



**BOTTENVIKENS
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Joint coastal development 2023

The *Bothnian Bay coastal inter-municipal cooperation* is a collaboration between Haparanda, Kalix, Luleå, Piteå and Skellefteå municipalities. The aim is to, through joint municipal resources, develop a cohesive coast and archipelago that provides opportunities for well-being, a rich outdoor life and unique experiences for both residents in the municipalities and visitors. The aim is also

to create good conditions for an innovative tourist industry and promote a development towards achieving set global goals. The cooperation began in 2006 and is based on a common strategy and an inter-municipal agreement.

During 2023, work on the three-year LONA project [Accessible and sustainable outdoor life in the Bothnian coast and archipelago](#) has progressed.

Planned walking trails at Torne-Furö in Haparanda and at Fingermanholmen in Piteå have been cleared. The accessibility adaptation at Gåsören in Skellefteå and Vassholmen in Kalix has continued, among other things with a stable jetty at Gåsören. In Luleå, a solar powered decomposition toilet is being tested at Stenborg and an inspiring hiking map is produced and available in Swedish and English and can be found at the [Bothnian Archipelago's website](#). An application for extension of the project has been granted and next year an environmental jetty and elastic mooring will be tested in the harbour of Junkön. The project is financed with the help of the County administration boards in Norrbotten and Västerbotten.

Another LONA project, [Discover angling in the Bothnian coast and archipelago](#), started during the year. The project is run with a grant from the County administration board in Västerbotten. The aim is to lure more people to discover the joy of angling out in the sea. The project will be implemented in Skellefteå municipality with the ambition that results of the project can be used by other coastal municipalities in the Bothnian bay.

Efforts to create an accessible and pleasant archipelago have continued. In Haparanda archipelago, signs with information about the tour boat traffic have been put up and in Kalix archipelago, barbeque areas have been arranged at Frevisören, Stora Trutskär and Vassholmen.

In Luleå archipelago, a new rental cabin on Junkön has opened. Norrisund at Hindersön has been

equipped with a barbeque area and at the municipality's rental cabins at Småskär have been equipped with new patios. At Kluntarna the jetty for the tour boat has been renovated and in Junkö harbour dredging has begun.

In Piteå archipelago, the sauna at Fingermanholmen has been stabilized with a new foundation. Mooring loops and toilet paper holders with the *Bottenvikens skärgård* logo can now be found in the Piteå sailing association's harbour and a new barbeque area has been arranged at Mellerstön.



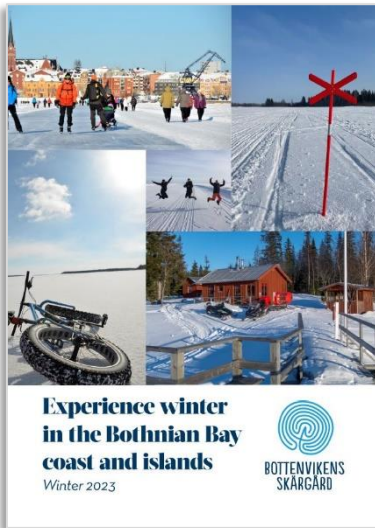
LONA: An inspiring map showing walking trails in the coastal area.



In one of the LONA projects a solar powered toilet is tested.



LONA: At Gåsören a new jetty contributes to better accessibility adaptation at the destination.



Description on winter activities in the coast and archipelago.

In Skellefteå archipelago, Burön marina and Sarasand have been equipped with new barbeques. At Boviken marina there is now a new barbeque and in the sauna there's a new sauna unit. Kollostranden has been equipped with a new barbeque and the sauna has been renovated. At Hamnskär, the pier attachment has been repaired after being demolished by the winter ice.

The archipelago guide [Your guide to 100 gems in the Bothnian Bay](#) has been updated and to specifically inform of [tour boats and accommodation in the archipelago](#) in the entire coastal area of the Bothnian Bay, a description has been made about that. New for this year is a description of how service in the area is set up in winter, for example ski tracks out to the

islands, open saunas and winter swimming. The information is available in both [Swedish](#) and [English](#).

In March, the steering group gathered governors, municipal councillors, board chairmen and representatives from both regions for a meeting in Piteå in order to discuss municipal cooperation and how the archipelago is an asset for attractive municipalities. The day was an eye-opener for some participants and there was great agreement on the importance of working together and the archipelago as part of attracting both residents and visitors to the area.

During a study trip to Stockholm and Norrtälje, focus was on climate-smart archipelago traffic and sustainable waste management in the archipelago. During the trip, Candela Technology, Norrtälje Municipality and the Archipelago Foundation were visited. During the trip, electrically powered hydrofoil boats, autonomous electric boats and environmental jetties with toilets and waste bins were demonstrated.

The dialogue on archipelago development has continued. Among other things, with colleagues on the Finnish side of the Bothnian Bay as well as with companies and associations in the Bothnian coastal area.

During 2023, SEK 2.5 million has been invested in the municipal coastal development. Investments made have taken place through the municipalities' basic funding and through completed projects.

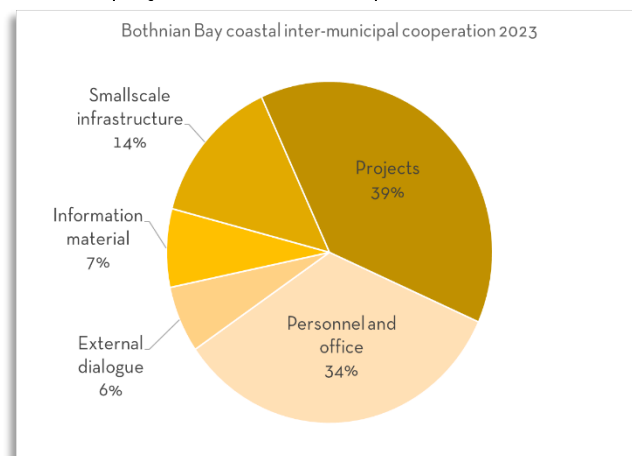
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A "high level" meeting in Piteå about cooperation and



Region Stockholm and Candela have an interesting project about electrical powered boats.



Distribution of costs during 2023.