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BARENTS REGIONAL WORKING GROUP ON TRANSPORT AND LOGISTICS

MEETING IN TORNIO 15.01.2013

Place: Tornio City Hotel, Itäranta 4, Tornio, Finland

Time: 14.30-16.00 (coordinated with the Barents Freeway Project Partners' meeting)

Participants:

1. Hannu Heikkinen, Regional Council of Kainuu (chair)
2. Jussi Rämetsä, Council of Oulu region
3. Roman Gokkoev, Council of Oulu region (secr.)
4. Hanne Junnilainen, Regional Council of Lapland
5. Jorma Leskinen, Lapland Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment
6. Ulla Alapeteri, Lapland Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment
7. Bo-Erik Ekblom, County Administrative Board of Norrbotten
8. Mikael Bergström, Administrative Board of Västerbotten
9. Eirik Selmer, Finnmark County Authority
10. Marius Chræmer, Troms County Authority
11. Steinar Saeterdal, Nordland, NO
12. Alexander Melentev, Murmansk region, RU
13. Vadim Krivov, Arkhangelsk Region, RU

Item 1. Approval of the Agenda.

Hannu Heikkinen proposed to update the list of the members of the WG in Other Issues.
The Agenda was approved.

Item 2. Approval of the Protocol of the meeting held in Rovaniemi 20.6.2012.

The protocol was approved.

Item 3. Chairman's Overview (Hannu Heikkinen).

Hannu Heikkinen informed about the latest events and actions he has participated and the recently published Study "Transportation needs of mining industry" and the Green mining programme funded by the Ministry of Economy and Employment. He also informed about the plans of Russian Railways to launch direct passenger railway transportation between Petrozavodsk and Joensuu and between Petrozavodsk and Oulu. He also mentioned that BEATA established an Expert Group in order to draft the Barents Transport plan before autumn 2013.

Item 4. Partners' Overview.

The meeting's participants informed about the on-going projects and programmes in their regions/countries a.o. the national transport plans of Sweden and Norway that have been updated until 2024. The Murmansk Region has two national level transport development programs 2012-2014 including 35 M euros mostly for road investments. The financing of the Arkhangelsk airport development project has been confirmed in the budget of the Russian Federation.

Item 5. Terms of Reference, adopted by the Barents Regional Council on 14.11.2012 in Oslo.

The Terms of Reference (Article 15. Regional Working groups) were presented and discussed. The working group decided to continue with the current chairmanship instead of starting a process of chairmanship rotation. Hannu Heikkinen will continue as the chair of the working group.

Item 6. Barents Programme 2014 – 2018 being under preparation.

The Draft Barents Programme (4.3 Transport and Infrastructure) was presented and discussed. It was proposed that the purpose of the Barents Freeway project would be described more precisely in the Programme document.

Item 7. Barents Freeway Kolarctic ENPI project (Jorma Leskinen).

The situation with the implementation of the Barents Freeway project was presented in the Steering group meeting (earlier that day). The partner agreements were signed.

Item 8. Other issues.

The list of members of the WG was updated.

Item 9. Next meeting.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting coordinated with the Barents Freeway Steering group meeting. If possible next meeting should be also connected with some meeting of the BEATA Expert Group. Jorma Leskinen will discuss the possibility of a joint meeting in the Expert Group.

Appendix:

- The list of the members of the BRWGTL