

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Working Group on Tourism

18th of June, 2013

Place: Arkhangelsk, Pur-Navolok Hotel

Present:

Mrs. Kairi Pääsuke	Chair of the Joint Working Group on Tourism, County Administrative Board of Norrbotten, Senior Adviser, SWEDEN
Mrs. Olga Gorelova	Acting Head of Agency for Tourism Development and International Cooperation of the Arkhangelsk Region, RUSSIA
Mrs. Mari Anneli Vähäkuopus	Rovaniemi University of Applied Sciences, FINLAND
Mr. Jose –Carlos Garcia Rosell	Multidimensional Tourism Institute, University of Lapland, FINLAND
Mr. John-Steve Linløkken	Nordnorsk Reiseliv AS, NORWAY
Mr. Max Saltykov	Nordnorsk Reiseliv AS, NORWAY
Mrs. Leena Saarikoski	Barents Euro-Arctic Council, Unit for Regional Cooperation, Department for Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, FINLAND
Mrs. Tarja Bäckman	Council of Pohjois Pohjanmaa, FINLAND
Ms. Valentina Latyeva	Ministry of Economic Development of the Murmansk Region, RUSSIA

1. Opening of the meeting

Kairi Pääsuke welcomed the participants to the meeting. The participants presented themselves. Olga Gorelova informed the participants of the Russian Federal Agency for Tourism decision on its representation by the Arkhangelsk Region. The following issues were discussed:

2. Singing procedure of the Action Plan for the Joint Working Group on Tourism in the Barents Tourism Development for the period of 2013–2015

Olga Gorelova told about the main procedures of the AP signing at the Government of the Arkhangelsk Region. The participants asked Bart project managers to inform the JWGT members about the readiness of the Russian translation of the AP in order to disseminate it among the Russian counterparts.

3. JWGT chairmanship

Kairi Pääsuke informed the participants that JWGT is chaired by Finland until February 2015.

4. ENPI Programme documents preparation

Kairi Pääsuke informed the participants about the preparation of the ENPI documents. 11 priorities are underlined under ENPI. Kairi Pääsuke will set up ENPI priorities in tourism sector according to the Action Plan. Olga Gorelova suggested facilitating cooperation of BEAR tourism authorities with regional ENPI representatives in order to provide including tourism sector priorities into the ENPI Programme document. The ENPI Programme document is planned to be finalized by the end of 2013.

5. Barents Programme

Kairi Pääsuke told about the signing of the Kirkenes Declaration in June and preparation for the rotation of the chairmanship in the Barents Regional Council and Committee which will be forwarded to the Arkhangelsk Region starting from 2014. Barents experts are working at the new funding instrument to develop joint Barents projects under the Barents Programme.

6. Cooperation with the JWG for Transport and Logistics

Kairi Pääsuke informed the participants about the new flights connecting Tromsø-Luleå and Oulu-Luleå-Tromsø which are planned to be operated in 2014 by Avinor. JWG for Transport and Logistics plans its meeting in August with presentation and discussion of the Joint Barents Transport Plan. Kairi Pääsuke told that she is going to participate in JWGT meeting in August on behalf of the JWGT.

7. Date and place of the next meeting

The next JWGT meeting will be arranged in November in Tromsø.

The Minutes of the meeting were written by:

Olga Gorelova

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