

**The Subgroup on Cleaner Production and Environmentally Sound Consumption (CPESC)
Under the BEAC Working Group of Environment (WGE)**

WORKING PROGRAMME 2008-2009

- a) Cleaner Production and Environmentally Sound Consumption (CPESC) is a subgroup under the Working Group of Environment (WGE) in the Barents Euro-Arctic Council.
- b) The subgroup is an arena for co-operation on Cleaner Production and Environmentally Sound Consumption in the Barents Region. The work will be based on the principles and methods outlined in the policy document on Cleaner Production and Environmentally Sound Consumption as an element of a life cycle perspective.
- c) The purpose of the CPESC subgroup is to co-ordinate work within the topics of cleaner production and environmentally sound consumption under the WGE, to identify and implement projects relevant for the mandate of the CPESC subgroup and to disseminate information and share knowledge on relevant projects and activities within the Barents region.
- d) The CPESC subgroup should work to achieve increased cooperation on:
 - best available techniques (BAT)
 - projects on environmental hot spots
 - implementation of policy document on cleaner production and environmentally sound consumption
 - projects on reduction of antropogenic greenhouse gases emissions
 - projects on cleaner production, energy efficiency and sustainable consumption
 - projects on prevention and reduction of the pollution of environment by dangerous and harmful substances
- e) The CPESC subgroup will have minimum 2 meetings every year, preferably back to back with WGE meetings.
- f) Participation in the CPESC subgroup is open to federal and regional authorities in the Barents Region. Finland, Norway, Russia and Sweden should have appointed members to the subgroup. Representatives from indigenous peoples' organizations and other relevant organizations (including NGO's) and institutions may participate as observers in the subgroup.
- g) The chairmanship of the CPESC subgroup will be rotated between the countries according to the rotation of chairmanship of the WGE, if not agreed otherwise.
- h) Reports and recommendations from the CPESC subgroup will be submitted to the WGE for approval.
- i) The CPESC subgroup will focus on the following in the two year period until the next Ministerial Meeting in 2009:
 - Marketing of Cleaner Production and Hot Spot elimination
 - Training programs on Cleaner Production for authorities and companies taking into account the Hot Spot list
 - Using the knowledge and experience from the Marrakech Task Forces on public procurement, sustainable lifestyle and building and construction
 - Training for universities and technical colleges on Cleaner Production
 - Seminars promoting Sustainable Consumption and Production instruments
 - Using Legal framework to promote Cleaner Production and BAT
 - Support the Marrakech Process on promoting Sustainable Consumption and Production
 - Cooperation with relevant international foras.