



Nordlands chairship of the Barents regional Council 2025



Greetings from Marianne Dobak Kvensjø, Chair of Barents Regional Council

Nordland is honoured to assume the chairship of the Barents Regional Council for 2025. Despite uncertainties about the future of the Barents structures, the need for effective collaboration remains clear.

Since 1993, we have enjoyed a strong partnership through the Barents structures. However, the landscape has changed significantly. With current global uncertainties, unity in Arctic Europe is more crucial than ever.

The Barents structures provide significant advantages for multi-level cooperation in the European Arctic. In 2025, Nordland aims to contribute to reform and ensure a relevant framework for future collaboration, exploring changes in working groups, geographical adjustments, and possibly a name change.

Our key priority is securing a platform for effective cooperation from 2026 onwards.

This year is a chance for us to explore the best solutions for a lasting and effective collaboration platform. Let's think innovatively and work together to achieve this!



Nordlands vision and priority for 2025

Vision

Develop **one** unified structure for political dialogue between national and regional levels in the European Arctic.

Key Priorities

- Securing a platform for effective cooperation from 2026 onwards.
- Provide a new strategic direction for collaboration in the European Arctic.
- Lift regional key issues to national governments.



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