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# The Finnish Presidency of the Barents Euroarctic Council 2021-2023; Working Group on Youth Issues

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# Priorities for the Finnish Presidency

The Presidency will focus on

- the areas of sustainable development and healthy environment
- people-to-people contacts with an emphasis on young people
- transport and good connections

The priorities are based on

- the UN Sustainable Development Goals 2030
- the European Green Deal
- the Barents Programme 2019-23

# Priorities for the youth field

The cross-cutting priorities are based on human rights, rule of law and democracy

- young people's access to rights, equal opportunities, incl. cross-border mobility opportunities, promoting respect to diversity and mutual understanding
- young people's meaningful participation in decision-making in all matters affecting their lives

Continuity between the Presidencies (in particular, the Norwegian Presidency and Tromsø Declaration)

# ”Rolling agenda” of the WG

- Review of the Mandate of the JWG (2018) based, i.a. on Tromsø Declaration
  - Discussion on the working methods and use of virtual opportunities (sustainable development, improving the outreach of activities)
  - BRYC initiatives and events
- Work Plan of the WG for 2021-2023
  - Barents cooperation in a wider European context - cooperation with other international structures
  - The 30th anniversary of the Barents cooperation

# Provisional themes of the youth agenda and activities to implement them

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| 1. Sustainable development and biodiversity   | 1. Presidency project (tbc) – a strong focus on youth participation  |
| 2. Education and training of youth workers    | 2. A workshop/mini-seminar in cooperation with Humak University of Applied Sciences (WG meeting in spring/autumn 2022)   |
| 3. Digitalisation                             | 3. A workshop/mini-seminar in cooperation with the National Youth Work Centre of Expertise on digital youth work focusing on "grooming" (WG meeting in spring/autumn 2022) |
| 4. Mental health and well-being in youth work | 4. A long-term activity (LTA) between the Erasmus+ National Agencies (FI, NO, SE) and the Russian Federation (tbc), 2023   |

# Provisional schedule of WG meetings

March 2022

- Week 11 (14 – 18 March) tbc.

October 2022

- Week 42 (17 - 21 Oct), tbc.

March 2023

- To be decided later

September 2023

- To be decided later

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