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Invitation to the Barents Youth follow up Seminar in Luleå, Sweden

12 June 2019

The Swedish Chairmanship of the Barents Euro-Arctic Council has the pleasure of inviting you to the Barents Youth follow up Seminar in Luleå on 12 June 2019.

The Swedish Chairmanship program has a special focus on putting the youth perspective at the center of discussions and encouraging youth engagement in the development of our societies and the future of the Barents region.

The conference *25 years of Barents Cooperation – Youth perspective for the future* in Luleå in April 2018 was held to stimulate a creative debate and to explore opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. The conference conclusions have been taken forward and discussed in the Barents Euro-Arctic Cooperation. Now it is time to meet again to follow up the draft result of the process, and in a smaller youth setting anchoring the preliminary set of youth recommendations, before they are finalized and presented on 3 October 2019 at the Ministerial meeting in Umeå.

For more information on the Swedish Chairmanship priorities, please visit http://www.regeringen.se/4a9eca/contentassets/292df30a916040fc95af93fe59cc75da/ordf_orandeskapsprogram.pdf.

Another aim of the seminar is to touch upon the report book “#Barents – #BeingYoungHere”, which will be released at the seminar, focusing on what it is like to be young in Barents today.

The preliminary program is attached.

We look forward to welcoming you to Luleå, to engaging in fruitful discussions and exchanging experiences and insights with dedicated people in the Barents Euro-Arctic Region.

Yours sincerely,

Andreas von Beckerath, Deputy Director-General, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

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Practical information

The seminar will take place at Quality hotel, Storgatan 17, Luleå.

The seminar working language will be English.

Participants are kindly asked to confirm their attendance **by 30 May 2019**. By completing the registration form on: <https://www.barentscooperation.org/en/About/International-Barents-Secretariat/registration>

Accommodation

Reservation has been made at the Quality hotel, Storgatan 17, Luleå. Rates range from 917 SEK per night including breakfast and taxes.

Hotel reservation at the above hotel must be **made by 20 May** at the latest, either by email g.lulea@choice.se or phone +46 920 20 10 00. The group reservation code is 2052GR003996.

Travel costs

Participants are required to pay their own travel expenses.

Registration in Luleå, information desk, meals

A registration desk will be located at the hotel. Meals are provided by the organiser.

If you have any questions, please address them to hakan.wiklund@lansstyrelse.se or ibs@barentscooperation.org.