



Children and Youth at Risk (CYAR) in the Barents Region

Needs Assessment Report

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29th Meeting of the Joint Working Group for Health and related Social Issues (JWGHS)

Meetings with Stakeholders

Oslo, June 18, 2019

- Eli Ferrari-de-Carli, Senior Advisor, Directorate for Children, Youth and Family Affairs, Norway
- Unni Nygaard, Senior Advisor, Directorate for Children, Youth and Family Affairs, Norway
- Holst Ragnhild Angell, Lawyer, Norwegian Ministry of Health and Social Care Services
- Jaana Tervo, Lawyer, Regional State Administrative Agency for Oulu, Finland
- Hanne Kalmari, Project Manager, Programme to address reform in Child and Family Services, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland
- Henrik Ingrid, Deputy Director, Division of Family and Social Services, Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Government offices of Sweden
- Annika Nordström, Chief, Director of Research, Region Västerbotten, Sweden

St. Petersburg, July 3, 2019

- Svetlana Lomaka, Deputy Chair of the Regional Commission on Minors affairs and their Rights protection, Government of Arkhangelsk Region
- Elena Dunaeva, Head of Mediation Department, Center "Nadezhda", Arkhangelsk Region
- Ekaterina Kalinina, Director of the Department of Child and Family Affairs, Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare, Republic of Komi
- Zaza Tsereteli, Senior Advisor, Norwegian Ministry of Health and Social Care Services
- Olli Kuukasjärvi, Ministerial Advisor, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Consulate General of Finland, St. Petersburg

Meetings with Stakeholders

Regional Meeting Finland, May 9, 2019

- Regional State Administrative Agencies of Eastern Finland (Tuula Kääriäinen) , Lapland (Kristiina Poikajärvi) and Northern Finland (Raija Fors)
- Eeva-Liisa Haapaniemi, Senior Specialist, International Affairs Unit, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health
- Maria Waltari, Ministerial Advisor , International Affairs Unit, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health
- Organised in connection in the Final Health and Social Issues Conference of the Finnish Chairmanship of the Arctic Council

Conference on Sexual Health, Kiruna, May 23, 2019

- Organised by Barents Regional Youth Council, BRYC
- Participants: 13 youth leaders from Sweden, Norway, Finland and Russia
- Suggestions will be sent out after adoption by the Barents Regional Youth Council to relevant authorities, Barents Regional council, governments and shared with NGO's working on the topic of Sexual issues in the region.

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Establishment of CYAR Steering Committee with Terms of Reference



What is needed now is a stable structure that could facilitate and support the cooperation, especially by securing financing by mapping options and drafting applications. CYAR should have its own Steering Committee with defined Terms of Reference as in the Steering Committee of the Barents HIV/TB Programme

Representation of indigenous peoples' should be supported as well as participation of youth; a representative from the Barents Regional Youth Council in an advisory role should be included.

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Biennial Barents Regional Conference and Child Strategy



A Barents regional conference is proposed to involve all partners, reach a common understanding and definition on risk factors for children and youth and possible interventions in each of the countries own context and gain political support. The organizing of the Regional Conference every other year could be the responsibility of the Chair country, Sweden in 2021, and Finland 2023.

The proposed outcome of the regional conference could be *Barents Regional Child Strategy* based on CRC and other international treaties. The strategy would cover all children under 18 in the Barents Region to target effective *preventive* measures to families, children and young people.

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Child and Youth
participation as a
cross-cutting issue

Cooperation with
the Barents Youth
Programme (BRYC)



Youth Recommendations from the Barents Cooperation Working Groups

Child Rights Impact Assessment (CRIA)

Children' best interest in services for adults.

Establishing Further Cooperation with the Barents Youth Programme (BRYC)

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Evidence-informed
policies and change



The further planning of the implementation/competence building of the evidence based practices in CYAR could benefit from the guide developed to shed lights on the principles of implementing and managing evidence-based practices in child and family services and provides concrete tips on how to develop one's own skills and competencies as well as to ensure policy level support and change; i.e. evidence informed policies.



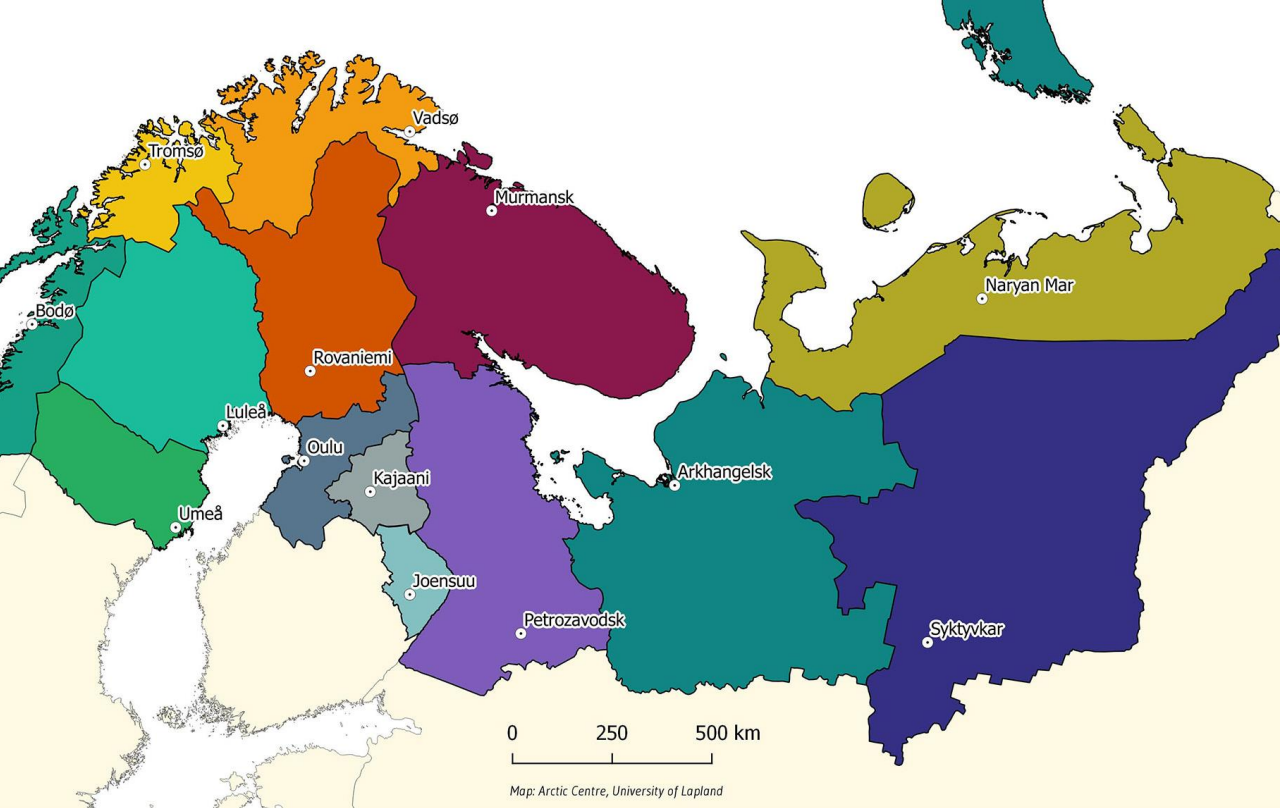
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“What this cooperation has really been about is mutual evaluation of our work and developing it further together.”



As the 8th Barents Program 2019-2023 Program expressed, the common objective and operational framework to strengthen the Barents cooperation, is being a joint platform maintaining stable development and people-to-people cooperation in the North.

In order to achieve this, the work should continue at all levels: between professionals and local, regional and national and international policy makers for the realisation of the rights of the child in the Barents Region.



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- Thank you
- for your attention