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## **DRAFT MEMO of BARENTS REGIONAL WORKING GROUP ON TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS SKYPE MEETING**

**07<sup>th</sup> February 2017, at 12:00 – 14:00 Finnish time**

Participants:

Hannu Heikkinen, chairman Planning Director Regional Council of Kainuu, FI  
Sanna Nikola-Määttä, Planner, Regional Council of Kainuu, FI  
Olli Kiviniemi, Civil engineering Manager, Council of Oulu Region, FI  
Jyrki Suorsa, Regional Planner, Regional Council of North Karelia, FI  
Mikael Bergström, Chief Transportation Officer, Västerbotten, SE  
Eirik Selmer, Special Adviser, Department of Transport and Communication, Finnmark, NO  
Roman Gokkoev, secretary, Manager of International Affairs, Council of Oulu Region, FI  
Juha Hyvärinen, consultant, Traficon Oy, FI

1. Memorandum

Juha will produce.

2. Agenda and situation of the consultant contract

The Agenda was approved (sent by Hannu Heikkinen 6 February).

Hannu informed that all of the Nordic partners have signed the letters and nominated their contact persons for this project. It is now possible to sign the Contract with Traficon Oy with the aim to prepare a solid application to the Kolarctic CBC first Call of proposals on 15 March as the dead line.

3. Info and some new features/principles of the ENI Kolarctic application

Juha informed that the Financial Agreement should be ratified by the Russian Duma (expected in Autumn 2017) before the Project Contracts could be signed with the Applicants. No “associated partners” any more in ENI, however, “external experts” can be agreed upon and their travel costs paid by the project. Kainuu can be the Lead Partner (Kolarctic Administration approved).

Several level indicators are chosen by Kolarctic Programme Administration to guide the projects’ activities towards the objectives. Logical Framework is even more important than in the previous ENPI - rounds.

4. Presentation of the draft LogFrame of the project

Juha presented the LogFrame (sent to the WG on 6 February) of the project idea based on the draft Project Plan structure, prepared by the WG since the last meeting (1.5 pages long). Logical Framework is important document, which will be submitted as attachment to the project application.

The chosen Kolarctic ENI Priority Axis of the project is P2, Fluent mobility of people, goods and knowledge. The chosen Kolarctic Thematic Objective is TO7, Improvement of accessibility to the regions, development of sustainable and climate-proof transport and communication networks and systems. LogFrame is structured at the chain: activities – outputs – outcomes (special objectives) – project objective.

The project idea would meet about half of result indicators set by the Programme. As well, the project specific objectives would meet about the half of the 8 thematic indicators (SOIs and COIs) set by the Programme.

Eirik stressed the importance of detailed cargo transport analysis (current and a prognosis for the few next becoming years) in the activity package 2. In package 4 some longer future years can be assessed. More recommendations than in earlier Barents Freeway ENPI – project should be produced. A good amount of facts, assessment results and recommendations would be an objective to facilitate a transport policy discussion in the Barents Region. In ITS -package no 5, the project should analyze the current status of ITS projects going on in the Region and participate and/or follow in more detailed on a few ongoing ITS projects or programs in the Region. He also recommended to anchor the project more to the work of BEATA in order to get political support for national decision-making. He proposed to keep the respective national ministries aware of this project proposal at the preparation stage. The studies could also contain analysis of the cross-border passenger flows and connectivity inside the region according to JBTP.

#### 5. Presentation of the draft project budget

Juha introduced the draft budget ending up to 2.0 M Euros. The final sum applied would be somewhere between 1.5 and 2.0 M Euros. 16 organizations is proposed as partners included one new, namely Nenets Autonomous District Administration. The 3 Western regional road administrations (Nordland NO, Norr SE, Lapland ELY FI) are proposed either to status “partner” or “external expert”. The Lead Partner has right to invite the representatives to latter status to project meetings, project is paying their travel costs.

Consultant costs are rather high as all the studies are to be tendered and outsourced during the project. There are two principal ways (still open) to manage with consultant works: To budget them all in the Lead Partner, who would tender them either in one big tender or split them into few smaller or to split the consultant works to several partners, who would tender them separately.

#### 6. Other issues

Non.

#### 7. Next meeting

The Regional WG will have their next meeting on **Thursday 2 March in Helsinki** dealing with the project application to be submitted to the Kolarctic CBC programme before 15 March.