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Dear friends of the Barents region

Ensuring a healthy population is essential for the sound development of the Barents region. More than anything else, the COVID-19 pandemic has underlined the importance of building strong infrastructures for international health collaboration and developing new health technologies.

As Chairs of the Barents Euro-Arctic Council and the Barents Regional Council, it is our pleasure to invite you to the meeting ***E-health technology for better health care in the Barents region*** on Tuesday 8 December 2020 from 09:30 to 13:30 (local Norwegian time).

Health is one of the key priorities during our chairmanships. This meeting is a follow-up session to the first Barents Ministerial Meeting on Health and Social Issues hosted by Norway in November 2019, and will focus on ongoing efforts in the Barents region to develop and utilise digital health solutions.

The meeting is being organised in cooperation with the Joint Working Group on Health and Related Social Issues through the Steering Committee of the Barents Programme for New Technology and Methods in Health Care in Sparsely Populated Areas, and will be conducted as a video conference. Links to the stream and the meeting programme will be published on the website of the International Barents Secretariat (<https://www.barentscooperation.org/en>) prior to the meeting.

We would welcome your participation in the meeting, where you will be able to listen to presentations from health experts, young entrepreneurs and regional representatives from the Barents countries.

Yours sincerely



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