

THIS IS THE

BARENTS COOPERATION



**THE BARENTS
EURO-ARCTIC REGION**



PURPOSE OF THE COOPERATION



Launched in Kirkenes 1993, by foreign ministers of members countries *establishing the Barents Euro-Arctic Council*



Objective: Strengthen *peace, stability and sustainable development by improving opportunities for regional cooperation*



Provides a cross-border platform for *exchange of knowledge and experience*



TIMELINE

1993
Kirkenes
Declaration signed



2008
IBS established

2013
Barents Summit



2018
25th Anniversary of
BEAC



THE BARENTS REGION



Encompasses the northernmost parts of Norway, Sweden, Finland and North-West Russia, covering approximately 1 755 800 square kilometres



5 million inhabitants, Murmansk and Arkhangelsk as largest cities, most densely populated area of the Arctic



Characterised by harsh climate and vast natural resources, making it one of the world's most vulnerable regions in terms of environmental degradation and climate change impact



THE BARENTS EURO-ARCTIC REGION

National level



Member countries: Russia, Norway, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Iceland and the European Commission



+ 9 observer countries





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Regional level



Regions:

FI: Kainuu, Lapland, Oulu, North Karelia

NO: Finnmark, Nordland, Troms

RU: Arkhangelsk, Karelia, Komi, Murmansk, Nenets

SE: Norrbotten, Västerbotten





STRUCTURE



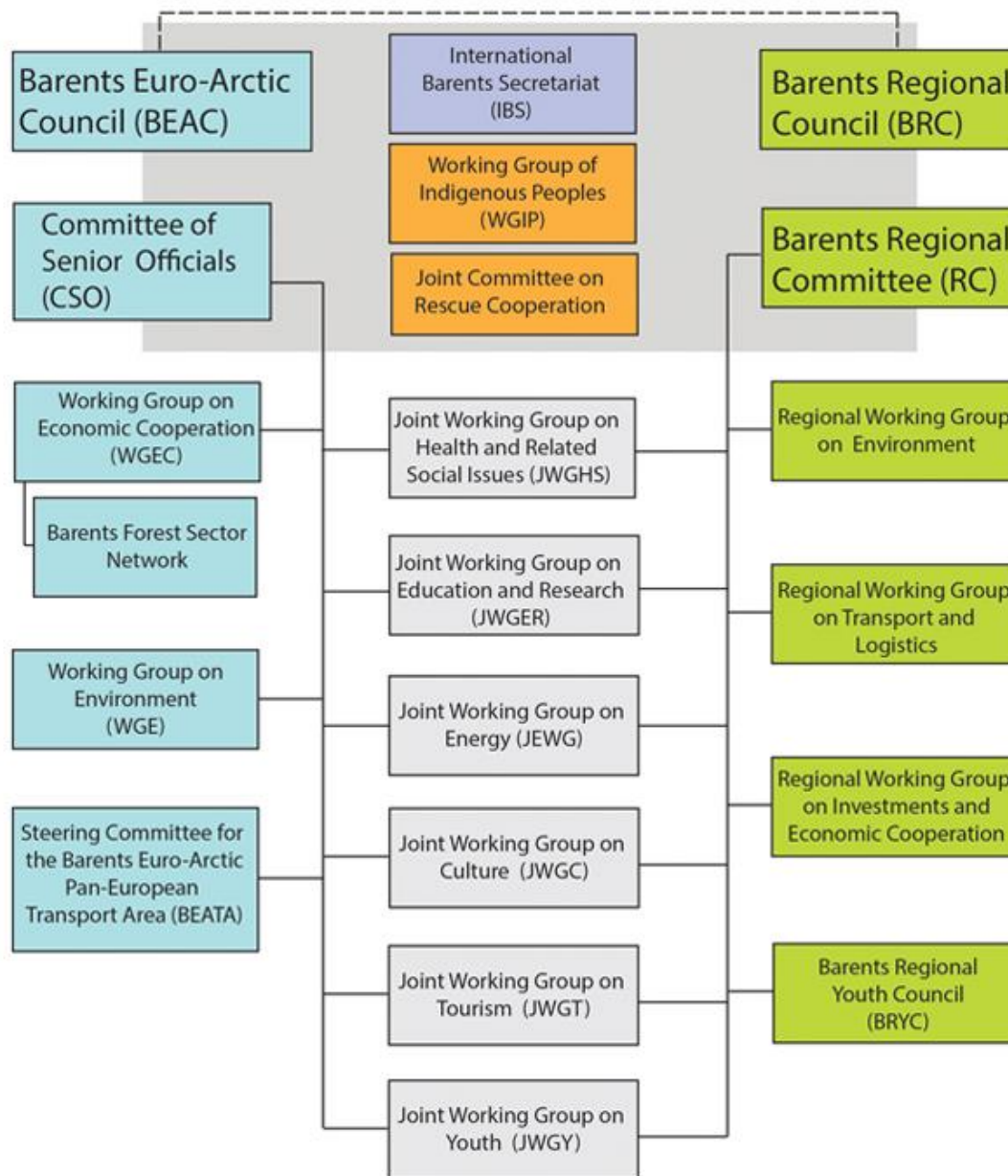
National bodies



Regional bodies



Joint working groups





National level



BEAC Ministerial Meeting (Highest Decision-Making Body)



Committee of Senior Officials CSO (Executive Board)





Regional level



Barents Regional Council BRC
(Regional leaders)



Regional Committee RC
(Civil Servants)





Indigenous population



85 000 Sami inhabitants in Sápmi across the 4 Barents countries, 7 000 Nenets and 6 000 Vepsians in Russia



Represented in the Council by The Working Group of Indigenous People



The group has a distinguished additional function, with an advisory role at all levels of the Barents Cooperation



The International Barents Secretariat



Archiving, Reporting,
Information/Communication



Institutional memory of Barents
Cooperation



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