



**BARENTS REGIONAL COUNCIL (BRC)
MEETING**

**Tuesday the May 31st 2016
Kajaani**

Draft Time Table and Programme



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Time Table for the Barents Regional Committee (BRC)

Date: Tuesday the 31st May 2016
Time: 9:30
Venue: Kaukametsä Congress Centre, Koskikatu 2, Kajaani, Finland

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Monday the 30th May

10:00-12:00	Meetings and site visits according to a separate programme. Kaukametsä Congress Centre, meeting spaces 216 and 308 and Leihu hall
12:00-13:00	Lunch Kaukametsä Congress Centre, lounge restaurant
13:00-15:30	An Open Seminar “ Barents Connection – Vital Co-Operation in Multiple Fields ”, Kaukametsä Congress Centre, Kouta hall
15:30-16:00	Press Event Kaukametsä Congress Centre, Kouta hall
16:00-	Barents Regional Committee (RC) meeting, Kaukametsä Congress Centre, Leihu hall
	Other meetings and site visits according to a separate programme. Kaukametsä Congress Centre, meeting spaces 216 and 308
19:30	Dinner with cultural programme Restaurant Sirius

Tuesday the 31st May 2016

09:30	Barents Regional Council (BRC) meeting Kaukametsä Congress Centre, Leihu hall
	Meetings and site visits according to a separate programme. Kaukametsä Congress Centre, meeting spaces 216 and 308 and Kouta hall
11:30 – 12:30	Press event and possibility for group photos Kaukametsä Congress Centre, Kouta hall
	Lunch Scandic Kajanus
13:00	Other meetings and site visits according to a separate programme. Kaukametsä Congress Centre, meeting spaces 216 and 308 and Leihu hall

BARENTS REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Participants

Members of the Regional Council

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| 1. Andersson Magdalena | Västerbotten, Sweden |
| 2. Harju Pauli | Oulu, Finland |
| 3. Hudilainen Alexander | Karelia, Russia |
| 4. Korhonen Timo (Chair) | Kainuu, Finland |
| 5. Koshin Igor | Nenets, Russia |
| 6. Kovtun Marina | Murmansk, Russia |
| 7. Myrseth Cecilie | Troms, Norway |
| 8. Norvoll Tomas | Nordland, Norway |
| 9. Orlov Igor | Arkhangelsk, Russia |
| 10. Riipi Mika | Lapland, Finland |
| 11. Sjästad Runar | Finnmark, Norway |
| 12. To be nominated | Komi, Russia |
| 13. Österberg Sven-Erik | Norrbottn, Sweden |

Observer Members and Advisory Partners of the Regional Council

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| 1. Bebenin Sergey | Parliamentary Association of the North-West Russia (PANWR) |
| 2. Pesonen Niilo | Council of Christian Churches in the Barents Region (CCCBR) |
| 3. Poutiainen Risto | North Karelia, Finland |
| 4. Khomiuk Domna | Working Group on Indigenous Peoples (WGIP) |

Regional Committee Members:

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| 1. Bergström Mikael | Västerbotten, Sweden |
| 2. Gokkoev Roman | Oulu, Finland |
| 3. Grigorjev Evgeniy | Komi, Russia |
| 4. Helland Knudsen Bente | Troms, Norway |
| 5. Holster Raimo | Lapland, Finland |
| 6. Kalinin Alexey | Arkhangelsk, Russia |
| 7. Karlsen Markus | Finnmark, Norway |
| 8. Kislov Dmitry | Karelia, Russia |
| 9. Kungurtsev Sergey | Nenets, Russia |
| 10. Malinen Pentti (Chair) | Kainuu, Finland |
| 11. Saarela Sari | Norrbottn, Sweden |
| 12. Smirnov Yury | Murmansk, Russia |
| 13. Thorgersen Lena | Norrlan, Norway |

Observer Members and Advisory Partners of the Regional Committee

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| 14. Leinonen Timo | North Karelia, Finland |
| 15. Egorova Tatiana | Working Group Indigenous Peoples |

Others:

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| 16. Dianova Maria | IBS |
| 17. Hahl Martti | Barents Center Finland Ltd |
| 18. Hallberg Tomas | IBS |
| 19. Hojem Roy | IBS |
| 20. Nikiforov Yury | IBS |
| 21. Petrovich Sergey | CSO |
| 22. Snefuglli Sondell Rebecka | IBS |
| 23. Larsen Anne-Cathrine | The Norwegian Barents Secretariat |

Secretariat

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| 24. Mikkonen Salli | Kainuu, Finland |
| 25. Mustonen Minna (siht.) | Kainuu, Finland |

ITEM BRC 1/2016 ADOPTING THE AGENDA.

Discussion of the agenda.

Suggested resolution:

To adopt the agenda.

ITEM BRC 2/2016 ADOPTING THE PROTOCOL.

Discussion of the Protocol of the Barents Regional Council meeting held on 14th October 2015 in Oulu.

Suggested resolution:

To adopt the protocol.

APPENDIX 1. The Protocol of the BRC meeting held on 14th October 2015 in Oulu.

ITEM BRC 3/2016 INFORMATION FROM THE REGIONAL CHAIR

Chairman of Barents Regional Council, Mr **Timo Korhonen**, and chairman of the Barents Regional Committee, Mr **Pentti Malinen**, inform on the measures taken during the Kainuu Chairmanship.

Suggested resolution:

To include the information in the protocol.

APPENDIX 2. The Report from Kainuu Region

ITEM BRC 4/2016 INFORMATION FROM THE CSO

Chairman of the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), Mr **Sergey Petrovitch**, informs on the work of the committee.

Suggested resolution:

To include the information in the protocol.

APPENDIX 3. The Report from the CSO

ITEM BRC 5/2016 INFORMATION FROM THE IBS

Head of the International Barents Secretariat (IBS), Mr **Tomas Halberg**, informs.

Suggested resolution:

To include the information in the protocol.

APPENDIX 4. The Report from the IBS

ITEM BRC 6/2016 INFORMATION FROM THE MEMBER REGIONS

It was decided at the Regional Committee video meeting of February 16th 2016 to include regional reports on the agenda of the Regional Council meetings on a regular basis to enhance the informative nature of meetings.

Suggested resolution:

Each of the member regions shall give short presentation (3-5 minutes).

To include the information in the protocol.

APPENDIX 5. The Reports from the Member Regions

ITEM BRC 7/2016 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FROM NORTH KARELIA

The Regional Council of Northern Karelia has submitted a membership application on 7th April 2016. The application has been discussed in the RC video meeting on April 21st, 2016.

The Regional Council of North Karelia states that the region of North Karelia, as the neighbor of the Republic of Karelia, would be a natural part of the geographical Barents area. At the moment, North Karelia is the only region which is part of the actual programme areas of both CBC Karelia and Kolarctic Programmes, and yet is not a member of the Barents Regional Council. From the current observer members of the Barents Co-Operation, North Karelia is the only regional organisation.

To support its application, the Regional Council of North Karelia highlights the expertise that can be found in the region and the added value that this expertise would bring to the cooperation in the Barents region and the activities of the different Barents working groups. The regional strengths include for example forest-related bio economy, technology and materials and expertise in Russian co-operation.

The region of North Karelia has actively participated the Barents co-operation as an observer members, both in BRC and RC meetings and various other events.

Suggested resolution:

To discuss the membership application and to make a decision.

APPENDIX 6. The Membership Application of Northern Karelia with justifications.

ITEM BRC 8/2016 OTHER ISSUES

Suggested resolution:

To include the information in the protocol.

ITEM BRC 9/2016 NEXT BRC AND RC MEETINGS

Suggested resolution:

To decide on the time and place of following meetings.