

**Minutes of the 10<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee Meeting of Cooperation Program  
of the Barents Euro-Arctic Council  
Children and Youth at Risk**

June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Beginning – 10.00

Ending – 17.00

Venue – Elite Stadhotellet Storgatan 15, Luleå, Sweden

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<b>Pål Christian Bergstrøm</b>	Chair of the Steering Committee of the Programme "Children and youth at risk in the Barents region Director General, the Regional Office for Children, Youth and Family Affairs in Northern Norway
<b>Marina Zyryanova</b>	Coordinator of the CYAR programme Project manager, Department of international relations in the Barents region, the Regional Office for Children, Youth and Family Affairs in Northern Norway
<b>Roman Koposov</b>	Senior advisor, Department of international relations in the Barents region, the Regional Office for Children, Youth and Family Affairs in Northern Norway
<b>Elena Dunaeva</b>	Advisor to the Deputy Governor of the Arkhangelsk region on social issues
<b>Ilya Semiashkin</b>	Head of the agency for social development of the Komi Republic
<b>Suvi Pihkala</b>	Project coordinator, University of Oulu, Women and gender studies, Finland
<b>Ingrid Löfstrand</b>	Regional development leader for social work with children and youth in Norrbotten, Sweden
<b>Margaretha Hägglund</b>	Regional development leader for social work with children and youth in Västerbotten, Sweden
<b>Hans Dahlin</b>	JMA Kolarctic

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**Linda Mosand** JMA Kolarctic Norway

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**Katri Niska-Honkonen** JMA Kolarctic

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**Renate Musifullina** JMA Kolarctic

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**Eugenia Chertova** Interpreter

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**Absent: Elena Krasovskaya** Murmansk

**Svetlana Antokhina** Karelia

**Vappu Sunnari** Finland

**Jenni Laiti** Repr. of the indigenous people

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### **1. Greeting. Opening of the meeting. – Chairman of the CYAR Steering Committee.**

**Pål Christian Bergstrøm** opened the meeting and greeted the participants of the 10<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee meeting of the program Children and Youth at Risk in the Barents Region (CYAR). He also welcomed the four administrative officers from JMA Kolarctic. **Ingrid Löfstrand** welcomed all present to Luleå, since it is the first time that the Steering Committee meeting is taking place in Sweden. This 10<sup>th</sup> meeting is an anniversary. Another anniversary is taking place in Kirkenes on the same time, June 3-4, on a ministry level, when the Declaration on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Barents Euro-Arctic Cooperation is taking place.

### **2. Introduction of the participants.**

Each participant introduced themselves to the meeting. P.C Bergstrøm expressed regret about the fact that four participants of the Steering Committee could not attend this day, hoping for next time.

A new member, Margaretha Hägglund from Västerbotten, Sweden was introduced. She will replace Ingrid Löfstrand who will retire.

### **3. Adoption of the agenda.**

The agenda was adopted unanimously.

### **4. Adoption of minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> SC meeting dated November 7<sup>th</sup> in Petrozavodsk, the Republic of Karelia, Russia.**

The minutes of the previous, 9<sup>th</sup> SC CYAR meeting were approved unanimously. The minutes will be published on website of Barents Euro-Arctic council, where minutes from other working groups are published, like JWGHS.

### **5. Status Report on the Activity Plan in 2013 – Chair:**

**-News from the Joint Working Group on Health and Related Social Issues (JWGHS).**

Next JWGHS meeting will be held in May 19th 2014 in Kirkenes.

### **-Activities 2013**

**Pål-Christian Bergstrøm** informed that many activities have taken place within the CYAR programme during the last year and many more are planned.

Since CYAR is a part of the Kolarctic ENPI program the need of assistance and guidance has been evident. Requirements, routines and practices need to be elaborated.

The annual CYAR conference was planned to take place adjacent to this meeting, but the working group set up to organize it did not manage to find enough speakers from all the countries. The theme "Child Protection Cooperation in a Multicultural Environment" was proposed by the Chair at the previous meeting of the SC and adopted by the members., the CYAR conference is postponed till the next meeting in Arkhangelsk, November 2013.

Two major events took place since last meeting. The first is a decision of the Ministry of Health and Care, Norway upon an evaluation of the major programs in CYAR. Dr Pauliina Aarva, director of Sokon, Finland and Professor Irina Ilchenko, Moscow State Med. University are entrusted with the task and will make interviews and questionnaires reaching people at different levels. The evaluation will probably be ready to the next steering committee meeting in November.

The other event is the ending of a five year project for visibility for CYAR projects. The Norwegian photographer Hanne Johnsen finished her work on a book, which contains pictures and stories of children, youth and families, participants in the CYAR projects. The book also contains articles from researchers and professionals. Hanne Johnsen has also produced a film showing the perspective of children and youth living in the Barents region. The film has been screened for the Ministry of Children in Norway and is sent to the Berlin film festival. Mr. Bergstrøm suggests that the SC members screen the film in their respective regions and invite H. Johnsen for a presentation/seminar.

### **-Experiences from CYAR I, 2008-2012**

**Pål Christian Bergstrøm** made a historical exposé beginning at 2000 when different small projects were going on. In 2006 Mr. Bergstrøm was asked by the JWGHS to elaborate a program, in which he had good help from Kerstin Ödman at the National Board of Health and Welfare, Sweden. In 2008 the CYAR was adopted. The target groups were children with disabilities, children in institutions, children with mental health problems and children in conflict with law.

The main objective for 2009 was to finance different activities for the target groups. The CYAR support programs are to be evidence based or knowledge based ones, primarily focusing on competence building for different professionals in contact with teachers for the CYAR program. There is also cooperation between universities in Norway, Finland and Russia, for instance, for evaluation activities.

In the beginning, in CYAR Norway and Russia were the main partners. As Finland and Sweden joined the programme, CYAR applied for financing from the Kolarctic ENPI CBC programme for 2012-2014.

Lately a bi-lateral cooperation has started between Norway and Russia (Murmansk and Arkhangelsk regions) on children in conflict with law, a CYAR target group. Regional representatives from these regions, Ms. E Dunaeva and Ms. E Krasovskaya coordinate this

cooperation as well. H Dahlin (JMA Kolarctic) expressed his opinion that there has been an impressive work done for the CYAR.

Mr. Bergstrøm showed power point with planned activities for period 1: (until 30.09.13), period 2: (1.10.13-30.09.14) and period 3: (1.10.14-31-12-14). Evaluation activities are planned to analyze the implementation process.

### **-Kolarctic Internal Project Qualitative Monitoring (IPQM).**

K Niska-Honkonen pointed out that the CYAR activities must stop at the end of November 2014. The last month will be needed for project report writing, including financial report.

R Musifullinna informed about the IQPM, a supporting system to find weaknesses and areas for improvement within projects. She pointed out that requirements after the first round of IPQM for CYAR are:

- 1) A plan for dissemination of the project after the project time:  
The partners are requested to provide a preliminary plan for dissemination activities after the project period. Dissemination of the project includes providing information about the background, the activities and the results. This will be an issue to discuss on the next SC meeting in November 2013.
- 2) A plan for visibility actions:  
The European Commission requires that the general public must be informed about the backgrounds, results and impacts of the project. It is necessary that all the partners involved in the cooperation think about and propose ways of disseminating the results of the project as much as possible. Transferring lessons learned and raising awareness about the achievements of the project is a way of creating sustainability beyond the partnership.

The EU emblem (the flag) must be used in all material produced by the project. In written or other presentations, it must be indicated that the EU (Kolarctic ENPI CBC) participates in the financing of the project.

The partners are requested to present a plan for visibility actions in their respective regions for the period 2: (1.10.13-30.09.14) by September 1, 2013

- 3) A plan for activities for project closure:  
The partners are responsible for preparation of the final report, dissemination of information about the project results, publications, dissemination and further use of project impacts/results after the project etc.

All documents related to the project must be kept for at least seven years after the receipt of the final payment. Norwegian partners must keep all documents related to the project for at least ten years after the final payment.

The Lead Partner must appoint a contact person for at least six months after the project's end to enable a smooth closure of the project and communication with the JMA;

### **-Responsibility of the project partners.**

The lead partner has responsibilities toward Kolarctic. R Musifullinna pointed out that all the partners are responsible for following the rules and recommendations of the Kolarctic while implementing the

project, providing necessary for reports information and follow recommendations from the lead partner. If regional partners need to discuss something they can address the Kolarctic branch offices (in Arkhangelsk and Murmansk, or contact JMA Kolarctic in Rovaniemi (Finland). Kolarctic, primarily Hans Dahlin can be addressed about questions and difficulties.

Recommendation from Kolarctic: Use EMOS (the lead partner has the password), plan activities and manage risks during the project and plan for closure in good time.

On Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> of June, Kolarctic will forward different questions in order to find out how recommendations have been implemented. Partners might be asked also.

### **-The financial management; the present situation and detailed planning.**

Mr. Bergstrøm informed that the Secretariat had experienced difficulties transferring the Russian share of financing of the project. The solution under consideration is to engage a part-time position (30%) at the branch office of the Norwegian Barents Secretariat in Arkhangelsk (Russia) for managing the financial side of the project for the Russian partners, such as transfer of financing, collecting economic reports and preparing the financial reports for Russian partners.

The Norwegian Barents secretariat is an experienced actor in international cooperation and a trustworthy partner and the present members of the SC and the representatives for the JMA Kolarctic expressed confidence for the solution.

The Secretariat will negotiate a 3-side agreement between the Lead Partner, the Arkhangelsk branch office and every single partner in the programme area in Russia involved in the CYAR project.

## **6. CYAR action plan for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2013 – discussion and detailed planning**

The action plan was shown on power point presentations during the meeting. Implementation of the knowledge based programs are planned to continue according to the action plan. Minor adjustments can be done later. The power point presentations will be attached to the minute.

The annual conference is planned for November 2013. The theme will be discussed later during this meeting.

The International Barents secretariat will further develop the web site for better transparence.

The Ministries of justice in Norway and Russia signed a new cooperation programme for 2013 – 2015, which includes continuation of collaboration on children in conflict with law.

### **- Proposal of an activity plan for period 2**

Mr. Bergstrøm presented power-points and M Zyryanova informed about the plan. Different suggestions have reached the secretariat. The power points include only a preliminary plan and certain changes might be done according to budget, wishes from the regions and availability of experts/trainers.

K Niska-Honkonens opinion is that there should be activities in all countries, since Kolarctic is a cross border cooperation programme. It is important always to write about and show the cooperation

activities going on. The discussion shows that there are more cooperation processes than have been mentioned.

Mr. Bergstrøm summarized the discussion saying that some activities will be further elaborated in close up with regional persons and with expert groups. An elaborated plan will be sent out to the SC by July 1, 2013. The Secretariat encouraged the SC to use the Dropbox sharing in order to keep themselves updated on the changes in the activity plan before next steering group meeting.

## **7. Information from regional representatives.**

Regional reports for CYAR program were presented to the Secretariat beforehand. They will be attached to the protocol in English and Russian and published on the web-site.

**Marina Zyryanova** presented a review of the reports.

Suvi Pihkala informed about the courses on “From violence to caring”, that are available for all countries to attend online. The courses are evaluated continuously and are elaborated in cooperation with Russian teachers. Elena Dunaeva and Ilja Semiashkin believed that there would have been a greater interest from students and professionals with regular courses, in the form of seminars. Suvi Pihkala will present a consolidated report on course evaluations at next meeting as a base line for further discussions of how e-learning and traditional seminars could be combined or the purpose, since more knowledge and skills are needed.

## **8. Planning of the next SC meeting and CYAR seminar in autumn 2013 – proposal from the Chairman**

The Chairman has left the meeting as he had to take a flight further. The meeting was further conducted by the project manager M.Zyryanova

It was proposed to hold next Steering Committee meeting on November 20-21, 2013 in Arkhangelsk, together with a seminar or conference.

The following proposals for the topic of the seminar were made

- Presentation of the best practices of work with children and youth at risk in the Arkhangelsk region, including mediation, which is unique experience.

R Koposov commented that the research data on ART is on-going and that the data were obtained from all the regions participating in ART implementation. Data will be analysed during the august and results will be available then and can be send to regions. I. Semiashkin supported this proposal.

- I. Löfstrand proposes the perspective from the children and youth themselves. Screening of the film of Hanne Johnsen and presentation. In Luleå there is a specialist who works on the topic of children and how they experience foster care. *A note from the Secretariat after the meeting: in order to involve the Swedish and Finnish partners more and taking into consideration the recruiting campaign for foster families in Northern Norway, maybe foster care can be a topic for the CYAR seminar in November 2013?*

The members of the SC who were absent at the meeting are encouraged to provide their suggestions on current topics for the CYAR seminar to the secretariat.

## 9. Closing of the meeting.

**Marina Zyryanova** thanked all the participants of the 10<sup>th</sup> SC CYAR for productive cooperation.

The minutes were kept by

Ingrid Löfstrand

The minutes will be published at [www.beac.st/cyar](http://www.beac.st/cyar)