



THE BARENTS WORKING GROUPS
ANNUAL REPORT 2018

Name of the Working Group: BEATA Steering Committee

Swedish chairmanship November 2017 – September 2019

1. Priorities of the Chairmanship

Goals for Swedish chairmanship of BEATA Steering Committee October 2017-September 2019

“Transport cooperation in the Barents-Euro Arctic area for the future – innovative solutions for strengthened competitiveness and sustainable development”

- Prime goal is to update and develop the Joint Barents Transport Plan (JBTP)
- Continue developing the cooperation with the countries concerned
- Seek greater coordination and synergy between BEATA and Barents Regional Council and Northern Dimension Partnership on Transport and Logistics (NDPTL)
- Promote transport policy objectives and strive for innovative, sustainable and efficient transport solutions in the region
- Showcase Swedish solutions and innovations
- Promote strategic and flexible planning of cross-border infrastructure measures and have a well-functioning exchange of information on planned measures with other countries
- Help reduce obstacles to transport flows in the region by highlighting challenges and changing experiences

A number of issues to be highlighted:

- o Forecast models for cross-border transport flows
- o Road safety – Vision Zero (Swedish Strategy for road safety)
- o Four step principle and Strategic Choice of measures studies
- o Infrastructure, transportation and connection to tourism, where appropriate.

2. Meetings (meetings held, main topics and outcomes of the meetings).

BEATA SC

12-14 March 2018, Skellefteå:

Discussions and agreement on the outlines of the revision of the JBTP.

Presentation by the Swedish Transport Administration on instruments for infrastructural planning; four-step-principle etc.

Presentation of BEAC WG for tourism and the work of Visit Norrbotten.

13-15 November 2018, Kiruna

Discussions on the priorities in and further work of the revised JBTP. Agreement on the workplan.

JBTP Tourism Cooperation between BEATA/JBTP and Joint Working group on Tourism (JWGT). How can JBTP use results from Visit Arctic Europe project?

Sustainable solutions for heavy rail and road transport. STAX 32,5 ton and BK4/Finland 76 tons. (Short presentation – will be a topic next meeting).

Exchange of information from the Ministries present and presentation on Arctic Railroad by Finland.

Information from Ministry for Foreign Affairs/Swedish Chairmanship of the Barents Euro-Arctic Council.

Information exchanges were also made with NDPTL (Northern Dimension Partnership on Transport and Logistics) and the Joint Working Group on Youth

Both meetings were back to back, and with the participation of the Barents Regional Council Working Group on Transport and Logistics BRWGL

JBTP Working Group:

Meetings in February (Stockholm) and in September (Kirkenes).

3. Other activities (projects, events, programmes etc.)

Both meetings were combined with studyvisits, presentation and informal dinners:

Meeting in March, Skellefteå: presentations by Boliden on maritime transports and testing of autonomous vehicles in mining industry, followed by a tour of Boliden-Rönnskär, coppersmelter and recycling electronics.

Meeting in November, Kiruna: Together with NDPTL SC: studyvisit to LKAB Iron Ore Mine. With BRWGTL: studyvisits on the urban move/transformation of Kiruna. Visit and presentation of Icehotel project.

4. Results of the year (decisions, new initiatives, improvements)

A working group for the update of JBTP was established with the Swedish National Transport Administration as coordinator.

Outlines for the update of JBTP was agreed upon.

Close cooperation and coordination with BRWGTL, the Barents Tourism group and NDPTL.

5. Evaluation of the work (What went well, what needs improvement)

Coordination with other Barents working group is important in order to achieve synergies.

Help from IBS concerning registration of participation was very valuable.

6. Other