

## BRWGTL

### Activity report 2016

In the beginning of the year, the Working Group prepared an annual action plan and updated the mandate of the WG. The most important for the WG is to facilitate the continuation of cooperation with BEATA Steering Group and NDPTL as well as communication with the EU officials responsible for Transport and Logistics. The main issue during 2016 was the discussion within the WG about preparation of the solid Kolarctic CBC project. In addition, the updating process of the Joint Barents Transport plan by BEATA was followed. The chair and other members of the BRWGTL has been participating in the BEATA Steering Group meetings and the Ministerial Session in June in Arkhangelsk. In addition, a joint meeting between the Transport and Tourism WGs was held in the end of May in Kajaani. The members of BRWGTL has been actively participating in the national transport and logistics meetings and forums in their own regions. Aiming at receiving CBC programme funding support a project proposal was discussed with the objective to develop further Barents transport systems (several modes).

The first meeting of the year was held 1 March in Tromsø. Part of the group obtained experiences of travelling by air from Oulu and Lulea by Arctic Airlink. The second meeting of the WG was held in Ylläs 25-26 April back-to-back with the workshop on Transport Strategy for Northern Finland. The third meeting was held Kajaani 31 May together with the meetings of WG on Tourism and Culture. Kajaani seminar had very positive experience of the joint meetings and such practice should be used at least once a year. A delegation of the BRWGTL participated in the BEATA and Transport Minister meeting in Arkhangelsk 20-21 June where the further updating the JBTP and a joint declaration and Barents Transport Strategy were discussed. A workshop on preparing a CBC project application was held in Helsinki 27-28 September. In addition, some WG members attended the Barents Forum and a round table discussion on Transport issues in Helsinki 8 December. Unfortunately, the Russian participation the WG activity during 2016 was passive.