



Joint Working Group on  
Education and Research  
of The Barents Euro-Arctic Region

## Resolution.

At the meeting of the Joint Working Group on Education and Research of the Barents Euro-Arctic Region on the 15-18th of September, 2010 the participants:

*Stressing* the fact that the creation of a knowledge-based society plays a determining role in creating and sustaining a competitive economy in the Barents Region today.

*Noting* with satisfaction that the Barents Region universities play a significant role in new knowledge creation, transmission of such knowledge to the public by education and training, dissemination of information by communication technologies, and adaptation of the new knowledge in new industrial procedures, products or services.

*Stating* that there are many examples of successful co-operation between Universities, research institutes and industry in the Barents region.

1. *Encourage* all JWGER members to collaborate more closely with business sector in the Barents region, to move forward from a strictly education mission to market oriented research and to be more effective in the effort of producing innovation and responding the most current and future needs of the labor market and civil society.
2. *Stress* that it is crucial to establish and operate a common interaction space for research institutes, private and public sectors, media, international and national financiers and the society to reflect on the future wellbeing and development of the Barents Region.
3. *Stress* the continuing need for fundraising activity.
4. *Support* the BRAIN ForCE - Barents Region Alliance for Innovative Northern Foresight Cooperation Excellence project.
5. Next meeting of the Group will be Murmansk/ Kirkenes (be confirmed)/