

Preparation meeting for the Barents Freeway Project in Oulu 18.8.2011 (Kolarctic ENPI)

Comments from Maiju Hyry (Lapland) 17.8.2011:

1. Lapland's ELY centre is ready to act as a Lead partner for the Kolarctic ENPI project if there will not be incurred costs for them (contact person Jorma Leskinen), which means that ELY centre will not co-finance the project.
2. It is good to prepare a solid application made by a consultant at a price of appr. 14.000 euro paid by the Nordic project partners.
3. If a project manager will be hired at Lapland's ELY they should participate also in co-financing.
4. Regional Council of Lapland is ready to co-finance the project with 10.000 euro.
5. Kainuu and Komi may be a part of the project as associate partners. Their travel costs may be covered by the project. The Lead partner will have costs incurred by project management, meetings and coordination that should be covered by the project. The biggest costs will be incurred by consultancy.
6. The dead-line in 14 November 2011, the decisions will be made in spring 2012, the project may start in summer 2012.
7. Lapland's ELY centre has applied for the Finnish national funding to make a transport study together with Murmansk region. It will be reasonable to connect these two projects.

Comments from Eirik Selmer (Finnmark) 16.8.2011:

Our main feedback (Troms og Finnmark) at this early stage is that we support the idea of a joint Kolarctic application. The meeting on Wednesday (18.8) should clarify the projects overall aim and purpose. A transcript of the meeting must be sent to members of the working group for evaluation and discussion.

The application will require the definition of realistic and clear goals/targets - both short term and long term. Partners should be given time to come up with suggestions/ideas for case-studies, activities, time frame etc. We recommend that deadline for these partner comments are September 15th and that an outline is ready later that month.

The working group should meet in the beginning of October to discuss an outline and agree on the final project description and application.