


Working Groups in Four Sister Councils in the North and Northern Dimension Partnerships

Sister Councils	Working Groups	Main Tasks	Contacts	Link
<p>Council of Baltic Sea States (CBSS)</p> 	Expert Group on Sustainable Development	To facilitate, support and promote engagement in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the operationalization of its goals and targets.	<p>Krista Kampus Head of the Unit for Sustainable Development krista.kampus@cbss.org +46 8 440 19 30</p>	Expert Group on Sustainable Development
	The Expert Group on Children at Risk (CAR)	To support the member states in bolstering their child protection and welfare systems.	<p>Turid Heiberg Head of the Unit for CAR turid.heiberg@cbss.org +46 8 440 19 2</p>	Children at Risk
	Task Force against Trafficking in Human Beings (TF-THB)	To counteract trafficking in human beings in the Baltic Sea Region through preventive and protective activities.	<p>Vineta Polatside Head of Unit for TF-THB vineta.polatside@cbss.org +46 8 440 19 34</p>	Task Force against Trafficking in Human Beings
	Expert Group on Nuclear and Radiation Safety (EGNRS)	To collect information about nuclear facilities; to identify the sources of radioactivity, potential nuclear and radiological risks in the Baltic Sea Region	<p>Andrey Stepanov stepanov@khlopin.ru +7 812 545 4219</p>	Expert Group Nuclear Radiation Safety
	Expert Group on Maritime Policy	To contribute to sustainable growth and employment in the maritime sector, to combine and better coordinate all sea related activities and tasks.		Expert Group on Maritime Policy

 <p>Arctic Council (AC)</p>	Arctic Contaminants Action Program (ACAP)	To prevent adverse effects from, reduce and eliminate pollution of the Arctic environment	<p>Ulrik Westman Ulrik.Westman@naturvardsverket.se</p>	Arctic Contaminants Action Program
	Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme (AMAP)	To measure the levels, and assess the effects of anthropogenic pollutants in all compartments of the Arctic environment	<p>Marianne Kroglund marianne.kroglund@miljodir.no</p>	Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Programme
	Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF)	To cooperate on species and habitat management and utilization, to share information on management techniques and regulatory regimes, and to facilitate decision-making.	<p>Cynthia Jacobson cynthia_jacobson@fws.gov</p>	Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna
	Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response (EPPR)	To conduct projects to address gaps, prepare strategies, share information, collect data, and collaborate with relevant partners on capabilities and research needs that exist in the Arctic.	<p>Jens Peter Holst-Andersen JPH@FMN.DK</p>	Emergency Prevention, Preparedness and Response
	Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment (PAME)	To address policy and non-emergency pollution prevention and control measures related to the protection of the Arctic marine environment from both land and sea-based activities.	<p>Renée Sauve renee.sauve@dfo-mpo.gc.ca</p>	Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment
	Sustainable Development Working Group (SDWG)	To protect and enhance the environment and the economies, culture and health of Indigenous Peoples and Arctic communities, as well as to improve the environmental, economic and social conditions of Arctic communities as a whole.	<p>Pekka Shemeikka pekka.shemeikka@formin.fi</p>	Sustainable Development Working Group

<p>Nordic Council of Ministers (NCM)</p>  <p>Nordic Council of Ministers</p>	Climate and Air Pollution Group (KoL)	Supports the Nordic objectives of reducing serious climate change and preventing the impact of air pollution on the environment, ecosystems and human health.	<p>Anna Gran angra@mst.dk +45 72544257</p>	Climate and Air Pollution Group (KoL)
	Environment and Finance Group (MEG)	To look into questions related to the environment and the economy that are of interest to the Nordic countries.	<p>Jens Perus jens.perus@ely-keskus.fi +358 295 027 899</p>	Environment and Finance Group (MEG)
	EU Information Group	To follow the work of the EU in the field of labour market policy, labour law and working environment.	<p>Marcin Pietruszka marcin.pietruszka@mpips.gov.pl</p>	EU Information Group
	Industrial Relations Committee	Exchanges information and experiences within the Nordic countries in the area of industrial relations. Starts up projects, evaluation and follow-up.	<p>Karen Thormann kat@bm.dk 72 20 50 77</p>	Industrial Relations Committee
	Nordic Chemical Group (NKG)	Supports a chemical policy whose goal is sustainable development based on high-level health and environmental protection.	<p>Heiðrún Guðmundsdóttir heidrun@ust.is +354 59 12 028</p>	Nordic Chemical Group (NKG)
	Nordic Co-operation Board of Natural Sciences (NOS-N)	Co-operation of the Nordic research councils that finance scientific research.	<p>Jostein K. Sundet jostein.sundet@nordforsk.org +47 996 01 848</p>	Nordic Co-operation Board of Natural Sciences (NOS-N)

	Nordic Committee on Bioethics (NKB)	To promote co-operation and exchanges of information between researchers, politicians, civil servants and other influential people.	Hanne Silje Hauge hanne.hauge@nordforsk.org +47 926 25 883	Nordic Committee on Bioethics (NKB)
	Nordic Committee on Food Analysis (NMKL)	Compiles methods of analysis and guidelines and organises training courses in food analysis. A network for Nordic food analysts.	Nina Skall Nielsen nsni@food.dtu.dk +45 2465 4666	Nordic Committee on Food Analysis (NMKL)
	Nordic Macroeconomic Group	To exchange information about market trends and the economic situation in their countries.	Björn Fritjofsson bjfr@norden.org	Nordic Macroeconomic Group
	The Electricity Market Group	To further improve general conditions for the electricity market in the Nordic Region.	Hilde Marit Kvile +47 41649445	The Electricity Market Group
	The Environmental BAT Group (best available technique)	To promote knowledge of effective and sustainable production as a prerequisite for a sustainable society.	Kaj Forsius kaj.forsius@miljo.fi +358 46 850 9212	The environmental BAT Group
	The Labour Market Committee	To enhance and promote Nordic co-operation on employment and labour-market policy and research into labour-market issues and to allocate project funding.	Tryggvi Haraldsson tryggvi.haraldsson@vmst.is +354 5317037	The Labour Market Committee

The Marine Group (HAV)	To support activities that help collate data and establish the scientific basis for Nordic initiatives to combat pollution in the marine and coastal environments.	Marita Guttesen annikak@uvmr.fo +45 28994930	The Marine Group (HAV)
The Nordic Working Group for Diet, Food & Toxicology (NKMT)	Responsible for the implementation of "The Nordic action plan for improved health and quality of life through food and physical activity"	Gregers D. Hummelose gdhu@fvst.dk +45 72 27 66 77	The Nordic Working Group for Diet, Food & Toxicology (NKMT)
The Nordic Working Group for Food Safety & Consumer Information (NMF)	Responsible for activities to do with legislation, inspection and control, labelling of food and consumer information.	Ann-Christine Ekström acla@slv.se +46 018 175500	The Nordic Working Group for Food Safety & Consumer Information (NMF)
The Nordic working group for global climate negotiations (NOAK)	To contribute to an ambitious and effective implementation of the UNFCCC and its Paris Agreement, with a Nordic perspective.	Outi Leskelä outi.leskela@ym.fi +358 40 154 9701	The Nordic working group for global climate negotiations (NOAK)
The Nordic Working Group for Microbiology & Animal Health and Welfare (NMDD)	Responsibility covers activities within microbiology, animal health and welfare. Aims to ensure that the Nordic authorities work together effectively.	Maria Været Veggeland maveg@mattilsynet.no +47 23 21 67 10	The Nordic Working Group for Microbiology & Animal Health and Welfare (NMDD)
The Small Community Group	A sub-group of the Working Group for Sustainable Consumption and Production (HKP).	Katrine Hoest katrine.hoest@brk.dk	The Small Community Group
The Terrestrial Ecosystem Group (TEG)	The focus is on arresting the fall in biological diversity in the Nordic region.	Petter Mahrs petter.mahrs@naturvardsverket.se +46 10 698 10 00	The Terrestrial Ecosystem Group (TEG)

The Working Group for Sustainable Consumption and Production (HKP)	To develop, co-ordinate and evaluate the instruments needed for work on sustainable consumption and production. HKP is a forum for the environment, business and consumer sectors	Camilla Sederholm Camilla.Sederholm@ymparisto.fi +358 400 930 886	The Working Group for Sustainable Consumption and Production (HKP)
Working Environment Committee	To contribute to the implementation of the co-operation programme in the working life sector of the Nordic Council of Ministers.	Sven Nielsen sni@at.dk +45 70 12 12 88	Working Environment Committee
Working Group for Energy Efficiency	To promote Nordic co-operation on energy efficiency initiatives and to implement EU/EEA directives and programmes.	Henrik Andersen hea@ens.dk	Working Group for Energy Efficiency
Working Group for Exchange of Experience and Knowledge Development (Urban Policies) under EK-R (2009-2012)	To formulate and initiate concrete proposals for knowledge development and exchange of experience and prepare input to Nordic policy development within the field of regional policy as regards the role of urban regions.	Last updated/active in 2012.	Working Group for Exchange of Experience and Knowledge Development (Urban Policies) under EK-R (2009-2012)
Working Group for Fisheries (AG-Fisk)	To implement the strategies of EK-FJLS (Fisheries and Aquaculture) and the Nordic Council of Ministers, and to advise these two bodies.	Helge Paulsen hpe@aqua.dtu.dk +45 35 88 32 11	Working Group for Fisheries (AG-Fisk)
Working Group for Renewable Energy	To help and support Nordic countries' political and professional work in renewable energy by exchanging information and setting up co-operation projects between the countries.	Torill Meistad torill.meistad@nordicenergy.org +47 91 57 65 76	Working Group for Renewable Energy

Barents Euro-Arctic Council (BEAC)



<p>Working Group on Economic Cooperation (WGEC)</p>	<p>To promote economic development of the Barents Region through enhanced cooperation between the BEAC member states.</p>	<p>Tomas Dahlman tomas.dahlman@gov.se +46 8 405 10 00</p>	<p>BEAC Economic-Cooperation</p>
<p>The Working Group on Environment (WGE)</p>	<p>Prioritized themes/Sub-Groups: - Hot Spots Exclusion (SHE) - Nature Protection - Water Issues</p>	<p>Elin Kronqvist elin.kronqvist@regeringskansliet.se +46 76 128 13 08</p>	<p>BEAC Environment</p>
<p>Steering Committee for the Barents Euro-Arctic Transport Area (BEATA)</p>	<p>To create an efficient transport system in the Barents Region that integrates the different means of transport.</p>	<p>Annelie Mannertorn annelie.mannertorn@regeringskansliet.se +46 8 405 80 69</p>	<p>BEAC Transport</p>
<p>Joint Committee on Rescue Cooperation (JCRC)</p>	<p>To improve the possibilities of the rescue service agencies to cooperate across the national, federal and regional borders on emergency and rescue issues in the Barents Region.</p>	<p>Per Olaf Torkildsen per.torkildsen@jd.dep.no +47 22245136</p>	<p>BEAC Rescue-Cooperation</p>
<p>Barents Forest Sector Network (BFSN)</p>	<p>To create necessary conditions for the development of forestry, environmental care, and wood-based industries through cooperation within the forest sector of the Barents Region.</p>	<p>Staffan Norin staffan.norin@skogsstyrelsen.se +46 90158336</p>	<p>BEAC Barents Forest Sector Network</p>

	Regional Working Group on Environment (RWGE)	To work as a consultative body on environmental issues to the Working Group of Environment (WGE)	Bente Christiansen fmfibch@fylkesmannen.no +47 78 950 373	Regional Working-Groups, Environment
	Regional Working Group on Transport and Logistics (RWGTL)	To establish a working network and heavy freight network in the Barents area and create conditions for cross-border passenger transport.	Hannu Heikkinen hannu.heikkinen@kainuu.fi +358 44 7100864	Regional Working-Groups, Transport and logistics
	Regional Working Group on Investments and Economic Cooperation (RWGIEC)	To build bridges between business life and local administration (RWGIEC).	Jenny Mikkelsen jenny@barents.no +47 46890267	Regional Working Groups-Investments and Economic Cooperation
	Joint Working Group on Health and Related Social Issues (JWGHS)	To bring together Barents region governments, regions, organizations and experts in health and related social issues with the aim to improve public health and social well-being. Three special programmes: - Tuberculosis-Programme - Children and Youth at Risk -Programme - HIV/AIDS-Programme	Oddvar Larsen oddvar.larsen@helse-nord.no +47 75512931 Dmitry Berezin mz@minzdrav.rkomi.ru +7 8212284000	Joint Working Groups -Health and Social Issues
	Joint Working Group on Education and Research (JWGER)	To strengthen academic cooperation in the Barents Region in response to the growing international challenges and needs of human resources, research and innovation.	Peter Sköld peter.skold@umu.se +46 786 63 47	Joint Working Groups - Education and Research

	Joint Working Group on Energy (JEWG)	To promote sustainable exploitation, production, transmission and use of energy in the Barents Region.	<p>Johan Vetlesen Johan.Vetlesen@oed.dep.no + 47 22246305</p> <p>Andrey Potashev potashev@dvinaland.ru +7 8182288413</p>	Joint Working Groups - Energy
	Joint Working Group on Culture (JWGC)	To strengthen cultural identities, multicultural dialogue and cultural ties between the Barents countries and the regions.	<p>David Ek david.ek@regeringskansliet.se +46 84053897</p>	Joint Working Groups - Culture
	Joint Working Group on Tourism (JWGT)	To develop and promote ecologically, socially and culturally sustainable tourism business in the Barents Region.	<p>Lars Söderlind lars.soderlind@regeringskansliet.se +46 8 405 1000</p>	Joint Working Groups - Tourism
	Joint Working Group on Youth (JWGY)	To increase and develop youth cooperation in the Barents Region.	<p>Lotta Jarvenius Rössner lotta.rossner@mucf.se +46 856621932</p>	Joint Working Groups - Youth
	Working Group of Indigenous Peoples (WGIP)	To secure indigenous peoples' rights, foundation for trade, society, culture and language.	<p>Lars Anders Baer lab@sameby.se +46 70 316 20 56</p>	Working Group of Indigenous Peoples

Northern Dimension	Environmental Partnership (NDEP)	NDEP is a result-focused initiative responding to calls from the international community, in particular Russia and Belarus, for concerted action to tackle the most pressing environmental problems in the Northern Dimension Area.	Ewa Manik manike@ebrd.com +44 20 7338 7196	NDEP
	Partnership in Public health and social well-being (NDPHS)	The NDPHS provides a forum for concerted action to tackle challenges to health and social well-being in the Northern Dimension area .	Ms Ulla Nurm ulla-karin.nurm@ndphs.org +46 735 405900	NDPHS
	Partnership on Transport and logistics (NDPTL)	Facilitating improvements of transport connections and logistics supporting international trade and people-to-people contacts with respect to vulnerable Northern environment.	Oddgeir Danielsen oddgeir.danielsen@ndptl.org + 358 50 431 4981	NDPTL
	Partnership on Culture (NDPC)	Empower cross-border cooperation among Nordic and Baltic EU countries, Iceland, Norway and Russia.	Ilze Gailite Holmbeg Ilze.Gailite.Holmberg@norden.lv +371 67213233	NDPC
	Northern Dimension Institute	Prepares ND related studies and reports and coordinates the collection of funding for research projects.	Riitta Kosonen riitta.kosonen@aalto.fi +358 504027079	ND Institute
	Northern Dimension Business Council	Purpose is to involve and integrate businesses in the ND policy, to achieve competitive advantage through the network.	Jari Jaumpponen jari.jaumpponen@eastoffice.fi +7 495 663 9007	NDBC