



**Minutes of The Barents Joint Working Group on Culture (JWGC)
Meeting**

18th October 2017 at 3 -6 PM

**Arkhangelsk Merchant Yard –Arkhangelsk regional museum of local
history, Address: Northern Dvina Embankment, 85/86**

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Welcoming words from the hosting region, Arkhangelsk
3. Introducing and registering of participants
4. Approval of the Agenda
5. Minutes from the JWGC meeting in Harstad 19th June 2017
6. Minutes from the JWGC meetings in Moscow 13th October 2016 and 8th November 2016
7. The recipients of Barents Culture Scholarships
8. Checking how 4* 10000 euros will be paid to Barents Culture Scholarship recipients
9. The ceremonies where the scholarships will be awarded in 19th October in Archangelsk
10. Planning pre ceremony program for the recipients
11. The draft of the new Barents Regional Strategies
12. The biennial report of JWGC to IBS
13. The action plan ideas of Sweden and Finnmark for JWGC 2018-2019
14. Operating Guidelines for the Barents Working Groups and the renewal of the Mandate of the Joint Working Group on Culture
15. Updates from JWGC members on current issues and projects
16. On-coming JWGC meetings
17. Any other matters
18. Handing over the chairmanship to Sweden and to Finnmark
19. Closing the meeting

1. **Alina Ivashchenko opened the meeting after family photoing.**
2. **Welcoming words from the hosting region Arkhangelsk said Veronika Yanichek.**
3. **Introducing was done and registering of participants is in the end of the minutes.**

The recipients of the scholarship attended the meeting:

Jaakko Heikkilä, Finland

Mona Mörtlund, Sweden

Bente S. Andersen, Nikolay Shchetnev and Natalia Samray, Norway

Natalia Shamray, Foundation for support and development of ethno-cultural initiatives, Russia.

4. **The Agenda was approved with some changes in order of the matters.**

5. **The ceremonies where the scholarships will be awarded in 19th October in Archangelsk**

Mr. Alexey Ivanov invited the JWGC members to attend the ceremony in the Arkhangelskiye Gostiniy Dvor, where the ministers of Foreign Affairs of each member States will give the scholarship to the recipient of the country.

6. **Minutes from the JWGC meeting in Harstad 19th June 2017 were approved.**

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7. **Minutes from the JWGC meeting in Moscow, 13th October 2016 and 8th November 2016 will be approved later.**

8. **The recipients of Barents Culture Scholarships had their interesting presentations.**

The recipients are:	Finland	Jaakko Heikkilä	Presentation in Annex 3
	Norway	Samovarteateret	Presentation in Annex 4
	Sweden	Mona Mörtlund	Presentation in Annex 5
	Russia	Presentation on behalf of Natalia Shamray was done by Anna Tomchik.	

9. **Checking how 4* 10000 euros will be paid to Barents Culture Scholarship recipients was not discussed.**

10. **Planning pre ceremony program for the recipients was no more done because it was in this meeting**

11. The draft of the new Barents Regional Strategies

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JWGC will give its further comments along the orders given by the meetings of BRC and BC later during Finnmark chairmanship.

12. The biennial report of JWGC to IBS

Annex 8

The report drafted by co-chair Helena was given to IBS before The JWGC meeting.

13. The action plan ideas of Sweden and Finnmark for JWGC 2018-2019 will be presented in the future meetings.

14. Operating Guidelines for the Barents Working Groups and the renewal of the Mandate of the Joint Working Group on Culture

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Operating Guidelines for the Barents Working Groups were adopted by CSO on 28th June 2017 as well as the Mandate template for WGs.

The present Mandate for the Joint Working Group on Culture (JWGC) 2014-2018 was approved by the Regional Committee and the BEAC/CSO 2014-03-19. The mandate of the Joint Working Group on Culture will be assessed after three years of its duration.”

The JWGC discussed about the points of the JWGC Mandate and will adopt the new Mandate in the following meetings.

15. Updates from JWGC members on current issues and projects will be discussed in other occasions.

16. Next JWGC meeting will be in Kirkenes in Norway at 21st February, 2018 and the second one possibly in Kiruna in Sweden.

17. XVI Session of The Barents Euro-Arctic Council Joint Declaration was included to the minutes.

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18. Handing over the chairmanship to Sweden and to Finnmark

Co-chair Alina Ivashchenko handed the country chairmanship to David Ek to Sweden and co-chair Helena Aaltonen handed the regional chairmanship to Stine Janvin to Finnmark.

19. Alina Ivashchenko closed the meeting at 6 PM.

Helena Aaltonen wrote the minutes.

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