



## **Barents Euro-Arctic Council**

### **Working Group on Environment**

#### **Subgroup on Nature and Water (SNW)**

**Virtual meeting, 22 March 2021**

**10:00-12:00 Finnish time**

#### **Draft agenda**

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9:45-10:00	Arrival to the meeting, virtual “coffee” available, social gathering
10:00-10:10	1. Opening of the meeting and round of introductions SNW Chair Anna Kuhmonen, Finnish Environment Institute SYKE
10:10-10:20	2. Adoption of the minutes from the previous meeting (23.09.2020)  Discussion on the updated SNW Work program 2020-2022 and project list (annex to the Work Program)
10:20-10:40	3. WGE’s update on Action Plan on Climate Change for the Barents Cooperation and Finland’s biodiversity initiative, Aino Lipsanen, Ministry of the Environment of Finland
10:40-10:50	4. Webinar on Sustainable Nature Tourism in the Barents Region, 25 November 2020, Ilona Grekelä, Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment for Lapland
10:50-11:05	5. 11 <sup>th</sup> Habitat Contact Forum in Norrbotten Sweden, Ellinor Bomark, County Administrative Board of Norrbotten, Sweden
11:05-11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15-11:20	6. Nefco & SNW in 2021-2022, Henrik G Forsström, Nefco, and Annukka Valkeapää (dedicated expert on a Nefco mandate); joint collaboration & perspective projects
11:20-11:35	7. Presentation of the project Forest biodiversity protection in the Barents Region in 2020 and beyond: assessing the status and paving the way for mainstreaming biodiversity into forestry, Anna Kuhmonen, Finnish Environment Institute SYKE

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Discussion on the project and possibility to share recent news regarding forests in the Barents Region, if any

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11:35-11:50 8. Pilot study of UNESCO Biosphere Reserves within the Barents Region and the possibilities for collaboration, Mats-Rune Bergström, Västerbotten County Governor  
[Report\\_Unesco Biosphere Reserves within the Barents Region \(barentsinfo.fi\)](#)

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11:50-12:00 9. Conclusions and next meeting

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