



The Barents Working Groups

Annual Report

Name of the Working Group: Steering Committee for the BEATA

The current Chair and the Chairmanship period: Russian Ministry of Transport, 2015-2017

1. Priorities of the Chairmanship

1. Continuation of the work started during the Norwegian and Finnish Chairmanships on the draft Joint Barents Transport Plan, aimed at building an efficient transport infrastructure and transport links in Northern Europe, designed according to the needs of the region's population, transport operators and industries of local economy, with climatic and geographical features taken into account.
2. Improvement of transport safety, implementation of global satellite navigation systems and systems of emergency response in case of accidents on the emerging international motor routes of the Barents region, including Russian national automatic accident emergency response system "ERA-GLONASS", drafting proposals for its possible connection with the eCall System.
3. Professional training for the transport industry in the Arctic region, including shipping.
4. Strengthening of interaction between the BEAC working bodies, responsible for transport and tourism.

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

- June 20, 2016: meeting of BEATA Steering committee in Arkhangelsk
- June 21, 2016: BEAC Transport Ministerial meeting in Arkhangelsk

In accordance with the chairmanship 2015-2017 the Ministry of Transport of the Russian Federation held the BEAC Transport Ministerial meeting in Arkhangelsk on 21 June 2016. As a result of the meeting the Joint Declaration on Transport Development in the Barents Region was adopted. The work under the draft Transport Plan is continuing. As the result of the BEAC Ministers of Transport meeting BEAC countries continue the dialogue on implementation the mutually beneficial initiatives in transport, infrastructure and logistics with practical potential for the further development of the regional transport system.

- Three BEATA expert video meetings on the draft JBTP were held on May 12, 2016, June 14, 2016, January 17, 2017.

During the Russian Chairmanship of the BEAC the following events for the development of the optimal Northern Europe's transport routes were held:

- April 12, 2016, Murmansk, VI International Conference "Logistics in the Arctic". Organizers: Association of contractors of Arctic projects Murmanshelf, Government of the Murmansk region

- November 1, 2016, Saint-Petersburg, IX Annual International Conference «TRILOGY» (Transport. Investments. Logistics), related to the development of transport and logistics complex in the North-West of Russia and international transport cooperation in the Baltic and Barents Euro-Arctic regions. Organizer: North-West Development and Investment Promotion Agency

- November 8, 2016, Saint-Petersburg, III Annual Conference "Transport Infrastructure of St. Petersburg and Leningrad Region", under which the round table "Logistics conjunction of trade flows of Baltic transport corridors and the Northern Sea Route" was held. Organizer: Directorate for the development of the transport system of St. Petersburg and Leningrad region.

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

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

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

6. Other