



**DRAFT 28 May 2018**

The Swedish national Chairmanship of the Barents Euro-Arctic Council and the Finnmark regional Chairmanship of the Barents Regional Council 2017-2019 invite you to:

**“Barents Co-operation 25 Years -  
Fostering Common Opportunities in the European Arctic”**

*Venue: The Swedish Representation to the EU, Square de Meeûs 30*

*Moderator: Nora Thorp Bjørnstad*

*Date: Tuesday 5 June 8:30-13:00*

8:30	Registration and Welcome Coffee
9:00	Welcoming by Mr. <b>Mikael Lindvall</b> , PSC Ambassador, Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU
9:05	A visual introduction to 25 years of Barents cooperation.
9:10	Mr. <b>Christian Leffler</b> , Deputy Secretary-General for Economic and Global Issues at European External Action Service “The EU Arctic policy in a Barents perspective”
9:20	Mr. <b>Björn Lyrvall</b> , Arctic Ambassador, Sweden “European Arctic – an example of successful regional cooperation during 25 years”  Ms. <b>Ragnhild Vassvik</b> , Chair of Barents Regional Council and County Governor. Finnmark’s priorities for the Barents Euro-Arctic Chairmanship
9:45	Presentations: Best practices for cross border-cooperation - Arctic Skills, a competition for students in vocational education, Mr. <b>Robert Flatli</b> - KOLARCTIC CBC an important Barents contributor, Ms. <b>Päivi Ekdal</b> , Development Director, Regional Council of Lapland - Transport and infrastructure in the Barents Region (Joint Barents Transport Plan), Mr. <b>Krister Palo</b> , Swedish Transport Administration - The Indigenous Barents, Ms. <b>Tatiana Egorova</b> , Leader Barents Indigenous Peoples Office
10:40	Coffee break
11:00	Why does Barents matter in Brussels? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. <b>Urmas Paet</b>, Estonian MEP</li> <li>• Ms. <b>Marita Ulvskog</b>, Swedish MEP</li> <li>• Ms. <b>Merja Kyllönen</b>, Finnish MEP</li> </ul>
11:30	Talking Barents panel debate: Building a future by joining people – Lessons learnt from 25 years of people-to-people cooperation to deliver future continued success of cooperation in a changing world.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms. <b>Ragnhild Vassvik</b>, Chair Barents Regional Council</li><li>• Ms. <b>Marie-Anne Coninx</b>, EU Ambassador at Large for the Arctic</li><li>• Ms. <b>Magdalena Andersson</b>, County Governor, Västerbotten</li><li>• Mr. <b>Sergey Petrovich</b>, Russian Senior Official in Barents Euro-Arctic Council</li><li>• Mr. <b>Harri Mäki-Reinikka</b>, Finnish Ambassador, Senior Adviser, Northern Policies</li></ul>
12:45	Q&A – Questions from the audience
13:00	A taste of Barents – lunch reception
14:00	End of event