



## Information for participants

AEWA EGMP Workshop for the Revision of the International Single Species Management Plan for the Pink-footed Goose

*8-9 October 2024, Levanger, Norway*

## Meeting Dates & Venue

The AEWA EGMP Workshop for the Revision of the International Single Species Management Plan for the Pink-footed Goose will take place from Tuesday, 8 October, until Wednesday, 9 October in Levanger, Norway at the kind invitation of the Norwegian Environment Agency with the logistical support from the Norwegian Institute for Nature Research.

Thon Partner Hotel Backlund in Levanger will be the venue of the meeting. The workshop is scheduled to end by 19:30 on Wednesday. However, to reserve additional time to resolve any potential outstanding issues by the end of the meeting, we recommend participants arrange their return travel for Thursday, 10 October 2024.

### Meeting Venue Address:

Thon Partner Hotel Backlund  
Kirkegata 41, 7600 Levanger,  
Norway

## How to get there

### By train

You can take the trains (e.g., R70 or F7) from Trondheim Airport (Trondheim lufthavn stasjon) to Levanger (direction Steinkjer). The trains run every hour, and the trip is appr. one hour long. Tickets can be purchased either at the terminals at the train station or [online](#) and will cost appr 160 Kr (21 EUR). The hotel (Thon Hotel Backlund) is located a five-minute walk from the Levanger train station.

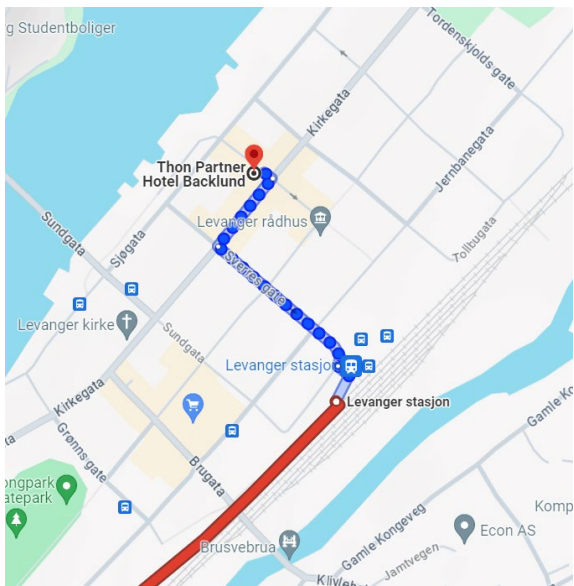
### By taxi

A taxi ride from Trondheim Airport to Thon Partner Hotel Backlund in Levanger takes about 1 hour. Taxis are available outside the airport terminal. To book a taxi, you can contact TrønderTaxi at +47 07373. The trip will cost appr. 1460 Kr (125 EUR).

Please note that the meeting will only be held in person, and remote attendance is not possible. The provisional agenda and other meeting documents will become available on the [meeting webpage](#).



Example of public transport route from Trondheim Airport to the meeting venue (Google maps).



Route from Levanger train station to the meeting venue (left) and photo of the hotel and venue (right).

## Contacts

If you require any assistance or have questions, please reach out to the meeting organisers:

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## About Levanger

Nestled in the Trøndelag region of Norway, Levanger is a charming town known for its rich history and vibrant local culture. With a population of around 10,000, the city offers a blend of scenic beauty and cultural heritage, making it an attractive destination for visitors seeking a peaceful yet enriching experience.

While Levanger's roots trace back to the Viking Age, by the 19<sup>th</sup> century it evolved into a significant market town. The town is situated on the banks of the Levangselva river, where it meets the Trondheim Fjord, providing picturesque waterfront views. The town center is characterized by well-preserved wooden buildings, reflecting its historical significance and architectural charm.



Visitors to Levanger can explore a range of activities and attractions. The town's historical walk takes you through its rich past, showcasing significant landmarks and old wooden houses. The nearby [Falstadsenteret](#), a museum and human rights center, offers deep insights into the region's World War II history.

Nature enthusiasts will appreciate the close proximity to beautiful landscapes, including the surrounding hills and forests. The Ytterøy island, a short ferry ride away, is known for its unique wildlife and scenic hiking trails.

Levanger also boasts a vibrant cultural scene with annual events such as the Levanger Martna, one of Norway's oldest markets, offering a variety of local crafts, food, and entertainment. The town's main street, Kirkegata, is lined with shops, cafes, and restaurants, providing a taste of local life and cuisine.

As the surrounding landscape is dominated by farmland, the area is an important stopover site (both spring and autumn) for the Pink-footed Goose population breeding on the Arctic archipelago Svalbard. In spring there are some agriculture challenges as the geese forage on cultivated fields (both pastures and new-sown cereals), whereas conflicts are less in the autumn since they then mainly forage on spilt grain in stubble fields. The majority of Pink-footed Geese harvested in Norway during the recreational autumn hunting period are harvested in this region.

## Accommodation

Please note that all expenses related to participation in the workshop are to be covered by the attendees. Participants are requested to make their own arrangements for travel and accommodation.

NINA has kindly arranged for a block booking of rooms for the workshop participants at the meeting venue, Thon Hotel Backlund in Levange. Participants should book their rooms for three nights (**7-10 October**), using the following details:

**Booking Code:** 081024NORS

**Email:** backlund.resepsjon@olavthon.no

**Phone:** +47 740 81 600

It is important to note that reservations cannot be made online and must be completed via the provided email or phone number. *(Please refer to the goose meeting funded by the Norwegian Environment Agency, co-organised by NINA, I. Tombre.)* The special rate for workshop participants is NOK 1585 per night, approximately EUR 136. **The deadline for booking is 1 September 2024.** Participants will be required to pay for their room upon arrival. The meeting participants are free to explore alternative accommodation options, but should note that the meeting venue will be at the hotel where also a sponsored dinner will take place.

## Meeting Arrangements

### Meals

Breakfast, lunch and refreshments will be provided during the meeting. A three-course dinner will also be sponsored by the Norwegian Environment Agency.

### Field trip

A field trip by bus in the region will be organised, visiting the main goose staging sites. Although this will be a bus trip, we suggest bringing comfortable clothes and shoes suitable for a moderate walk at certain stops *en route*. Binoculars are recommended!

### Weather

In October, Levanger, Norway, experiences cool and variable autumn weather. Average temperatures range from 2°C to 7°C, making it important to dress warmly. The weather can be quite wet, with rain expected for roughly half of the month. It is advisable to bring a waterproof jacket. Additionally, there may be a few days of early snowfall, so be prepared for changing conditions, which also may include quite nice and sunny weather!

Daylight hours decrease in October, with about 9.9 hours of daylight, meaning sunrise is around 8:00 AM and sunset at approximately 5:55 PM.

### Useful numbers

Country dialling code: +47

Fire: 110

Police: 112

Ambulance: 113

### Disclaimer

The UNEP/AEWA Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, compensation for death or disability compensation, loss of or damage to personal property and any other loss that may be incurred during travel time or the duration of the meetings. In this context, it is strongly recommended that all meeting participants secure international medical and travel insurance for the period of travel and the duration of the meeting, prior to their departure.