

High level Meeting on common efforts across borders for strengthened education and research

Monday 18 October 2021 10.00–15.00 C.E.S.T Online event

SESSION I 10.00–12.00

Welcoming remarks

Ms. Ine Eriksen Søreide, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Norway, Chair of the Barents-Euro Arctic Council
Mr. Antti Kurvinen Minister of Education and Culture of Finland
Ms. Helene Hellmark Knutsson, Governor of Västerbotten, Chair of the Barents Regional Council
Mr. Dag Rune Olsen, Rector of UiT, The Arctic University of Norway
Ms. Katrine Riklund, Pro Vice Chancellor of Umeå University

Knowledge for a strong and resilient Barents region

Mr. Henrik Asheim Minister of Research and Higher Education of Norway
Ms. Natalya Bocharova, Deputy Minister of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation (TBC)
Mr. Stefan Engström, State Secretary of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Sweden
Ms. Kaisa Aula State Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Culture of Finland
Mr. Alexander Tsybulsky, Governor of Arkhangelsk, Russia (TBC)
Mr. Bjørn Inge Mo, County Council Chair, Troms and Finnmark, Norway
Mr. Markus Hirvonen, Governor of Northern Karelia, Finland
Ms. Anni Koivisto, Vice president of the Sami Parliament in Finland, member of the Barents Working Group for Indigenous Peoples
Ms. Daria Makhotina, Chair of the Barents regional Youth Council

Why do we need cooperation on education and research? Best practices

ArcticSkills – education and people- to- people cooperation in the Barents region,
Board member Svein Tore Jakobsen, Principal of Kirkenes Øystein Hansen,
pupils from Kirkenes Upper Secondary School

4 student stories from university projects – how we cooperate and work together

Fredrik Juuso, County administrative board of Västerbotten,
former student at UiT the Arctic University of Norway and University of Saskatchewan
Patricia Aida Linao, student at UiT The Arctic University of Norway
Kaisa Paakkari, student at Lapland University of Applied sciences, Finland
Ivan Morgun, student at Murmansk Arctic State University, Russia



BREAK 12.00–12.30

SESSION II 12.30 –14.45

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LEARNING FROM BEST PRACTICES IN UNIVERSITY COOPERATION 1993–2021 AND LOOKING AHEAD

Studying Northern issues at the university and through Barents CBC workshop lenses

Maren Fleischer, Viola Ukkola, Eden Sahar & Ranjith Kumar Kalewar,
Bachelor of Northern studies students at UiT The Arctic University of Norway

Running the Calotte Academy since 1991

- the oldest annual CBC workshop in the Circumpolar Arctic

By Professor Lassi Heininen, Prof. of Arctic Politics, ULapland, Rovaniemi

BRIDGE: Enhancing young people's entrepreneurial skills and employability

By Peter Fischer Ass. Prof. UiT- The Arctic University of Norway, BRIDGE project manager &
Yulia Shestova, Head of international office, Murmansk Arctic State University,
Russian Regional BRIDGE Coordinator

Barents plus: Norwegian- Russian student and teacher exchange program in the past, present and some comments on the future

By Senior advisor, Natalia Kononova, UiT-The Arctic University of Norway

Northern Universities as Think-Tanks for Barents Cooperation Development

Lyubov Zarubina, Head of International Cooperation Department, Northern Arctic
Federal University & PhD. Candidate in Social Philosophy/Cross-border Cooperation

GrAB: Technology, Material realities and Sustainable urban living in the Barents region

Prof. Bjørn R. Sørensen, UiT-The Arctic University of Norway & Prof.
Alexander Kuzmenkov, Petrozavodsk State University

Development of cross-border university cooperation in Barents region: Lessons learned and key success factors

By Associate Professor Elena Dybtsyna, Nord University

Arctic Five Cooperation and UArctic

Professor Peter Sköld, Advisor to the Vice-Chancellor of Umeå University on Arctic and
international issues, Sweden



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14.00–14.45**THE VALUE OF RESEARCH COOPERATION. FOUR SUCCESS-STORIES****Better healthcare in the Barents region**

Telemedicine, transferable diseases, children at risk

By Doctor Vladimir Iljin, Naryan-Mar Regional Hospital, responsible for telemedicine projects

Environment and sustainable development

Mr. Sami Pirkkala, Secretary General, National Commission on Sustainable Development of Finland

A common Barents identity. Cooperation on history of the Barents region

By Professor Kari Aga Myklebust, The Arctic University of Norway

The business perspective, responsible economic development

Prorector Luleå Technical University (TBC)

14.45**CONCLUDING REMARKS BY NORWAY, FINLAND AND VÄSTERBOTTEN****MODERATORS**

Gøril Johansen, CSO-Chair Norwegian BEAC-chairmanship 2019–2021

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