



THE BARENTS WORKING GROUPS  
ANNUAL REPORT 2018

Name of the Working Group: **Barents Working Group on Transport and Logistics**

The current Chair and the Chairmanship period: Hannu Heikkinen, for the time being

1. Priorities of the Chairmanship

Barents Region –Transport and Logistics (BRTL) project preparation and the close cooperation with BEATA Steering Group and NDPTL.

2. Meetings (meetings held, main topics and outcomes of the meetings)

BRWGTL and BEATA increased the co-operation during 2018 keeping two Joint Meetings in Sweden: in Skellefteå 12-14<sup>th</sup> of March and in Kiruna 13-15<sup>th</sup> of November. In addition of this, BRWGTL members had project meetings to prepare KO1029 BRTL project. Meetings were held by Skype and also in Helsinki in October.

Project Partners had also own country-meetings to prepare own tasks. Swedish and Norwegians met in Stockholm in Arlanda in June. Also Managing Authority and Lead Partner participate by skype to the Arlanda meeting. Finnish Partners had own discussion in Oulu.

3. Other activities (projects, events, programmes etc.)

BRWGTL Chairman participated to the BRC meeting in Syktyvkar, Russia in September. There was transport and logistic widely in the agenda and the result of the meeting was Joint Statement to develop transport and logistics in Barents region.

BRWGTL Chairman was invited in to All Russian Strategic Forum held in St. Petersburg in October. Chairman presented the project KO1029 BRTL and co-operation in Barents work in Transport and Logistics. Result of the meeting was to sign Partnership Agreement of KO1029 BRTL with project Lead Partner and Russian Partners.

Members of the working group have been actively involved in their national and local transport strategy and development works.

#### 4. Results of the year (decisions, new initiatives, improvements)

The KO1029 project started. The close cooperation with BEATA Steering Group was realized in two joint meetings. The work of the working group was introduced in a big Russian forum and in the BRC meeting.

#### 5. Evaluation of the work (What went well, what needs improvement)

The skype meetings serve very well when the agenda is limited and includes quite clear items. But it can't compensate the face-to-face meetings when there is need to solve some more complicated decisions and have joint meetings.

#### 6. Other