



## Minutes

### 51<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Subgroup for Hot Spots Exclusion (SHE#51) Telephone meeting, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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#### 1. Opening of the Meeting

The telephone/web meeting was opened at 09.00 and the following participated:

- Russia (absent)
- Norway (co-chair Hanne Aronsen)
- Sweden (Åke Mikaelsson, Nadya Maslova )
- Finland (Emma Nurmi,)

and Observers:

- IBS (Maria Dianova)
- NEFCO (Henrik G. Forsström, Ruslan Butovsky,)

Absent: Maria Dronova (Russia)

#### 2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted.

#### 3. The proposed SHE input to the update of the "Action Plan on Climate Change for the Barents Co-operation"

- a. Collection of information on measures taken at the hotspots (during 2003-2016? ) that will also (as a side effect) contribute to Climate Change Mitigation

The group discussed the circulated text including the proposals for changes made by Russia and NEFCO. The group could accept all the changes proposed. It was acknowledged that the Russian proposal for changes to the text would lower the ambition of the work, including the expected results, however, all recognized that the Russian proposal represents a realistic approach.

Some additional minor adjustments were made as proposal to the text during the discussion. It was also noted that it would be beneficial if the document would refer to relevant Russian legislation and decrees on climate change mitigation. Ruslan Butovsky will propose some text on this by end of Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Sweden and Finland will check out the text with climate experts as soon as possible (by end of Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November) and give feedback if relevant. Based on expected input from Ruslan and possibly Sweden and Finland, Hanne Aronsen will circulate the

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revised document to the SHE group soon after November 21<sup>st</sup> for formal SHE approval (with short deadline) before it is submitted to WGE chair.

- b. Outreach - brochure on hot spots elimination activities, containing information about their possible effect on climate mitigation

Maria Dianova presented the proposal from IBS on making a brochure on hot spots elimination activities, containing information about their possible effect on climate mitigation. The proposal on hotspot outreach was highly appreciated, however, some concerns were raised regarding resources and level of ambition. It was noted that the 2013 hotspot brochure that was made for the 10 year anniversary of the () at the end the Finnish chairmanship was very resource consuming (people, time and money) to make. It was also noted that, although there has been some progress on hotspots since 2013, it might not be enough to justify producing a new brochure for issuing within the Norwegian Chairmanship of the WGE in 2017. The group agreed that outreach activities are important but that it should rather be at a lower level of ambition at this point, rather as leaflet(s) about the hotspots. It was agreed that the activity should be ongoing, and that the time for issuing the outreach material would have to be decided later.

Maria Dianova (IBS) agreed to coordinate the work on the hotspot outreach material (leaflets) and will, in cooperation with the chairmanship, make sure all relevant parties are involved as appropriate. Outreach material will be discussed at the SHE meetings when relevant. Based on the discussion Hanne Aronsen will draft a general text as SHE input to the update of the Action Plan on Climate Change for the Barents Co-operation. The text will be circulated to SHE after November 21<sup>st</sup> for formal SHE approval before it is submitted to WGE chair.

#### **4. Any Other Business**

No AOB

#### **5. Date and Topics for Next Meeting**

The group discussed the possibility of having a small 1-day SHE#52 meeting in late mid December 2016 or in January 2017, preferably in one of the capitals. The following days were identified as possible options:

19 or 20 December, in Oslo or one of the other capitals

19 or 20 January 2017, in Kiruna, Sweden, back to back with ACAP WG meeting

Possible topics for discussion:

- Recommendations after the Pilot Hot spot Support Activity in Arkhangelsk on BAT for Pulp and Paper Industry, September 26-28
- Other Hot spot Support Activities
- Template for Definition of Specific Exclusion Criteria
- Follow-up on the SHE input to the update of the "Action Plan on Climate Change for the Barents Co-operation"
- The role of the Nordic experts in the exclusion process
- Other issues

#### **6. Closure of the Meeting**

The telephone meeting was closed at 10.35

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### Summary of Next Steps and Distribution of tasks

(in addition to tasks from SHE#50)

<b>Task</b>	<b><u>Responsible</u></b>	<b><u>Deadline</u></b>
Circulate draft Minutes from SHE#51	Hanne	asap
Prepare text on relevant Russian legislation and decrees on climate change mitigation, for the proposal discussed under agenda item 3 a) and send input to Hanne with cc to SHE	Ruslan	By the end of Monday 21st November
Check out the text discussed under agenda item 3 a) with climate experts, and send comments to Hanne with cc to SHE	Åke and Emma	By the end of Monday 21st November
Circulate revised SHE input to the "Action Plan on Climate Change for the Barents Co-operation", to the SHE group for formal approval (silence procedure, short deadline)	Hanne	Asap after Monday 21st November
Send the SHE input to the "Action Plan on Climate Change for the Barents Co-operation", to the WGE chair	Hanne	Asap after SHE approval
Invitation to SHE#52 meeting	SHE co-chairs will invite	