



LÄNSSTYRELSEN  
VÄSTRA GÖTALANDS LÄN

Nature Department

**Welcome to the final seminar for the LIFE+ Nature project GRACE (LIFE09 NAT/SE/000345) in August 26-28 2015, Gothenburg Sweden**

The project management group invites you to participate at the Final seminar of the GRACE –project. This project works with restoration of overgrown grassland in the Archipelago within the Counties of Västra Götaland, Halland, Blekinge and Stockholm ([www.graceprojektet.se](http://www.graceprojektet.se)). The seminar focuses on the need of grazing animals to maintain an open landscape in the archipelago. The EU Life-fond has given us the possibility to restore the landscape. We will show you the results of the actions on two islands during this seminar.

The seminar will be held at Scandic Hotel Opalen. The dinner the first day will be served at the County Residence and on the second day at Scandic Hotel Rubinen.

**Programme**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of August 2015

11:30 Registration at Scandic Hotel Opalen

12.00 Lunch

13.00 The County Governor of Västra Götaland, Lars Bäckström, opens the seminar

13.15 – 15.00 Presentations by the project partners

15.00 Coffee break

15.30 – 17.30 Presentations by experts

Kill Persson (MiNa) Heathlands – burning and biodiversity

Krister Larsson (ALLMA Natur & Kultur) – History and the importance of semi-natural habitats

17.45 Check in at your hotel

19.30 Dinner at the County Governor's Residence, Södra Hamngatan 1



Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of August

08.30 -11.45 Presentations by entrepreneurs and experts

Maria Åkesson – entrepreneur, Törnåkra Landskapsvård

Claes Håkansson – entrepreneur, livestock farmer etc. Påtorps Gård

Ann and Bengt Hermansson – entrepreneurs, livestock farmer, etc (Orut, Lyröns  
entreprenad)

Mattias Lindholm – PhD-student, research on management of heathlands and  
conservation of biodiversity (University of Gothenburg/Pro Natura)

Vikki Bengtsson –Management of veteran trees (Ancient Tree Forum/Pro Natura)

11.45 Lunch

12.30 – 18.00 Excursions. Please bring shoes suitable for walking in terrain:

**Group I:** Walk to Lilla Bommen, Göteborg and ferry to Rörö (Västra Götaland)

**Group II:** Bus from Scandic Hotel Opalen and boat to Vendelsö (Halland)

19.00 Dinner at Scandic Hotel Rubinen

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of August

08.00 – 14.30 Excursions

**Group I:** Bus from Scandic Hotel Rubinen and boat to Vendelsö – back at Scandic  
Hotel Rubinen 14.30

**Group II:** Walk to Lilla Bommen, Göteborg and ferry to Rörö – back in Gothenburg  
14.30 (less than a 10 min walk to the Central Rail Station and the Airport Coaches)

Please contact [fanny.sahlen@lansstyrelsen](mailto:fanny.sahlen@lansstyrelsen) for registration and accommodation.

**Travel and accommodation**

Accommodation is not included; participants are responsible for making their own  
travel arrangements and hotel reservations. We have blocked rooms at Scandic Hotel  
Rubinen (a 10 minute walk from Scandic Hotel Opalen) to preferential room rates for  
those who wish to stay there (see rates below). To make a reservation please call  
+ 46 31-7515400 and press #1 and then #1 to reach reservations. The reference code  
is LAN260815. **Please note that the last day for blocked rooms to referred rates!**

**They will be available until 25<sup>th</sup> of June.**

Single room economy, single or queen-size bed (140 cm), SEK 997/night

Single room standard, queen-size bed (160 cm) SEK 1097/night

Double room, twin beds, SEK 1197/night

For other options see <http://www.goteborg.com/en/goteborgs-turistbyra/>

### **How to get here**

[Transport options Scandic Hotel Opalen](#)

[Transport options Scandic Hotel Rubinen](#)

Timetable to the airport coaches <http://www.flygbussarna.se/en/landvetter>

Please visit our website to read more about the project [www.graceprojektet.se](http://www.graceprojektet.se)

We are hoping for the opportunity to exchange knowledge and we are looking forward to have some nice days together.

### **Welcome!**

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