

Barents Euro-Arctic Council

Barents Regional Council

**Joint Working Group
on Health and Related
Social Issues (JWGHS)**

JWGHHS includes:

- representatives at national and regional levels**
- indigenous peoples**
- other organizations such as the Nordic Council of Ministers, the WHO, EU Commission**

CHAIRMANSHIP

2004 – 2005 Finland and Republic of Karelia

2006 – 2007 Norway and Murmansk Oblast

2008 - 2009 Sweden and Arkhangelsk Oblast

2010 – 2011 Finland and Republic of Komi

2012 - 2013 Norway and Republic of Karelia

**Co-operation Programme on
Health and Related Social Issues
in the Barents Euro-Arctic Region
2008-2011**

Priority areas:

- Prevention and combat of communicable diseases
- Prevention of lifestyle-related health and social problems, and support to children and youth at risk
- Development of primary health care, public health and social services

Sub-programmes:

- Barents HIV/AIDS Programme
- Children and Youth at Risk
- Barents Tuberculosis Programme

Barents Tuberculosis Programme

- Follow-up of the Kirkenes declaration of 2003, in which the Prime Ministers urged the Barents authorities to gain full control of the TB-situation in the region by 2013.
- The various projects on reducing new cases of TB have been positive, but it is the multidrug resistant TB and the number of TB/HIV co-infections that are risk in the region.

Tuberculosis Programme development

- Preparatory discussions during the chairmanship of Sweden and Archangelsk (2008-2009)
- Planning meeting in Archangelsk, 8 April, 2010, with the NDPHS Expert Group on Prison Health

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- Logical Framework Approach workshop in Repino, Leningrad Region, 8-11 June, 2010
 - ✓ Participants from Murmansk, Archangelsk, Komi, Karelia, Leningrad Region, Moscow, Norway and Finland
- Purpose: Strengthening the fight against TB and TB+HIV in the Barents Region through Barents Cooperation
 - 8 components

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- Launching of the Barents TB Programme, 22.9.2010 Syktyvkar
- First Steering Committee meeting on 13 May, 2011, St. Petersburg

Co-operation programme on health and related social issues for 2012 - 2015

- TB as one of the priority areas and sub-programmes