Kiruna – The Relocation of a City

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Kiruna
20 000 km²
23 000 inhabitants
Why is the ground cracking?
The task:
To create a new city center
3,000 – 4,000 housing units
A new commercial center
1,500 Work places
New infrastructure
- A role model for urban development
The area to be demolished
Removal of the City Center
The new City Center
Removal of buildings
Listed buildings that will be removed
How to make it possible:

A Development plan for New Kiruna

Objectives and guidelines shared by all key actors
Key actors and mutual interdependence

- Politicians
- Residents
- Interest organizations
- Real estate owners and shop keepers
- LKAB, space and tourism industry
- Swedish Transport Administration
- County Administrative Board
- Investors and Builders
Key-actor – Residents

• What is poor is the present city center?

• What are residents’ expectations?
  – a main square
  – a shopping street (shared space)
  – meeting places
  – density
  – mixed functions
  – mixing the old with the new
  – cultural landmarks
We are in a rush....

• 2018 City Hall will be closed and 200 housing units have to be demolished

• 2020 The new City center must be in place

• From 2020 and onwards the New Kiruna will gradually emerge
Is it feasible. Yes but it asserts.

- Political leadership
- Negotiations and agreements with developers and investors
- A continuous dialogue with residents
- A constructive collaboration with key stakeholders
Where are we now?
The Development Plan
The Town square
The Shopping Street
Residential Street – a mix of old and new
The City Park