

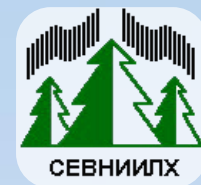
Meeting BEAC Working Group «Barents Forest Sector Network»

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1. About comments of member countries to the study «Barents 2050»





- The study will focus on how the Barents region could contribute to the achievement of the goals of the “Paris Climate Agreement”, build resilience with regard to the impacts of climate mitigation measures, as well as on the potential for a sustainable economic development that arises from mitigation action



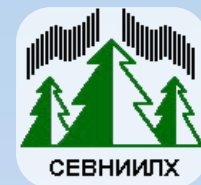
A reference group

- Working Group on Economic Cooperation
- Barents Forest Sector Network
- Steering Committee for the Barents Euro-Arctic Transport Area
- Joint Working Group on Energy
- Working Group of Indigenous Peoples
- Regional Working Group of Environment



The study should focus on the following issues:

- What will be the direct consequences for economic activities of the stronger climate policies that must emerge?
- How will stronger climate policies influence markets and hence opportunities for regional sustainable economic development?
- How can the region contribute to mitigation, meet the challenges in a sustainable way, and seize the opportunities that will arise in a carbon-constrained economy?

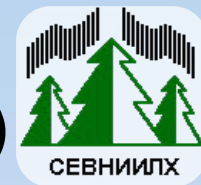


- VTT (Technical Research Centre of Finland Energy Systems, Climate Change)
- **«Systematic and comprehensive assessment on the implications of the Paris Agreement on the Barents region economy up to year 2050»)**
- VTT provides a constructive and systematic method to analyze energy markets and emissions up to 2050

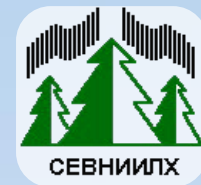


- “Skeleton version” of the Barents 2050 report:
- Format of the report - 50 pages
- The structure of the text is presented and some preliminary results are presented.
- As an example, only one complete analysis of the heat-and-power sector is made.
- Issues related to the forests of the Barents Region are located in the Section 5.6 «Agriculture, forestry and reindeer herding»

Comments to “Barents 2050” (mainly done by Sweden)



- Climate adaptation is essential to optimize the forestry contribution to emission reductions in the future, but it is still unclear to what extent this objective will be met in the study
- To divide section 5.6 into three separate sections. The reason is that each of these is an important land use in the Barents area, and face quite differing challenges as a result of climate change and global changes in general
- The contribution of forestry to reduce emissions needs to be addressed in a number of economic sectors mentioned in the report.
- Agriculture falls outside of our area



- The next steps will be:
- Full report draft by 15th June.
- **Comments from the reference group by mid-August.**
- Finalization of the report by end of September
- Environments Minister's meeting late November
- Seminar on the results in a wider circle - time to be decided by WGE

Thank you!

