



**Invitation to the 30th Meeting of the
Joint Working Group on Health and Related Social Issues (JWGHS)
Umeå, Västerbotten, Sweden**

17 February 2020

Dear Colleagues,

We have the pleasure of inviting you to the 30th meeting of the Barents Joint Working Group on Health and Related Social Issues (JWGHS) to be held in Umeå, Västerbotten, Sweden, on 27-28 April 2020.

Main items of the agenda for the JWGHS meeting are:

- Presentations and reports from the three Barents expert programmes;
 - The HIV/TB Programme
 - The Programme on New Technologies and Methods for Health Care in Sparsely Populated Areas
 - The Programme for Children and Youth at Risk
- *Presentation:* Increased access to healthcare and social care through distance spanning solutions - a Nordic overview of practical examples.
- Study visits on welfare technology in health care and a presentation of crime prevention work by the Agency of Crime and Statistics in Umeå.

Please contact one of the chairs before March 6th if you have suggestions for other topics to include on the agenda. The countries and regions are invited to give presentations during the meeting. To ensure sufficient time for detailed consideration of all the items on the agenda, we would appreciate the possibility to limit the number of presentations to 2-3 per country.

The recommended arrival date to Umeå is 26 April and departure day 28 April. The programme will start with lunch on 27 April. Depending on air line connections it might be possible to arrive on 27 April. The first day will be devoted to study visits and a joint dinner in the evening. The official JWGHS meeting will be arranged on the second day, 28 April. The meeting is expected to end at approximately 16.00.

Please find enclosed practical information and registration form.

We are looking forward to seeing you in Umeå!

Best regards,

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