

## INVITATION

Barents Rescue 2015 Exercise  
Initial Planning Conference (IPC)  
16 - 18 September 2014, Rovaniemi, Finland



*The Ministry of the Interior and the Crisis Management Centre (CMC) Finland hereby invite you to the Barents Rescue 2015 Exercise, Initial Planning Conference (IPC) in Rovaniemi, Finland, 16 - 18 September 2014.*

### PRACTICAL INFORMATION AND PROGRAMME

#### Accommodation and meals

Participants will be required to make the room reservations and pay for both accommodation and meals directly to the hotel. For the period of 15/09-18/09, special prices, 100€ single room/night and 144,50€ double room/night are offered for the IPC participants at the Hotel Santa Claus, Rovaniemi. The reservation can be made online <https://online.santashotels.fi/reserve>, by email [rovaniemi@santashotels.fi](mailto:rovaniemi@santashotels.fi) or by phone +358 16 321 3227. This offer is available until 29 August. When making the reservation please quote the reference code *cmcbarents* and specify if you have any special allergies. Also inform the hotel if meals, other than CMC Finland's hosted dinner, are required. The cost of lunch is 11€, dinner 29€ at the hotel. For more information please consult the hotel website: <http://www.hotelsantaclaus.fi/en>

#### Registration to the IPC

To register, please go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/barents-rescue-2015-exercise-ipc-tickets-12509788113>, password: *cmcbarents*. All participants, regardless of function or role, must register for participation at the IPC. Registration is required by 29 August.

#### Airport transfer

Hotel Santa Claus is located at the centre of Rovaniemi. A regular bus connection from Rovaniemi airport to the city centre is operated by Airportbus, and to Pyhä-Luosto resort by SkiBus. The bus timetables align with arrivals and departures, <https://www.finavia.fi/en/rovaniemi/arriving/>. There is a bus stop close to the conference hotel. The bus fare is about 7€ one way, and can be paid either by cash or card. Taxis are on call at the taxi stand in front of the airport during the scheduled arrival times.

#### Interpreting

The conference language will be in English. There will be no interpreting during the conference.

#### Visa to Finland

All Russian and CIS citizens, when entering Finland and other countries under the Schengen agreement, have to apply for a visa. Schengen visas have to be obtained from the embassy / consulate of the country where the main purpose of travel lies. Please consult the website <http://visa.finland.eu/english/allaboutyourvisas.html> to obtain information about the Schengen visa and submitting an application for a visa to Finland.

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## PROGRAMME

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### Tuesday, September 16

- 0800-0900 Registration  
0900 Opening  
0915 General introduction and practical information  
0945 Remarks from participating nations  
1030 Briefings:
  - ✓ Lessons learned from previous exercises (Norway)
  - ✓ The civil protection organisation of the host nation (MoI Finland)
  - ✓ Overall aims and objectives (in general terms) (CMC Finland)1200 Time for individual discussions with the exercise management  
1215 Lunch  
1315 Briefings:
  - ✓ Scenario framework (CMC Finland)
  - ✓ Nations expectations and desired participation / Commitment from the different countries (NO, SE, RU, FI)
  - ✓ Timeline MPC / FPC / Exercise BR15 / PXD
  - ✓ Exercise location (CMC Finland)
  - ✓ Economic conditions and clarifications (CMC Finland)1600 Moodle training  
1700 Time for individual discussions with the exercise management  
Time for national gatherings if required  
1900 Dinner at the hotel

### Wednesday, September 17

- 0830 Work in working groups  
1200 Lunch  
1300-1515 Work in working groups continues  
Time for national gatherings if required  
1900 Dinner (hosted by CMC Finland)

### Thursday, September 18

- 0900 Reports from working groups / General discussions and agreements  
1030 Briefings:
  - ✓ Host nation support (MoI Finland)
  - ✓ Cross border arrangements and customs clearance (MoI Finland)1145 Summary and closing remarks  
1200 Lunch

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