



9.10-9.30

Mr. Erkki Tuomioja, former Minister of Foreign Affairs

9.30-11.15

SESSION 1: Economic cooperation including transport and logistics

Cross-border economic cooperation in the Barents region

Chairperson: Ms. Johanna, Ojala-Niemelä, MP, Parliament of Finland

- Ms. Magdalena Andersson, Governor of Västerbotten County, Sweden: Growth from the North – How can sustainable growth be achieved in the Barents region
- Mr. Ville Skinnari, MP, Parliament of Finland: Practical possibilities and challenges of cross-border economic cooperation
- Mr. Ola Johansson, MP, Parliament of Sweden: Sustainable mining industry

Panel discussion

11.15-11.35

Coffee break

11.35-13.00

New possibilities in transport and logistics

Chairperson: Mr. Krister Hammarbergh, MP, Parliament of Sweden

- Ms. Anne Berner, Minister of Transport and Communications in Finland: Exploiting the possibilities of the Barents Region
- Mr. Eirik Sivertsen, MP, Parliament of Norway, Chair of the Standing Committee: Development of Sustainable Infrastructure Solutions
- Ms. Reija Viinanen, CEO of Region of Fell Lapland: Barents region – forerunner in automatisisation and digitalisation
- Mr. Oddgeir Danielsen, director of Northern Dimension Partnership on Transport and Logistics: Where East meets West and North meets South

Panel discussion

13.00-14.00

Lunch in the Annex building of the Parliament of Finland

14.00-15.30

SESSION 2: Environmental issues including climate change

Today and future cooperation in the environmental sector

Chairperson: Ms. Rigmor Andersen Eide, MP, Parliament of Norway



- Ms. Hannele Pokka, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Environment in Finland: Goals of the future environmental cooperation in the Barents region
- Ms. Sara Karlsson, MP, Parliament of Sweden, Representative of Sweden in the Standing committee for the Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic region: Climate change – what can we do in the Barents Region?
- Mr. Jaakko Henttonen, Northern Dimension Environmental Partnership Manager: Environmental Investments in the Barents Region - Needs and Opportunities”
- Mr. Jānis Vucāns, President of Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference

Panel discussion

15.30-15.50

Coffee break

15.50-17.30

The Barents Region, a forerunner in new energy forms?

Chairperson: Mr. Eirik Sivertsen, MP, Parliament of Norway, Chair of the Standing Committee

- Ms. Cecilie Tenfjord-Toftby, MP, Parliament of Sweden: Green growth
- Mr. Timo Ritonummi, Deputy Director General, Energy Department, Ministry of Employment and Economy of Finland: Barents and the Northern part of Europe - Finnish Energy Policy
- Ms. Tuuli Ojala, Climate, Environment and Hot Spots Adviser, International Barents Secretariat: Achievements and challenges in Barents environmental co-operation
- Mr. Magnus Rystedt, Managing Director, Nordic Environment Finance Corporation (NEFCO)

Panel discussion

Transportation to the Government Banquet Hall

19.00

Radisson Blu Royal Hotel

19.10

Hotel Scandic Simonkenttä

19.30

Dinner hosted by the Speaker of the Parliament of Finland, Ms Maria Lohela
Government Banquet Hall
Eteläesplanadi 6



22.00 *Bus transportation to the hotels*

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Walk from the hotels to the Annex building of the Parliament of Finland

9.00-9.40

Addresses by regional parliamentary assemblies

Chairperson: Mr. Juho Eerola, MP, Parliament of Finland

- Ms. Tiina Sanila-Aikio, Sami Parliamentary Council
- Ms. Phia Andersson, Nordic Council
- Ms. Giedre Purvaneckiene, Baltic Assembly
- Mr. Kai Alajoki, Nordic Youth Council

9.40-10.55

SESSION 3: Youth issues

Possibilities and challenges of youth in the Barents region

- Ms. Gry Paulgaard, professor, the Arctic University of Norway: Challenges for young people in the Barents region – an academic approach
- Ms. Sunna Kokkonen, Chairperson of Barents Regional Youth Council: Grass-roots impacts of Barents youth cooperation
- Mr. Sivert Bjørnstad, MP, Parliament of Norway: The importance of involving young people in the Barents cooperation

Panel discussion

10.55-11.10

Coffee break

11.10-12.30

Present and future cooperation in the Barents Region

Chairperson: Mr. Pyry Niemi, MP, Parliament of Sweden

- Ms. Marja-Leena Vuorenpää, Barents Ambassador of Finland: the Finnish Chairmanship in the Barents Euro-Arctic Council in 2013-2015
- Mr. Sergey Petrovich, Barents Ambassador of Russian Federation: Future prospects of the Russian chairmanship
- Mr. Alexey G. Kalinin, Chair of the Regional Committee in Barents Euro-arctic Council: Arkhangelsk region Chairmanship in 2013-2015



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- Mr. Timo Korhonen, MP, Parliament of Finland, Chair for the upcoming Chairmanship of Kainuu region in the of the Regional Committee in Barents Euro-arctic Council: Future prospects of the chairmanship of Kainuu region in the Barents Regional Council

Panel discussion

12.30-13.00

Concluding remarks

Mr. Peter Stenlund, Secretary of State, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland

Closing of the conference

13.00

Lunch

Afternoon

Departure



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