



Joint Working Group on Culture (JWGC)
of the Barents Euro-Arctic Region
Protocol of the meeting 11. December 2009
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1. Opening of the meeting

The Chairs - Natalia Dikova (Russia) and Ellen Østgård (Troms) opened the meeting and welcomed the participants to Rovaniemi, Finland. Presentation of participants of the meeting in JWGC (Annex 1).

2. Adoption of the agenda

The enclosed agenda (Annex 2) was adopted with the following changes: Agenda item no 8 withdrawn.

3. Adoption of the Protocol of the JWGC meeting 29. January 2009 in Kirkenes, Norway

The members of the JWGC meeting adopted the Protocol of the JWGC meeting 29. January 2009.

4. Establishing a Partnership on Culture by Pia Erson

Pia Erson briefed the meeting about the Establishment of a Northern Dimension, Partnership of Culture. It will be launched May 2010 in St. Petersburg. Complete presentation on www.beac.st

Sport is not part of the Northern Dimension, Partnership of Culture. Only in Norway, Sport is an integrated part of the Culture Concept.

5. Information about BEAC (meetings, new working groups etc.)

Anna Lund, from The International Barents Secretariat informed about the meeting of foreign ministers in Murmansk on 15 October 2009. Sweden has taken over the Chairmanship of the Barents Euro-Arctic Council (BEAC) from Russia for the next two years and the Oulu Region handed over the Barents Regional Council (BRC) Chairmanship to Troms for 2009-2011.

Next meeting in CSO in Stockholm, February 2010 and BRC in Tromsø, June 2010.

The International Barents Secretariat is recruiting an adviser on project funding and environmental issues. The position is financed by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Sweden. The Indigenous Peoples' Adviser is financed by Norway.

JWGC decided to establish contact with the working group of tourism.

6. New winds in the Barents Region – situation now and how to continue

Barents 2010+: The application to the Baltic Sea was not approved. The work on a new application has started, headed by Oulo. What role the cultural issues will have is not cleared, but the JWGC member from Osterbotten will contact the Baltic Sea Program. Deadline March 2010.

Multilateral projects in part B:

Troms informed that all the cultural projects (part B) have been available on the website www.beac.st since the last meeting in January 2009.

Short information from the regions on conferences and updates on projects:

Västerbotten:

Västerbotten regional museum. Rock Art in Sapmi network have started with financial from Nordic Council. Cooperation between Norrbotten, Murmansk, University in Tromsø and more. The museum has a new position as curator in storytelling.
Umeå is selected as the European Capital of Culture 2014.

Library conference Umeå, autumn 2009 – important to support these established networks.

Youth Project BRYG – will be invited to a later meeting of JWGC

Arghangelsk:

Cultural Competence Cluster (CCC) 2009 was completed April 2009 with a report. JWGC consider the it as a good project and wish to continue to work with the CCC.

Finland:

FI – RU Culture Forum 2009 in Syktyvka, Komi. 300 participants. The FI – RU Culture Forum 2010 will take place in Hämenlinna, Finland.

Turku is selected as the European Capital of Culture 2011 and as Finland Design Capital 2012.

Karelia:

90 years anniversary 2010.

Wooden Architecture Conference in Petrozavodsk, July 2010. Focus on creative industry – crafts and new products.

Lapland:

New artist in residence program.

International Art Show Conference in Saariselkä.

Murmansk:

Film festival Aurora Borealis, Murmansk May 2010.

Norrbotten/ Troms:

Music on Top funded by EU, until December 2010 (Russia is still included). First part in Luleå (spring 2009), second part in Tromsø (autumn 2009) and third part in Oulo (2010).

Barents Litterature Centre – enlargement of the network of contacts and platform. Norrbotten to follow up subsequent to the steering committee meeting in January 2010.

7. Presentation of a project:

Mr. Odd-Halvdan Jakobsen from Troms informed about the project Arctic Young Art Connection (AYAC).

Initiating AYAC:

2010-2011 Introduction program - developing the network with young artists and adult leaders

2012-2013 General program - establishing an Arctic Young Art Festival for the northern area

Complete presentation on www.beac.st

8. Incoming chairmen

Sweden takes over the Co-Chair from Russia for the next two years and the Troms Region handed over the Co-Chair to Arkhangelsk.

9. Next meeting

Next meeting will take place in Västerbotten, Sweden.

Enclosed:

Protocol of the JWGC meeting 29. January 2009

Conclusion of the international forum "Culture of the Barents region" in Arkhangelsk 16. – 18. June 2008

NDSOM 12 Nov09 Chairman`s Conclusion

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Agenda of the meeting:

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Place of the meeting: Clarion Hotel Santa Claus, Rovaniemi, FINLAND

Friday 11th December, 09.00 am

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