



**26th Meeting of the
Joint Working Group for Health and related Social Issues (JWGHS)
22. – 23. March 2018
Agenda (per 20.03.18)**

Meeting Venue: The Barents Secretariat, Kirkenes, Norway

Meeting languages: English and Russian (consecutive interpretation)

Thursday 22nd March 2018

Meeting will be chaired by Ms. Vibeke Gundersen (Ministry of Health and Care Services, Norway) and Mr. Dmitry Berezin (Ministry of Health of the Republic of Komi)

- 08:30 Registration and coffee/tea**
- 09:00 Opening of the meeting**
*Mr. Tarjei Bech, Deputy Major of Finnmark County
Chair of the Barents Regional Council*
- 09:30 Adoption of the meeting agenda**
- 09:35 Adoption of the minutes from the 25th meeting in Arkhangelsk 2017**
- 09:40 Barents Cooperation 25 years – looking back and looking forward**
Mr. Tomas Hallberg, Head of the International Barents Secretariat
- 10:10 Russian – Norwegian relations in the Barents Region with emphasis on health**
Mr. Lars Fordal, Head of the Norwegian Barents Secretariat
- 10:30 Northern Dimension Partnership in Public Health and Social Well-Being (NDPHS): Update on current activities, ministerial meeting and future plans**
Ms. Ulla-Karin Nurm, Director of NDPHS Secretariat
- 11:00 Coffee break**
- 11:15 Plan for preparation of the 6th framework programme for health and related social issues in the Barents Euro-Arctic Region 2020-2023**
Introduction by Chair
- 11:45 Barents Programme for Children and Youth at Risk (CYAR)**
General discussion (led by Chair)
- 11:55 Barents HIV/AIDS programme**
Mr. Pasi Korhonen, On behalf of Coordinator of the Barents HIV Programme

12:10 **Barents TB Programme**
Mr. Zaza Tsereteli, Coordinator of Barents TB Programme

12:20 **Departure for lunch**

Lunch at Thon Hotel Kirkenes (12:30 - 13:30)

JWGHS meeting continues

13:45 **A new Barents programme – Rural health for Barents**
Introduction by Mr. Zaza Tsereteli, Coordinator of the Barents TB Programme (ref. discussion paper)

Information from regional and national representatives on current and future activities concerning health and social issues

10 minutes (*5 min + 5 min for consecutive interpretation*) is allocated for presenting brief information on recent developments
Participants are asked to present comments on the issue of health services in the Barents Region (ref. invitation).

14:15 ***Russia***
Republic of Komi
Murmansk Oblast
Archangelsk Oblast

14:45 ***Sweden***
Ministry of Health and Social Affairs
Norrbotten County Council
Vesterbotten County Council

15:15 ***Finland***
Ministry of Social Affairs and Health
Regional State Administrative Agency for Eastern Finland
Regional State Administrative Agency for Northern Finland
Regional State Administrative Agency for Lapland

16:00 ***Norway***
Ministry of Health and Care Services
Northern Norway Regional Health Authority

16:20 **Next meeting**

16:30 **Coffee break with sandwiches**

16:50 **Any other business**

Conclusions of the meeting

17:00 **End of meeting programme day 1**

- 18:30** **Departure by bus for Kirkenes snow hotel**
- 19:00** **Excursion in Kirkenes Snowhotel (cold section - please wear warm clothes)**
- 20:00** **25th anniversary dinner at the Snowhotel (in the heated section)**
- 22:00** **Transport by bus back to the hotel**

Friday 23rd March (voluntary participation)

- 08:15** **Departure by bus from the hotel**
- 08:30** **Study visit I:** Tour of the new Kirkenes Hospital and visit to the new Emergency Medical Communications Unit Centre (located at the new Kirkenes Hospital)
- 10:00/10:30** *Departure from Kirkenes hospital to the airport for those who leave by plane at 11:30 or 12:00*
- 10:30** *Departure from Kirkenes hospital to Kirkenes city centre for those who will take part in study visit II*
- 11:00** **Study visit II:** Introduction and tour of the Salvation Army Social Services' centre and secondhand store in Kirkenes – information about the Russian – Norwegian collaboration project Novoe Nachalo (New beginning).
- 13:00** Lunch at Thon Hotel Kirkenes
- 14:00** End of programme