



**Invitation to the 28th Meeting of the  
Joint Working Group on Health and Related Social Issues (JWGHS)  
Tromsø, Norway**

Dear colleagues,

25 January 2019

We have the pleasure of inviting you to the 28th meeting of the Barents Joint Working Group on Health and Related Social Issues (JWGHS) to be held in Tromsø, Norway, **on 19-20 March 2019**.

**Important items of the agenda for the JWGHS 28 meeting are:**

- Discussions on the 6<sup>th</sup> Barents framework programme on health and related social issues
- Discussions on the new programme: "Rural health in the Barents region"
- Barents collaboration on children and youth at risk – needs assessment
- Topics for the agenda of the Barents health and social ministers' meeting November 12<sup>th</sup>
- Presentations from 2-3 countries/regions on recent development relevant to the Barents collaboration in health and social issues
- Presentation of the Heart-to-heart project and visit to the National Centre for e-health research (day 2)

Please contact one of the chairs by 1<sup>st</sup> March if you have suggestions for other topics to include on the agenda. We are open to suggestions to which countries/regions (2-3) should present at the 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, also by the same date.

The recommended arrival date in Tromsø is 18 March. Day 2 closes with a mini-excursion and lunch 12-13.

Please find enclosed practical information and registration form.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Tromsø!

Best regards,

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