



**BRYC Board Meeting #6 2021**  
**4 October 2021 16:30-18:00 (CEST) | Video meeting**

**PROTOCOL**

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## PARTICIPANTS

### List of participants BRYC Board Meeting #6 2021

4 October 2021, 16:30 (Norwegian time), Zoom meeting

The Board Meeting opened at 16:34 (Norwegian time). The following participants attended the meeting:

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| 1. Martin Gamst Johnsen | Vice Chair / Board Member, Norway  |
| 2. Karin Burman         | Board Member, Sweden   |
| 3. Nikita Ageev         | Board Member, Indigenous   |
| 4. Anette Bang          | Council Member, Nordland   |
| 5. Liza Vassilieva      | Youth Coordinator, Norwegian Barents Secretariat (NBS)   |
| 6. Markus Karlsen       | Head of the International Barents Secretariat (IBS)  |
| 7. Máret Ingá Smuk      | Youth and Indigenous Adviser, IBS  |
| 8. Päivi Kuvaja         | Youth, Education and Culture Adviser, IBS  |
| 9. Susanna Lantz        | Länsstyrelsen, Västerbotten behalf of Mikael Bergström Chair of the Barents Regional Committee (BRC) |
| 10. Gøril Johansen      | Chair of the BEAC Committee of Senior Officials (CSO)  |
| 11. Maksim Marchenkov   | Council Member, Arkhangelsk  |

The following participants that didn't attend the meeting:

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| 1. Daria Makhotina | Chair / Board Member, Russia |
| 2. Jonna Kyllönen  | Board Member, Finland        |
| 3. Maria Grånemo   | Council Member, Västerbotten |

## AGENDA

1. Opening of Meeting
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Appointment of the Meeting Secretary
4. Status report since our last meeting: Tasks concerning the annual event
5. The next steps: Responsibilities and deadlines for the annual event
6. Status report regarding the Barents Youth Summit
7. Other questions
  - Youth Conference in Oulu
  - Youth session at Uarctic Congress 2022
  - Other issues
8. Date for the next Board Meeting
9. Closing of the Meeting

### #3-2021/2 Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

### #3-2021/3 Appointment of the Meeting Secretary

Máret Ingá Smuk was appointed as the Meeting Secretary (writes the protocol).

### #3-2021/4 Status report since our last meeting: Tasks concerning the annual event

Vice Chair of BRYC Martin Gamst Johnsen has been speaking with Movie House in Tromsø, who has agreed to make the history movie about BRYC to the annual event. Martin will meet with them 5 of October to plan further.

Päivi Kuvaja youth, education and culture adviser at the International Barents Secretariat (IBS) has been in contact with the Joint Working Group on Youth (JWGY). They are scheduling a meeting on October 28<sup>th</sup>. JWGY asked if a BRYC representative could join their meeting, to go through what they possibly could contribute with regarding the annual event. BRYC board member Karin Burman is willing to participate at this meeting.

BRYC council member Maksim Marchenkov has made an updated version of a BRYC presentation, that he will forward to Karin. Youth coordinator at the Norwegian Barents Secretariat (NBS) Liza Vassilieva has also BRYC presentations, whether more contributions are needed.

The NBS has agreed to help with the live streams under the annual event. The NBS has limited of space to arrange the annual event in their premises. Therefor BRYC need to rent a place for the event. It was suggested to rent a conference room at a hotel in Kirkenes.

Brief of the annual event program was done.

#### **Panel discussion at the annual event:**

**Indigenous representative:** BRYC board member Nikita Ageev can't participate at the panel discussion. Indigenous and youth adviser Máret Ingá Smuk (IBS) will find someone else who can represent the indigenous people in this discussion.

**Environment representative:** Emmi Vähä from the Working Group of Environment and Subgroup on Hot Spots Exclusion (SHE) has agreed to be a panelist. She will be present in Kirkenes.

Maksim Marchenkov had also suggestions to environment representative from Remoted Arctic and Climate Schools.

**Education representative:** Maksim Marchenkov can represent education issues in the panel discussion. Maksim will participate digitally.

Liza (NBS) will contact someone in Young Leaders in Barents (YLiB) to check if they have any contributions to the panel discussion. YLiB develop Young Ambassadors for Barents Sports through a leadership program. The program gives youth an introduction to the topic's interaction, values, friendship, diversity and communication.

Liza will also check if the cultural festival Arctic Jam is interested to be a cooperation partner. Arctic Jam creates common activity platforms for kids, youths and adults.

UKM Nordic - Arctic use to arrange talent contests. Liza checks if they are interested to take part at the annual event to talk more about their cooperation.

It will be needed to collect all suggestions to one document. Suggestions should be broad geographically.

### **Workshop part in the program:**

It's needed to find a moderator for the workshop. Someone who can represent the case in an interesting and guiding way for the youths. Máret Ingá (IBS) will ask the Working Group of Indigenous Peoples (WGIP) if they have any suggestions. And ask them for a list of possible "cases/issues" that the youth could be working on at the workshop.

It was suggested that the cases could be addressed to the working group projects.

Liza (NBS) will create a budget for the annual event and make a draft to the recommendations.

Máret Ingá (IBS) will get an overview over the BRYC members who can participate at the annual event and annual meeting.

### **#3-2021/5 The next steps: Responsibilities and deadlines for the annual event**

Tasks regarding annual event has a deadline until the next board meeting that will be held on Monday 11 of October 16:30 (Norwegian time).

### **#3-2021/6 Status report regarding the Barents Youth Summit**

Barents Youth Summit will be held on 26 of October in Tromsø, the first Youth Summit that will be arranged under the Barents Euro-Arctic Cooperation. This event will be streamed.

Venue: meeting room 'Margarinfabrikken', Clarion Hotel The Edge (same as meeting room for Barents Euro-Arctic Council ministerial meeting) at 11:00-12:15 (Norwegian time).

Those of BRYC members that will be attending in Tromsø are:

- Daria Makhotina, chair/board member, Russia
- Martin Gamst Johnsen, vice chair/board member, Norway
- Maria Grånemo, council member, Västerbotten
- Anette Bang, council member, Nordland
- Karin Burman, board member, Sweden
- Kosma Rönkä, council member, Oulu Region

Indigenous representative Nikita Ageev can't take part of the summit. Chair of Saami youth and working in Saami council Enni Similä will be the indigenous representative instead.

Speakers during youth event should prepare statements well. It will be possible to ask questions directly to the ministers but have in mind that you should include everyone in the discussion.

Barents Youth Summit program has been approved. Máret Ingá (IBS) sends it to Chair of the BEAC Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) Gøril Johansen.

Those who are going to speak at the youth summit must send their speech to Máret Ingá (IBS) as soon as possible.

Medvind has asked BRYC members to make a short movie with the topic "What does Barents Cooperation mean to me". This is for the marketing of the youth summit. Martin will make one for Norway, Karin for Sweden, Kosma for Finland, Maksim for Russia, and Nikita for the indigenous people.

### **#3-2021/7 Other questions**

BRYC is invited by the upcoming Finnish Presidency of the Barents Euro-Arctic Council and City of Oulu to do a pre-discussion for the Future of Europe event that takes place on 30 of November in Oulu. Martin, Maksim, Karin from BRYC will participate on this pre-discussion Zoom-meeting on Wednesday 6 of October.

There will be a Youth Congress in Moscow in middle of November held by the University of Arctic. This can be an opportunity to make a discussion with BRYC about youth issues. Focus on how to reduce the Barents youth migration.

Last week Regional Youth magazine reached out to Maksim to do a short interview about BRYCs work. Maksim has agreed to do the interview and will promote the youth summit and BRYCs annual event.

Martin has received an invitation to take part in the Arctic-Spirit conference that takes place 15-17 of November in Rovaniemi. The whole IBS will be there.

### **#3-2021/8 Next Board meeting**

The board decided that the next board meeting will be held on Monday 11 of October.

Board meeting #7 2021: 11 October 2021 16:30 (Norwegian time)

An invitation to this meeting shall also be sent to the IBS, NBS, as well as the chairs of CSO and BRC.

### **#3-2021/9 Closing of the meeting**

The meeting was closed at 18:03 (Norwegian time).