

## Open Innovation Competition: ***The Canadian city of Hamilton is sourcing Nordic inspired innovative solutions for city-wide Deep Retrofit***

- *Open Innovation competition – selected Nordic firms are invited to Canada to participate in a two-day comprehensive Nordic-Canadian partnership event held on the 13 – 14 September.*
- *Submit your solution by 22 June 2018, and increase opportunities for export through the “Future of Hamilton” programme*

The United Nation Agenda 2030 emphasizes the crucial role of cities in promoting and driving sustainable development. However, in a world of rapid urbanization, fresh ideas need to be addressed in order to ensure sustainable development. Similar to many post-industrial cities around the world, the city of Hamilton, located just outside of Canada’s largest metropolis, Toronto, is experiencing a number of challenges arising from an influx of new residents. The urgent need to increase the availability of affordable and sustainable housing in Hamilton, has led the city to look towards international inspiration to enhance the outcome of their efforts.

**Can Nordic solutions be the key to unlock affordable and sustainable housing in Hamilton?** The city of Hamilton is now seeking Nordic innovators, companies and other relevant stakeholders to participate in a two-day workshop with city officials and private developers based in Hamilton. The goal is to co-create relevant and innovative solutions for Hamilton’s Deep Retrofit.

In order to make this possible, The Future of Hamilton consortium have identified **four challenge areas** that they would like Nordic participants to contribute towards. These challenge areas are:

- i) Smart and sustainable building technologies
- ii) Circular economy solutions
- iii) Stakeholder engagement
- iv) Analytical tools for simulating building performance

The ultimate objective of the Future of Hamilton programme is to integrate a number of the participating companies into the upcoming deep retrofit process, starting with the two-day workshop event held in Hamilton on the 13 – 14 September.

Nordic stakeholders participating get a **unique opportunity to export and brand solutions and approached to the Canadian market, establishing new networks for cooperation**. Each selected firm participating receive a flat sum of **€600** to cover wages, accommodation, travel and expenses.

**Deadline** for application is 22 June 2018, more information about the programme and application portal can be found on the programme [website](#).

The Future of Hamilton programme is led by the Danish consultancy Quercus Group, the EU’s main climate innovation initiative Climate-KIC and the Finnish cleantech organization Solved. Working together with the City of Hamilton they will facilitate this ‘open innovation process’. Further, throughout the process, the consulate generals of Denmark and Sweden in Toronto will be involved.