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BARENTS REGIONAL WORKING GROUP ON TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

MEETING IN SAARISELKÄ 11.01.2017

Place: Riekonlinna Hotel, Saariselkä, Finland.

Time: 16:00-18.00

Present:

Bo-Erik Ekblom

Eirik Selmer

Hannu Heikkinen, chair

Jaakko Ylinampa

Roman Gokkoev, secr.

Jarkko Rantala

Torbjorn Naimak, left at appr. 16.30

Jukka Olli

Martti Hahl

1. Approval of the Agenda

The Agenda was approved.

2. Approval of the Protocol of the meeting held in Helsinki 28.09.2017

The Protocol was approved.

3. Chairman's Overview (Hannu Heikkinen)

Last working group meeting was held in Helsinki. After that there were some preparations made regarding the new Kolarctic CBC project application. The Financial Agreement between EU, Russia, member-states and Norway was signed at the end on December and the 1st call will be launched in January. There were some negotiations made with a consultant, who is willing to prepare a solid application to the programme on behalf of the project consortium according to a separate agreement. The consultant will be responsible also for committing the Russian partners to the project. The first draft of the project plan should be discussed in detail during the preparation phase. The WG also needs a feedback from the Russian partners on the project idea. The chairman and secretary of the working group will check and if necessary update the list on members and of the WG and contact persons for this project proposal.

4. Partners' Overview

Eirik Selmer, Finnmark, informed that a new cargo report will be ready soon describing the volumes of cargo transportation between Northern Norway and Russia and between Northern

Norway and Finland including fish, general goods, petroleum and minerals. There will also be signed cooperation agreements between Finnmark and Lapland.

Jarkko Ylinampa, Lapland, informed about significant increase of international tourists in Lapland in December 2016. The total number of air passengers grew to over 1 million in Lapland in 2016 and in Rovaniemi airport to 490 thousand. Lapland will start in summer to renovate E8 between Kolari and Muonio and between Kilpisjärvi and border with Norway. There is also Intelligent E8 project launched in Lapland in cooperation with Norway.

Torbjorn Naimak, Norwegian Road Administration, informed about the status of activities in BEATA. BEATA will have their next meeting in March in Russia. The updated report on JBTP should be ready by autumn when the chairmanship will rotate from Russia to Sweden.

Martti Hahl presented the Silk Road project presentation by a Russian professor of St Petersburg University (to be distributed by e-mail).

5. Barents Transport project for Kolarctic CBC application

The project preparation process, summary of the project plan with 8 proposed modules and budget was discussed.

The proposed changes to the Structure of the Project Plan: Module 2 should include the overall description of the Barents Transport System on the international, national and regional level including international corridors listed in the Modules 5 and 7. The Module 4 should include Tourism transport (listed in Module 6). Modules 5, 6 and 7 should be integrated to Modules 2 and 4 as described earlier. A new Module was proposed with a title "Intelligent Transport Systems in the Barents region" (more info to be provided by Eirik Selmer, Appendix 1).

It was also agreed to invite more consultants to the project (one per each thematic module).

The total budget of the project was proposed to be decreased to max. 1,6 million euros.

The next step will be signing the Letter of commitment to be signed, scanned and sent to the Chair of WG before 20 January. The Letter will be updated and circulated shortly after the meeting. The total amount of the fee to consultant for preparation and submitting of the project application is 12.000 euros to be divided among the Nordic partners (6-9 partners).

6. Other Issues

On other issues were discussed.

7. Next meeting

The Regional WG will have their next meeting by Skype (or other internet based software) on Friday 2 February at 9.30 Finnish time with the aim to prepare a project application to the 1st call of the Kolarctic CBC programme (deadline 15 March). The consultant will be invited to this meeting. The following physical meeting was scheduled to be held on Thursday 2 March.

Secretary, Roman Gokkoev, Council of Oulu region

Appendix 1

Proposal for the new Module with a title "Intelligent Transport Systems in the Barents region"
Eirik Selmer 16.01.2017

Structure of the Project Plan of the Kolarctic ENI project "Barents Region Transport and Logistic"

Report No. 5 ITS project in the Barents Region

Phase 1 (2017-18)

1. Prepare overview of all current and planned ITS projects concerning the Barents region, and is relevant to the Barents region. Both with regard private and public ITS projects.

Phase 2 (2018-19/20)

2. Based on study (Phase 1) and partnership with BEATA prioritized concrete support to current or planned cross-border project (s). The aim is to follow a specific project / initiative. to get the experience and knowledge about the implementation of ITS. Consideration should be given to deposit a budget of 100,000 Euro.