

BRWGTL meeting 26.04.2016

The meeting was held connected with North Finland transport and logistics workshop.

PROTOCOL (Draft)

Place: Hotel Saaga, Ylläs

Time: 08:30

Present: Bo-Erik Ekblom
Mårten Edberg
Jaakko Ylinampa
Hannu Heikkinen

guests: Anni Rimpiläinen
Simo Kerkelä
Juha Hyvärinen
Marko Mäenpää

since 9:00: Reija Viinanen, Nils Alm, Krister Palo, Riitta Lönnström, Jussi Rämet, Janna Räisänen, Juha Tapio, Timo Mäkikyrö, Rami Metsäpelto, and Jorma Leskinen

1. Approval of the Agenda.
 - The agenda was approved.
2. Approval of the Protocol of the meeting held in Troms 1.3.2016
 - The protocol was approved.
3. Chairman's Overview (Hannu Heikkinen).
 - Chairman told shortly about the going on activities of Barents Regional Committee and informed about the Barents meetings and seminar that will be held 30.-31.May in Kajaani.
4. The mandate for BRWGTL and the action plan for 2016.
 - Chairman gave a short presentation on the draft mandate and the draft action plan that had been finished up by the ad-hock group. The draft mandate has been made on a new form of The Barents Secretariat. The new mandate emphasizes cooperation to the national levels as well as to the EU institutions.
 - The mandate for BRWGTL and the action plan for 2016 were adopted. The mandate still needs to be adopted by the Barents Regional Committee.

At 9:00 the working group on transport and logistics of North Finland joined the meeting.

5. The AURORA project (09:00, Reija Viinanen)
 - Mrs Reija Viinanen presented the Aurora project. E8 - Aurora test ecosystem is designed for verifying and validating new ITS solutions and innovations in real extreme weather conditions. Situated above the Arctic Circle, Aurora offers a unique test location for validation, marketing and assessment of impacts and performances of intelligent transport automation. Aurora focuses on four main areas:

1. Arctic testing for intelligent transport automation
2. Digital transport infrastructure and connected cars
3. Intelligent infrastructure asset management
4. Mobility as a Service

More information about the project will be found:

www.liikennevirasto.fi/web/en/e8-aurora

9:30 – 10:00 Coffee

6. The railway corridor Kajaani-Joensuu-Niirala-Petrozavodsk, “railway card” (Marko Mäenpää)
 - Marko Mäenpää presented the first draft of Kajaani-Joensuu-Niirala-Petrozavodsk, “railway card” that had been purchased by Regional Councils of Kainuu and North Karelia. Especially on the Russian side the railway corridor was still missing some information and it was agreed that consultant will complete the railway card.
7. Towards the Barents Logistics Platform, a project idea (Juha Hyvärinen)
 - Juha Hyvärinen gave a short presentation on the new Kolarctic ENI project idea “Towards the Barents Logistics Platform”. It was agreed that the project idea needs to be discussed and focused in next meetings.
8. Discussion and the next steps.
 - Barents Regional Committee will handle the draft mandate in their meeting. The BRWGTL will continue preparation for next Kolarctic ENI project.
9. Next meeting.
 - The chairman will give information if it will be possible to have next meeting in Kajaani 30.-31. May.

Hannu Heikkinen

Chairman