

# Implementation of the Action Plan on Climate Change for the Barents Cooperation

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- IPCC Fifth Assessment Synthesis Report / November 2014:
  - Surface temperature will rise over the 21st century under all assessed emission scenarios. Without cuts in emissions:
    - + 2 °C by 2030, +4 °C by 2100
  - The Arctic will continue to warm more than the global mean
  - Some of the predicted consequences can be already seen

## **BEAC's response to the challenge**

- Action Plan on Climate Change for Barents Co-operation endorsed at the BEAC 14<sup>th</sup> Session (October, 2013) and adopted at the BEAC Meeting of Environment Ministers (December, 2013)
- Climate is one of the priorities of the Russian chairmanship in WGE in 2014-2015 and in BEAC in 2015-2017
- All working groups are encouraged to take actions

# **The actions have been implemented in accordance with the Action plan**

- Climate change mitigation
- Adaptation to climate change
- Research, observations, monitoring and modeling
- Outreach

Overarching activity – Development of the regional climate change strategies

## Review of the Action Plan

Sustainable development is a goal of the Barents co-operation  
-> continued attention to threats from climate change is needed

- Action Plan is a useful tool, updating is required
- Time frame: update 2016, activities for 3-4 years
- Involvement of BEAC Working Groups in updating process
- Coordination by IBS

Thank you