

Agenda for the Joint Committee on Rescue Cooperation in the Barents Region

Bodø 16 – 17 September 2010

1. Opening of the meeting
 - a. Presentation of each participant

2. Adoption of the agenda

3. Administrative matters
 - a. Update list of members of the Joint Committee
 - b. Information from the CSO-meeting in Stockholm 1-2 October 2009
 - c. Organizational chart of the BEAC cooperation
 - d. Terms of reference of the Committee
 - e. Information/news from the International Barents Secretariat
Roy Hojem to present

4. The Barents Agreement

Sweden as depositary to the Agreement to introduce status of ratification. The participants are encouraged to add any relevant information.

5. Follow-up of exercise Barents Rescue 2009
 - a. Planning of exercises – recommendation in the Final Exercise Report p.16.
 - b. Revising the Exercise Planning Guide.
 - c. Procedures for notification and request of assistance – regularly communication exercises between the points of contact in the Barents Region.
Finland, Russian Federation and Norway to report result of tests carried out in 2010.
 - d. Practical test of communication channels.
 - e. Testing of VTC-systems between the Points of Contact in the Barents Region.
Status?
 - f. Border crossing procedures for response teams are to be as simplified as possible in accordance with the Agreement art. 8. Proposal to look into the

national procedures of all the Parties to the Agreement to ensure that procedures are efficient or if changes should be made.

- g. With regard to suspension and exemption of customs duties, other duties and taxes for rescue resources, it is stated in the Agreement art. 9 that national legislation and international obligations applies. Proposal to look into the matter to ensure that this is as simplified as possible for all Parties.

6. Exercise Barents Rescue 2011. *Sweden to introduce status.*

7. Barents Joint Manual

- a. Update needs? (contact information etc)
- b. Publication
- c. Costs

8. Involvement in the possible project “Cold protection/hypothermia”. *Finland to introduce status.*

9. Web-update (www.beac.st)

All participants are encouraged to check to web-page in relation to the Committee to see if there are any up-dating needs.

10. Next meeting

11. Next chair

12. Any other business