

AGENDA
of the Joint BEAC and BEAR Working Group on Energy
24th September, 2009
10.00-17.00, Government of the Arkhangelsk Region

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10.00-10.10	Welcoming words of the Governor of the Arkhangelsk Region Mr. Ilya Mikhailchuk / Acting Vice-Governor of the Arkhangelsk Region for Fuel and Energy Complex and Housing Sector Mr. Alexey Vereshagin .
10.10-10.25	Welcome statement by Mr. Anatoly Lukin, co-chair (Arkhangelsk region) and introductory remarks by co-chair Mr. Johan Vetlesen (Norway). Adoption of the agenda.
10.25-10.35	Presentation of delegates to BEAC.
10.35-10.45	Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Joint BEAC and BEAR Working Group on Energy (decision/recommendation).
10.45-12.00	<p>Round table statement by the delegates from capitals and regions on policy developments within energy efficiency and renewable energy sectors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Johan Vetlesen, Norwegian Ministry of Petroleum and Energy; • Mr. Hannu Lipponen, Finnish Ministry of Employment and Economics; • Mrs. Christina Oettinger-Biberg, Swedish Ministry of Entrepreneurship, Energy and Communication; • Mr. Anatoly Lukin, Government of the Arkhangelsk Region; • Mr. Yury Teltevskiy, Administration of the Nenets Autonomous District; • Mr. Jørgen Calundann, Danish Energy Agency; • Mr. Tore Wigenstad, SINTEF; • Mr. Odd Steinsvik, Steinsvik Architects.
12.00-13.00	Lunch (Rossiyanka café)
13.00-13.40	Identification of common challenges for cooperation on energy efficiency

	and renewable energy in the BEAC context (discussion).
13.40-14.10	Conclusions and follow up of the Workshop on the 23 rd September. Concrete project cooperation proposals based on the conclusions from the Workshop (discussion).
14.10-15.00	Brief overview of existing financing mechanisms relevant to the proposed cooperation proposals (short statements by NEFCO, etc.). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Elisabet Paulig-Tonnes, NEFCO.
15.00-15.30	Coffee break (Rossiyanka café)
15.30-16.00	Plans and activities for the end of 2009 and 2010 (presentation and discussion). Proposals from the representatives of the BEAC governments and BEAR regional administrations. <p><u>From ToR, specific objectives of the EWG shall include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promotion of measures to improve energy efficiency in the production, distribution and consumption of energy, inter alia through the activities of the energy efficiency centres (Barents Energy Focal Points) in Kirovsk, Murmansk, Arkhangelsk, Petrozavodsk, Syktyvkar; • Coordination of energy efficiency and cleaner production activities; • Promotion of renewable energy sources, particularly bioenergy and hydropower; • Promotion of increased cooperation between regional electricity companies and system operators; • Promotion of project financing, including the further development of financing instruments and the development of an investment framework by the Russian Partners (EWG shall not assume responsibility for any project); • Expansion of contacts between regional energy market actors including relevant service and supply industries for oil and gas activities; • Promotion of Joint Implementation and other Kyoto mechanisms, including within the framework of the Testing Ground Facility¹; • Examination of prospects and implications of hydrogen development; • Coordination with other relevant initiatives, particularly with BASREC².
16.00-16.15	Reporting from the Renewable Forum in Murmansk.
16.15-16.25	Any Other Business.

¹ Testing Ground Agreement for Flexible Mechanisms of the Kyoto Protocol, signed in Gothenburg on 29 September 2003.

² Baltic Sea Region Energy Cooperation

16.25-16.40	Summing up.
19.00-21.00	Dinner at the reception hall of the Rossiaynka café (on behalf of the Norwegian Ministry of Petroleum and Energy).