

Barents Euro-Arctic Council

Barents Regional Council

**Joint Working Group
on Health and Related
Social Issues (JWGHS)**

WGHS includes:

- representatives at national and regional levels**
- indigenous peoples**
- other organizations such as the Nordic Council of Ministers, the WHO, EU Commission**

CHAIRMANSHIP

- 2004 – 2005 Finland and Republic of Karelia**
- 2006 – 2007 Norway and Murmansk Oblast**
- 2008 - 2009 Sweden and Arkhangelsk Oblast**
- 2010 – 2011 Finland and Republic of Komi**
- 2012 - 2013 Norway and...**



Aim:

To improve the public health and social well-being in the Barents region, through stimulating and strengthening bi-lateral and multilateral co-operation and improve co-ordination between international projects in the field of health and social affairs.

**Co-operation Programme on
Health and Related Social Issues
in the Barents Euro-Arctic Region
2008-2011**

Sub-programmes:

- Barents HIV/AIDS Programme
- Children and Youth at Risk
- Barents Tuberculosis Programme

Barents Tuberculosis Programme

- Follow-up of the Kirkenes declaration of 2003, in which the Prime Ministers urged the Barents authorities to gain full control of the TB-situation in the region by 2013.
- The various projects on reducing new cases of TB have been positive, but it is the multidrug resistant TB and the number of TB/HIV co-infections that are risk in the region.

JWGHS activities in 2010

WG meeting, 22.9. Syktyvkar

Tuberculosis collaboration

- - Planning meeting in Archangelsk
- - Logical Framework Approach, Repino
- - Launching of the Barents TB Programme, 22.9. Syktyvkar

JWGHHS activities in 2010 (cont.)

- Children and Youth at Risk (CYAR) Programme
- Steering Committee meetings:
- Syktyvkar; Petrozavodsk

- HIV/AIDS Programme
- - Steering Committee meetings:
- Ivalo; Murmansk

JWGHS activities in 2011

- - 2 meetings of the JWGHS (3 March St.Petersburg & autumn meeting prel. in the Komi Republic
- - development of the new Co-op. Programme for 2012-2015
- - 2 meetings of the Steering Comm. of the Tuberculosis Programme

JWGHs activities in 2011 (cont.)

- - 2 meetings of the Steering Committee of the HIV/AIDS Programme
- (31 March in Petrozavodsk)
- - 2 meetings of the Steering Committee of the Children and Youth at Risk (CYAR) Programme (10 May Tromsø)