

# 18th Ministerial Meeting of the Barents Euro-Arctic Council Tromsø, Norway

26 October 2021, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. C.E.T.

## Agenda

### 1 Opening session

- Video and artistic performance by Emil Karlsen from Storfjord in Troms, Norway and Ekaterina Efremova from Murmansk, the Russian Federation
- Welcome by H.E. Anniken Huitfeldt, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Norway
- Welcome by Ms. Silje Karine Muotka, President of the Sámi Parliament of Norway

### 2 Approval of the agenda

### 3 Interventions by BEAC member states

- H.E. Pekka Haavisto, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland
- H.E. Sergey Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
- Mr. Robert Rydberg, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sweden
- Mr. Carsten Grønbech Jensen, State Secretary for European Affairs and the Arctic, Denmark
- Ms. Anna Jóhannsdóttir, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Iceland
- Ambassador Michael Siebert, Managing Director for Russia, Eastern Partnership, Central Asia, Regional Cooperation and OSCE at the EEAS, The European Union

### 4 Interventions by the Regional Council

- Ms. Helene Hellmark Knutsson, Chair of the Regional Council, Governor of Västerbotten, Sweden
- Mr. Yuri Bezudny, Incoming Chair of the Regional Council, Governor of Nenets Autonomous Okrug, the Russian Federation

### 5 Presentations by working groups

- Indigenous Peoples, by Mr. Piera Heaika Muotka, Chair of the Barents Working Group of Indigenous Peoples, Norway
- Health and Related Social Issues, by Ms. Vibeke Gundersen, Member of the Working Group on Health and Social Issues, Norway
- Transport and Logistics, by Mr. Paal Iversen, Chair of the Barents Working Group on Transport, Norway
- Barents Forest Sector, by Ms. Anne Delphin, Chair of the Barents Working Group on Forests, Norway
- Rescue Cooperation in the Barents Region, by Mr. Sveinung Torgersen, member of the Joint Committee on Rescue Cooperation in the Barents Region, Norway
- The Action Plan on Climate Change, by Ms. Henna Haapala, Chair of the Barents Working Group on Environment, Finland

6 Adoption of the Barents Action Plan on Climate Change

7 Adoption of the Barents Financial Mechanism

8 Report from the Committee of Senior Officials by Chair  
Ms. Gøril Johansen, Norway

9 Official handover of the Chairmanship

- Presentation of Finland's Chairmanship Programme by Mr. Pekka Haavisto, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland
- Concluding remarks by Ms. Anniken Huitfeldt, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Norway,
- Handover of the Chairmanship from Norway to Finland

10 Signing of the Ministerial Declaration

11 Group photo

**BREAK 10.45 a.m. – 11.15 a.m.**

**Youth Summit**

**11.15 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.**

Armchair conversation featuring the ministers and youth representatives, organised by Norway and Västerbotten in close cooperation with the Barents Regional Youth Council (BRYC)

Moderators

**Mr. Martin Gamst Johnsen,**  
*Deputy Chair of BRYC, Troms & Finnmark County, Norway*

**Ms. Maria Grånemo,**  
*BRYC Representative, Västerbotten, Sweden*

Youth Representatives

**Ms. Daria Makhotina,**  
*BRYC Representative, Murmansk, the Russian Federation*

**Mr. Kosma Rönkä,**  
*BRYC Representative, Oulu, Finland*

**Ms. Anette Bang,**  
*BRYC Representative, Nordland County, Norway*

**Ms. Enni Similä,**  
*Chair of Saami Youth, Finland*

**Ms. Karina Burman,**  
*BRYC Representative of Norrbotten, Sweden*

Press opportunity

12.30 p.m.–1.00 p.m.

Lunch & Awards Ceremony  
Barents Scholarships for  
Cultural Cooperation

1.00 p.m.–2.00 p.m.

Welcome by Mr. Gunnar Wilhelmsen, Mayor of the City of Tromsø, Norway

Artistic performance featuring Emil Karlsen and Ekaterina Efremova

Awards Ceremony for the Barents Scholarships for Cultural Cooperation.  
The Foreign Ministers of Norway, Finland, the Russian Federation and Sweden  
will award the scholarships to the winners from their respective countries.

Artistic performance featuring former Norwegian Prizewinner Ola Asdahl  
Rokkones and musicians from the Norwegian Arctic Philharmonic Orchestra.

Closure of the meeting

2.00 p.m.

**i** Practical information

*The Barents Euro-Arctic Council Ministerial meetings and the Youth Summit are by invitation only. Observers are kindly invited to follow the streaming of the meetings online at:*

*<https://ctnor.live/barents-tromso>*

*The meetings will be conducted in English with an option for Russian. Simultaneous interpretation (English-Russian and Russian-English) will be provided.*