

THE BARENTS EURO-ARCTIC REGION



- The Barents region covers 1,75 million km, which equals the combined area of France, Spain, Germany, Italy and the Netherlands.

- Established in 1993.

- Most densely populated area of the Arctic. Over 5 million people including several indigenous Peoples.

- Fisheries, oil exploration, LNG, mining, minerals, diamond and gold, mining, metallurgy, chemicals, aluminium, forestry, high-tech, cleantech, wellness tourism, circular economy, home of Nokia, reindeer herding, aquaculture.

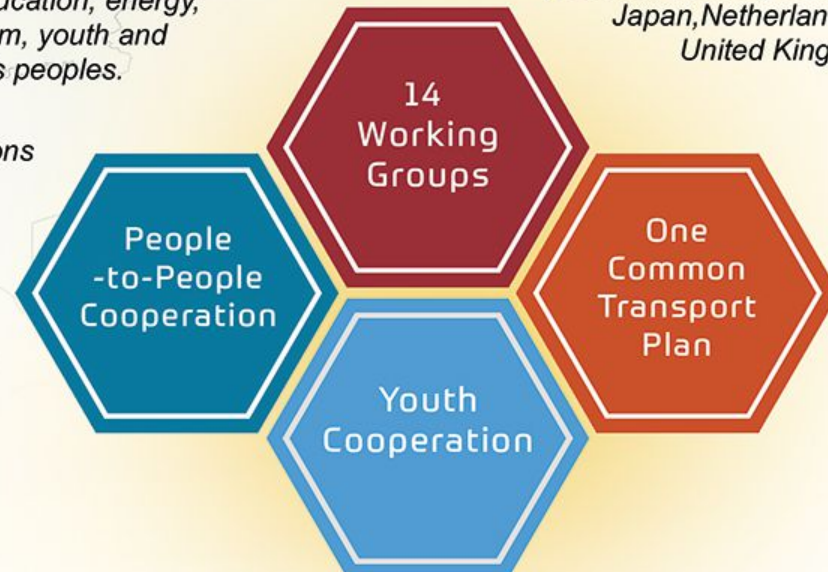
- Harsh climate, huge distances and vast natural resources.

- 14 working groups dealing with economic cooperation, environment, transport, health and social issues, education, energy, culture, tourism, youth and indigenous peoples.

- Encompasses the northernmost regions of Norway, Sweden, Finland and North-West Russia

- 27 universities and more than 40 research institutions

- Member countries: Russia, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland and the European Commission. 9 observer countries: (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Poland, United Kingdom, USA)



BARENTS COOPERATION

www.barentscooperation.org/en

Important institutions in the Barents cooperation



The International Barents Secretariat

Established in 2007, the secretariat aims to support the Barents cooperation. It assists the biannually rotating governmental and regional Chairs as well as the Working Groups. Further it maintains the archives and serves as an information database, as well as maintains contacts with other organisations and stakeholders.
<https://www.barentscooperation.org/en>



The Norwegian Barents Secretariat

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The Norwegian Barents Secretariat's main goal is to support Norwegian-Russian cooperation projects. Every year the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs grants 30 million NOK (3 million EUR) to the Norwegian Barents Secretariat for this purpose.
<https://barents.no/nb>



Kolarctic

The objective of the program is to promote a viable economy and the attractiveness of the region, where inhabitants and visitors are able to enjoy the arctic nature and where the natural resources are used in a sustainable way. The program area covers Murmansk, Arkhangelsk and Nenets (Russia), Norrbotten (Sweden), Lapland (Finland), Nordland, Troms and Finnmark (Norway). The program is thus an important financial contributor to the Barents co-operation.
<https://kolarctic.info/kolarctic-2014-2020/>

Success stories and projects

Visit Arctic Europe

Cooperation between small and medium size tourism businesses in the Barents regions of Finland, Sweden and Norway. By joining common strengths and values, the area is promoted as one tourist destination.
<https://visitarcticeurope.com/>



Barents Games

Barents Games is a sports festival uniting 30 different sports. The games are an arena for both sporting and cultural exchange and makes people-to-people cooperation between the four countries in the Barents region possible. Barents Games gathers 600-1000 youth athletes from Norway, Sweden, Finland and Russia aged between 15 and 25 every year to compete within a particular sporting event.
<https://barentssports.com/About>



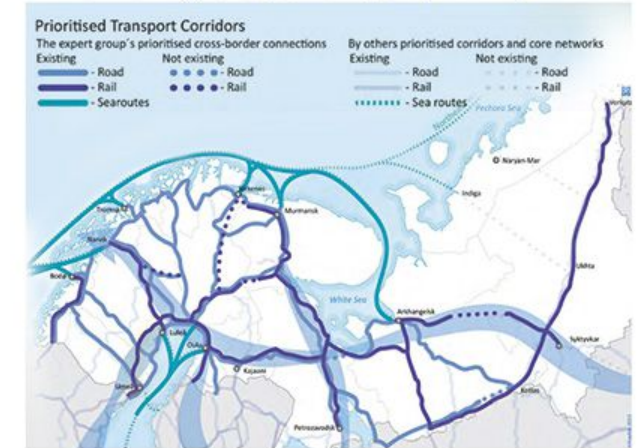
Arctic skills

A vocational competition between students from Lapland, Murmansk, Finnmark and Norrbotten, based on «World Skills» principles with support from World Skills Norway. A yearly meeting place gathering for development of vocational skills in the north, gathering more than a thousand students.
<http://arcticskills.com/>



Joint Barents Transport Plan

The Steering Committee for the Barents Euro-Arctic Pan-European Transport Area (BEATA) is working on a common transport plan for the whole Barents region (JBTP). Russia, Finland, Sweden and Norway are developing an effective transport system in the Barents region with good and effective connections between the Barents countries, as well as to the world markets also with a focus on technology and climate change.
[https://www.barentscooperation.org/en/Working-Groups/BEAC-Working-Groups/Transport-\(BEATA\)](https://www.barentscooperation.org/en/Working-Groups/BEAC-Working-Groups/Transport-(BEATA))



Barents on-time

Collaboration between Russia, Norway and Finland on improved cross border public transport.

