



## BEATA Webinar on Railway and Logistics in Barents

29 April 2021 1000-1230 (CET)

Rail transport is an important part of the transport system in the Barents region, and has an important role in the transport of large volumes of goods, mainly over longer distances. Rail transport helps to meet the need for cost-effective, safe, and sustainable transport and is an energy-efficient alternative for long distances. Customers in need of transport of large volumes use rail transport in specially adapted systems where entire trains transport one group of goods, such as timber or ore. In both cases, the railway's low unit costs contribute to reduced costs for Norwegian business and industry. Trains with containers are effective and can compete with road transport taking all kinds of products.

The railway system connects the Barents region and provides links to the European lines as well as to Asia. There are some important cross border rail connections in our region, some of them involves change of gauge. What is the status for these important locations on the rail network and are the bottle necks properly addressed in the national plans?

The BEATA Webinar will highlight the railway's role as carrier of goods in Barents. We have invited experts from the railway administrations as well as experts and stakeholders on logistics to provide insight and knowledge about current development and plans. The BEATA Webinar is open for all with interest in development of transport in Barents.

The BEATA Webinar will be held in English with interpretation to Russian in a separate channel on Zoom. Please be aware that the interpretation option requires downloading of the Zoom client.

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### Agenda

09:45-10:00	<i>Open for joining in</i>	
10:00-10:05	Welcome, practical info	Paal Iversen, moderator
10:10-10:25	Railroad as backbone - the case of Ofofbanen/Malmbanan	Norwegian Railway Directorate

10:25-10:45	Logistics in Barents – Narvik as a logistical hub Multi-modality in praxis, how to succeed bringing goods from road to rail Steps towards low and zero emission logistics in Narvik	Port of Narvik, ware owners & operators
10:45-10:55	Long term infrastructure development – KVV Northern Norway	Norwegian Public Road Administration
10:55-11:00	From Coast to Market – Making of a Consistent Regional Strategy	Eirik Selmer, Troms & Finnmark County Council
11:00-11:15	Q & A	
11:15-12:00	Barents railroad challenges – bottlenecks and plans Finland Russia Sweden	FI, RU, SE
12:10-12:20	Barents logistics and the role of the railway in the years to come	Stig Nerdal
12:20-12:25	Q & A	
12:25-12:30	Conclusion and end of meeting	