **Skärgårdsstiftelsen**

**Country:** SE

## **Results**

## **Expected results**

The main results at our 14 service points in the archipelago is better digital information about timetables and tourist information including maps. The project results contribute to a more local, "green" tourist economy. All small ports will have digital screens (Dalsbruk, Kasnäs, Nagu, Pärnäs, Heponiemi, Galtby, Predium, Sommaröstrand, Ekenäs, Sollenkroka, Nynäshamn, Årsta Brygga, Utö, Ornö.) There will also be 8 Flexible modules installed in the vicinity of the service points to develop cycle tourism and give shelter for travellers. The modules are powered by solar energy and have solar panels located on the roof of the module. The users can charge their electronic appliances for free at these modules by locking them into lockers with USB ports and a lockable door. The flexible modules are planned as rest stops for locals and travellers alike. ( Dalsbruk, Kasnäs, Nagu, Predium, Sommaröstrand, Ekenäs, Utö, Ornö.) The joint work will result in project portfolios (Digital screens and Maps, Flexible module). Each portfolio will be available to stakeholders with blueprints, contracts, plans e t c to be replicated at similar service points in the Baltic sea. The development of maps and content will be a prototype to create a common standard for traffic operator and tourist development organisations to show travel routes and tourist information in Baltic Sea archipelago. Our aim is to integrate our maps and timetables into current aps used by traffic operators SL, Waxholmsbolaget (Stockholm), and NMT (Finland). The aim with our seminars, studyvisits and joint work will be to form a network of expertise and stakeholders to achieve better synchronisation concerning development of small port traffic nodes in the archipelago.

## **Achieved results**

## **Project Visibility**

### **Social media links**

[Lead partner's website about the project \(in Swedish\)](#) [5]

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### Links

[1] <https://www.sll.se/om-regionstockholm/Organisation/forvaltningar/Tillvaxt--och-regionplaneforvaltningen/>

[2] <http://www.kimitoon.fi>

[3] <http://www.raseborg.fi>

[4] <http://www.pargas.fi>

[5] [https://www.sll.se/verksamhet/Regional-utveckling/landsbygd-och-skargard/arc-gate/?\\_t\\_id=jn7cuINjRit3scHO1EqPDA%3D%3D&\\_t\\_uuid=r7PJATxVSRGCnCKD7GUckQ&\\_t\\_q=ARC%20gate&\\_t\\_tags=language%3Asv%2Csiteid%3A8824540f-e7eb-44a0-94f3-c48a0b63798c%2Candquerymatch&\\_t\\_hit.id=PublicWebv2\\_Web\\_Apps\\_ContentPage\\_ContentPageType/\\_ce41a29a-39b7-4de5-9c22-6066d13d2f7f\\_sv&\\_t\\_hit.pos=1](https://www.sll.se/verksamhet/Regional-utveckling/landsbygd-och-skargard/arc-gate/?_t_id=jn7cuINjRit3scHO1EqPDA%3D%3D&_t_uuid=r7PJATxVSRGCnCKD7GUckQ&_t_q=ARC%20gate&_t_tags=language%3Asv%2Csiteid%3A8824540f-e7eb-44a0-94f3-c48a0b63798c%2Candquerymatch&_t_hit.id=PublicWebv2_Web_Apps_ContentPage_ContentPageType/_ce41a29a-39b7-4de5-9c22-6066d13d2f7f_sv&_t_hit.pos=1)