

BRWGTL

Barents Regional Working Group on Transport and Logistics

Activity report 2013

The main activity of the Working Group was the implementation of the Kolarctic ENPI Barents Freeway project. In addition the preparation of the Joint Barents Transport Plan being drafted by the national transport ministries was followed up. The cooperation with the BEATA Steering Committee was strengthened. The representatives of the Working Group participated actively in their own regions to the national meetings and forums dealing with the transport and logistics issues. The members of the Working Group from Finland, Sweden and Norway are involved in the Bothnian Green Logistic Corridor project led by Västerbotten.

The meetings of the Working Group were held in coordination with the Kolarctic ENPI Barents Freeway project's Steering Group meetings. The first meeting was held in Tornio on 15 January. The members of the Working Group participated then to the opening of the new railroad in Haparanda. The chair of the Working Group participated in the Barents Summit held in Kirkenes in June. The members of the Working Group participated to the BEATA meeting held in Oslo on 17-18 June. The Joint meeting of the BRWGTL and BEATA Steering Committee was held in Narvik on 23 September. At the same time the Expert Group set by BEATA presented the Joint Barents Transport Plan prepared in cooperation between the national authorities.

The meeting discussed the follow-up of the Plan and it's relation to the Barents Freeway project. The activity report and the action plan for the following year was discussed in the Working Group meeting held in Rovaniemi on 26 November. The Barents Freeway project was implemented according the the project plan. The meetings of the Barents Freeway project's Steering Group were held in coordination with the BRWGTL meetings. In addition a Workshop of the Barents Freeway project was held in Murmansk on 15-16 August.