



Barents Regional Working Group on Environment (BRWGE)

Activities in 2014-2015

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Regional Working Group on Environment

Focus: urgent environmental problems

Main tasks: to enhance networking btw the regions;
to ensure that environmental issues are given a priority

Regional projects on:

- Surface & drinking water
- Biodiversity
- Minerals & mining
- Public awareness

Climate change – cross sector topic

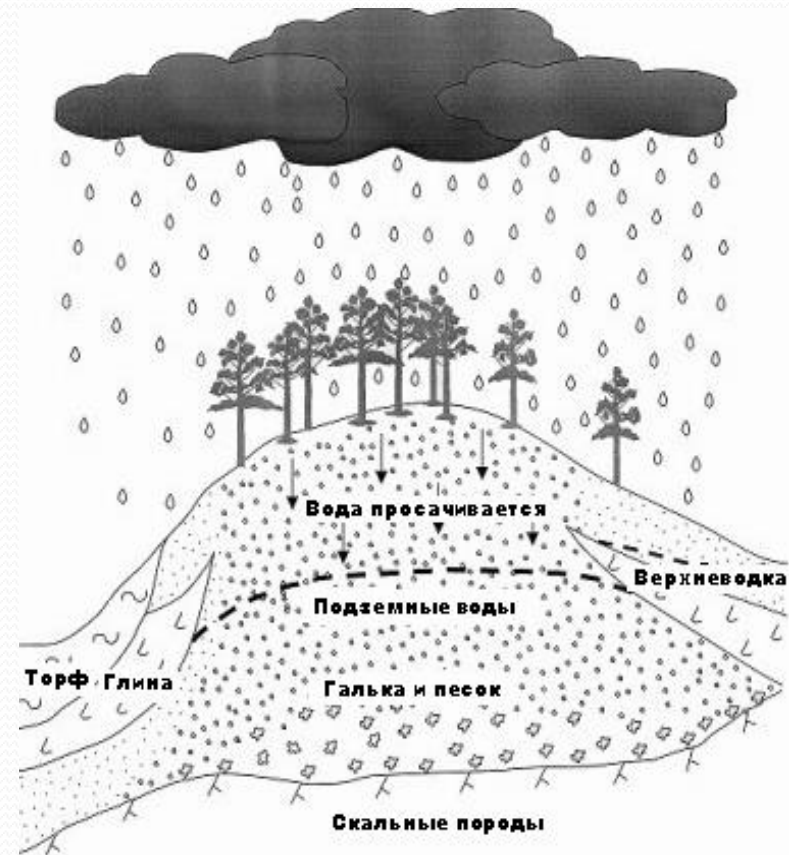
Projects:

1. Ground water supply in Sortavala district
(Karelia ENPI, 250 000 €)

Timeframe: 2011-2013

Regions: Lapland & Karelia

Results: Construction of ground water intakes in Kaalamo and Ruskeala – project documentation is ready (possible pilots)



2. Forestry impact and **water management** in Torne International River Basin (Interreg IV A Nord, 720 000 €)

Timeframe: 2011-2014

Regions: Norrbotten & Lapland

Results: Ecological inventories of rivers; Water restoration plans for pilot rivers



3. Trilateral cooperation on our common resource – **the Atlantic salmon** in the Barents region (Kolarctic ENPI, 3.2 mln €)



Photo: <http://prosjekt.fylkesmannen.no/>

Timeframe: 2011-2014

Regions: Finnmark, Lapland, Murmansk & Arkhangelsk

Results: Management of salmon resources; salmon populations in the study area to be created based on research work

4. Trilateral cooperation on **Environmental Challenges** in the Joint Border Area (Kolarctic ENPI, 1.5 mln €)

Timeframe: 2012-2014

Regions: Lapland, Finnmark & Murmansk

Results: Info on climate change effects, water regulation and contamination collected; impact on fish populations to be evaluated using results



Photo: www.beac.st

Latest initiative:

5. **River Restoration** Project in Bothnian Bay Area (Interreg Nord, 2 mln €)

Timeframe: 2015-2018

Regions: Norrbotten & Lapland

Activities:

River restoration actions (Rosån, Alån, Alterälven, Simojoki);

The river habitat modelling (salmon);

Acid sulfate soils in Bothnian bay coastal area – mapping and monitoring





Thank you for your
attention!